

Call to Order

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony (Prayer/Pledge/Moment of Silence)

The Ward 4 Councilor offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Members Present: Mr. August A. Pugliese, (Ward 2)
Mrs. Julie A. Lattimer, (Ward 4)
Mr. Richard F. Balog, (Ward 1)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure, (Vice President)
Mr. J.P. Ducro, IV, (President)

Member(s) Absent: Mr. James M. Trisket, (Ward 5)
Mrs. Ann I. Stranman, (Ward 3)

Officer(s) Present: City Manager James M. Timonere, City Solicitor Michael Franklin
City Auditor Dana D. Pinkert, Clerk of Council LaVette E. Hennigan

Officer(s) Absent: None

Excused Absence: Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to excuse the Wards 5 and 3 Councilor's from this evening's meeting; motion CARRIED.

Sunshine Law: The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.

Presentations: The Vice President read the following resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05

***A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO
DEPUTY CITY AUDITOR
KAREN S. JURY***

WHEREAS, it is with much enthusiasm that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, issue this recognition to acknowledge Deputy City Auditor Karen S. Jury's significant career milestone; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 1987, Karen S. Jury accepted the position of Part-Time Accountant with the City of Ashtabula; on August 29, 1988, she was promoted to Full-Time Accountant, and on

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June 3, 1996, see applied for and was awarded advancement to the position of Deputy City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 7, 2013, Deputy City Auditor Karen S. Jury, did officially retire from her career with the City of Ashtabula; and

WHEREAS, Karen was a cornerstone of unwavering dedication and dependability throughout her years of service. She faithfully arrived at work, quietly took her place, and with much intent and purpose diligently did that which was required of her to carry out the City's mission, and serve its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Karen's most notable professional accomplishments, as part of the City's management team, are how that on January 3, 2011, she stepped into the position of Acting City Auditor, in a moment's notice, and did the City real proud in performing said duties under extreme pressure through April 23, 2012; and how that she single-handedly created the City of Ashtabula Accounting and Operating manual, and how that her impeccable performance was an integral part of the yearly creation of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (affectionately known as the CAFR), for which she is most proud of and for which numerous Auditor of State awards have been received.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Council and these Public Officers of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, that we do hereby commend Deputy City Auditor Karen S. Jury for a "JOB VERY WELL DONE", and for being a "MODEL EXAMPLE" of what it takes to meet the demands of being a skilled government accountant, and doing so with precision. We sincerely THANK YOU Karen for giving us the privilege of serving with you. We CONGRATULATE you on reaching this moment when a page in your life's journey has turned; and wish for you the enjoyment and pleasures retirement will bring. In honor of love all things Hawaiian, to you we say:

"Ho O Maikai Ana Ma' Kou Likaia" - Congratulations on your retirement!

The Vice President said the resolution did not convey the following two sentiments: Maihalo and Aloha. Applauses!

Executive Session: None

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda is a means whereby City Council is able to more efficiently conduct business by disposing of common issues with fewer steps.

CONSENT AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES DISPOSAL

December 3, 2012 Regular Meeting

December 17, 2012 Public Hearing

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. There being no corrections the minutes were approved as presented.

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December 17, 2012 Regular Meeting and December 27, 2012 Special Meeting minutes were not present; therefore were removed from the agenda.

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Consent Agenda Legislation Only) - None

LEGISLATION READING - None

(End of consent agenda)

REGULAR AGENDA

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Public Works Roof Repair

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 1 with Building Technicians Corporation or 4500 Clay Street, Geneva, OH 44041 for the purpose of extra work and extra material (200 sq. feet of decking) used to complete the Public Works Roof Project in the amount not to exceed \$850.00, funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5552, entitled Maintenance, City Buildings. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

Route 11 Mowing – Ohio Department of Transportation Consent Agreement PID 95251

The City Manager requested an ordinance for authorization to enter into a consent agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for mowing of Route 11. The cost of this project will be covered 100% by ODOT. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

State of Ohio, Development Services Agency – Revolving Loan Agreement

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an administration agreement with the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency of 77 South High Street, P.O. Box 1001, Columbus, OH 43216-1001. The purpose of this agreement is to utilize Revolving Loan Funds. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

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Police Vehicle Purchase Agreement

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Great Lakes Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep/Ram of Kingsville, OH under a lease/purchase option in the amount not to exceed \$179,720. Funding for this expenditure will not exceed a three (3) year period and will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5551, entitled Police Equipment. The Manager reported Council had approved the purchase of 11 vehicles. He then reviewed the inventory and determined 8 new police cars would be enough because 3 of them were in good condition.

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

Police Vehicle Lease Agreement

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Huntington National Bank for the purpose of a lease/purchase agreement to purchase eight (8) police vehicles in the amount not to exceed \$179,720 over a three year period. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5551, entitled Police Equipment.

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

2013 Ohio EPA Community Recycling Grant Application

The City Manager requested an ordinance for authorization and execution of necessary documents to file an application with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) to apply for a curbside recycling grant. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the City Manager's request. The Manager reported: "We've been working with a company called

GT Environmental, who has been hired by the OEPA to put together a solid waste plan for Ashtabula County. We had discussed with them about how we would implement curbside recycling. This grant, as the years go along, is going to become even more competitive and it will be harder to get funded. The Ohio EPA and the ODNR, who initiated this initial cycle of these grants are now combined in one office. I felt it prudent that we do this sooner than later.

The application's actually due in February, so we're going to be scrambling to get everything together. What the initial project is going to be is the Monday and Tuesday route for garbage collection would have the ability to do curbside recycling. We're going to apply for a \$200,000 grant that needs a \$200,000 match. We would purchase one recycling cart, and one garbage cart, and implement the program that way. And, hopefully, if that works in subsequent years we can apply for that grant again we do Wednesday, Thursday, Friday routes. The carts are the big Waste Management green containers seen on the side of the road. One would be received for garbage; one for garbage. The recycling cart would be blue (carts are like the big blue heavy trash cans). It would be single-stream recycling so all recyclables could be placed in one container. The EPA requires that a benefit to recycling be shown to the residents The initial conversations we've been having, and probably the recommendation I would make to Council... the garbage rates would stay the same for residents that received a 64 gallon tote or cart for trash, and the 96 gallon for recycling.

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If perhaps you determine that you're doing recycling a lot, don't need the 64 gallon, and want to go to 36 gallon, the fee would go down. Conversely, if more garbage is being placed at curbside, and not taking advantage of recycling, and need a 96 gallon tote, the cost would be higher. This is a "pay-as-you-go method, which is what the EPA likes to see. If funding is awarded it would come in July, and we would have 12 months to initiate the program. I will keep everyone posted."

A few benefits to going to the "cart" system are: garbage trucks would be outfitted with devices to lift the cans into the truck. It is hoped that this will reduce injuries, speed up garbage collection time, and, rodents are not going to get to the contents. Secondly, recycling revenue is being received at the Transfer Station. When single stream is enacted it is anticipated the Transfer Station will be converted to the drop off point for single stream recycling. Recyclables will not have to be separated. The firm that will contract with the Solid Waste District (SWD) will pick it up. It is hoped that revenue sharing will be enacted so that a portion of what the firm makes will be returned to the City. Even if it does not happen, it is anticipated that the landfill expenditure will decrease by an estimated 25%. The City takes leachate from Waste Management therefore our landfill bill at present is about \$500,000. It would be an estimated \$700,000 or higher without the leachate.

By enacting curbside recycling the potential savings after year one would be up to \$200,000. It is going to cost around \$400,000 just to purchase carts (\$200,000 for recycling carts; \$200,000 for garbage carts), for two wards. It will also take another \$30,000 to outfit (3) trucks with equipment.

The entire City cannot be placed on curbside recycling at once. There is no way to pay the \$200,000 match, and then put out \$800,000 to do the program. The intent is to apply for the same funding in subsequent years to implement city-wide curbside recycling, which the SWD and EPA are aware of.

Commercial pickup is not included in the plan. Somewhere down the road bringing commercial establishments on board is intended to be looked at. The Ward 4 Councilor asked if a commercial establishment wanted to recycle may they purchase a container and request pickup. The Manager responded that the City is open to all ideas, and are bouncing ideas off the consultant who has implemented curbside recycling in many areas. He will look at how residents who are not provided containers a way to participate.

The Vice President said we should work to get the grant right now. The project will be reactionary more than revolutionary. More residents will want to participate than not, and the interest will peak once the program gets off the ground.

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The Manager reiterated that this program is “100% CONTIGENT ON GETTING THE GRANT. IF WE DON’T GET THE GRANT WE’RE NOT DOING THE PROGRAM!” He has expressed to the SWD and the OEPA that this WILL NOT BE AN UNFUNDED MANDATE BY THE STATE. They will have to provide funding assistance for we are not able to do it on our own.

There is a possible workload efficiency that will be created by the proposed recycling program.
The motion CARRIED.

Sanitary Sewer Camera Purchase

The Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with M Tech Company of 7401 First Place, Cleveland, OH 44146 for the purpose of purchasing a Sanitary Sewer Camera through State Purchasing in the amount not to exceed \$62,310.68. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 290-148-5505. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to grant the City Manager’s request. The Manager reported this is pass-through money from a Formula grant that will now be spent on what was applied for. The equipment includes two remote cameras and video equipment to record findings onto DVDs. One camera will be for the mains, and one will be able to go up laterals and do the work in the storm and sewer drains. The motion CARRIED.

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE CITY MANAGER

Riverside Drive Snowplowing Concerns: The Manager told the Ward 4 Councilor he received her voicemail about the concerns. Today he sent Mr. Tulino to the location; however a report has not been forwarded yet. The Manager said the department will do what needs to be done, and will keep an eye on it.

Snowplowing Plan: The Vice President said he knows there is a plan snowplowers follow. He asked if there is a “comprehensive best plan” that may be passed out or posted on our website so everyone will have an idea of when their road should be reached. The Manager reported there is an unwritten method, but a plan that “we would like to get to” is being worked on. He explained the problem with the last snow storm removal. Public works is no longer mixing sand with salt because it works better with salt alone. Plowers have to be instructed to throw more salt on the side streets. The Manager said people also compare roads plowed in Ashtabula and Saybrook Townships to the City. The big difference is ODOT services the townships. They are able to pretreat with brine hours before a storm comes, they have heavier trucks, and they have a lot more salt that is special treated. He said our roads will be just as clear, but it will take a little bit more time. An ODOT representative highly encourages the City to purchase a brine truck.

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The Manager said he cannot see spending money on equipment that will be used 3 months of the year, but perhaps a brine agreement may be formed to have them spread brine for us in the future. Driving over unplowed roads packs the salt and makes it harder to remove.

The Ward 4 Councilor reported she has received no calls regarding unplowed alleys.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE CITY SOLICITOR - None

CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor reported the following:

Preliminary Year End Notes

The Department is still in the process of closing 2012.

With the exception of the Self Insurance Fund, all funds will end the year with positive cash balances. The total fund cash balances increased by \$200,000 primarily from the Permanent Improvement Fund and Wastewater Fund balance increases offsetting other fund balance decreases.

The carryover balance in the General Fund is approximately \$200,000 less than the carryover for 2012. This means there is less room for adjustments or deviation from the 2013 budget, unless revenues increase.

Although the Wastewater Fund started 2012 with a \$333,449 negative cash balance, the deficit was eliminated in 2012 to start 2013 with a small positive carryover balance.

The negative balance in the Self Insurance Fund was reduced by over \$80,000, due to employee contributions to their healthcare insurance. This fund is an internal fund from which medical insurance is paid. Funds are then transferred from other funds to make up the negative. It is negative because in the past we haven't had the money to transfer. That is now addressed in the 2013 budget.

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Payroll Ordinance Clarification: The Auditor provided the following clarification regarding the payroll ordinance to be presented this evening:

The 2013 Budget included amounts equal to a 2% wage reduction for the following:

Auditor
Clerk of Council
Police Chief
Fire Chief
Superintendent of Public Services
Wastewater Superintendent
City Manager Administrative Assistant
Planning & Community Development Director
Treasurer

The 2013 budget did not include a 2% reduction for the following:

Deputy Auditor
General Foreman of Public works
Court employees
Solicitor employees
Health Department employees
PT Dispatchers

Judge Campese has submitted a journal entry reducing the Clerk of Courts wages to 33,600 annually

Changes for payroll ordinance 2012-211 should have been:

Superintendent of Public Services	Page 1
Wastewater Superintendent	Page 2
Wastewater Asst Superintendent, Director (unfilled)	Page 2
Pt Director of Recreation (unfilled)	Page 3
Traffic Supervisor (unfilled)	Page 3
Planning & Community Development Director	Page 3
City Engineer (unfilled)	Page 3
Supervisor & Senior Civil Engineer	Page 3
Clerk of Courts	Page 4
Police Chief	Page 6
Fire Chief	Page 9
Auditor	Page 10
*City Treasurer (with the exception of "hired before 06/06/12 w/4 plus years service")	Page 10
Clerk of Council	Page 10
Executive Assistant to the City Manager	Page 10
Executive Secretary: Grade 2-4 (unfilled)	Page 10
*Civil Service Secretary (reduced to equivalent to 2% of the Treasurer salary)	Page 10
Legal Intern	Page 10

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However, the Deputy Auditor and Legal Intern positions were incorrect with legislation being requested tonight for corrections. (Page 10)

Payroll Ordinance Request

The City Auditor requested ORDINANCE NO. 2013-06 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE NO. 2012-211, PASSED ON DECEMBER 27, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING CURRENT AND FUTURE CHANGES IN COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY IN ORDER TO REDUCE EXPENDITURES. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to grant the Auditor's request for this legislation; motion CARRIED.

The City Auditor ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARES AND WAGES TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to grant the Auditor's request for this legislation; motion CARRIED.

Thank You Karen Jury

The Auditor personally thanked former Deputy Auditor Karen S. Jury for helping her through her transition. It was not an easy transition for her. She was gracious, helpful, and did everything she could to make the transition, as Auditor, as easy as it could be. She wanted to make sure everyone knew this and wanted to take the opportunity to publically thank her.

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE CITY AUDITOR - None

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community / Economic Development / Parks & Recreation (Mrs. Stranman/Mr. Balog)

The Vice Chair announced there was no report to present, and that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. Proposed Ordinance No. 2012-203 Vacant Building Enforcement Program will be discussed, and the Chair suggested it would be a good meeting for some in the audience to attend.

The President entertained a motion to refer Ordinance No. 2012-203 titled AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 1369 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, ENTITLED VACANT BUILDING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, back to this Committee for more discussion. Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded; motion CARRIED.

Finance and Personnel - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mrs. Lattimer)

The Chair announced there was no report to present, and that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 11, at 8:00 a.m.

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Public Works / Utilities / Schools – (Mr. August Pugliese/Mrs. Lattimer)

The Chair announced there was no report to present, and that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, at 8:00 a.m.

Safety Forces – (Mr. Balog/Mr. Trisket)

The Chair announced there was no report to present, and that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 18, at 8:00 a.m.; however will be cancelled if no agenda items are submitted.

Work Session – No Report

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to present RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ADVANCE OF \$200,000.00 ON THE 2012 PROPERTY TAX SETTLEMENT FROM THE ASHTABULA COUNTY AUDITOR. The City Auditor reported this advance is normal and helps with the beginning year's cash flow in order to pay bills. The motion CARRIED.

PUBLIC (LEGISLATION) PORTION: The President allowed comments on Ordinance No. 2012-203 which was removed from this evening's agenda and referred back to the Community/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee, so that the dialogue regarding expressed concerns may begin. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Ron Kister, 1444 Morton Drive: said, for the most part, he is very much in favor of Ordinance No. 2012-203, because our town really needs to be cleaned up. He would like the ordinance to be fair to those who comply. He believes some aspects of the proposed ordinance will hurt developers unless it is tweaked. He is unable to make the meeting but would like to speak with someone prior to the meeting.

Mr. Nik Tressler, 202 West 58th Street: said he did not see unclaimed properties mentioned in Ordinance No. 2012-203. These are properties owners have vacated and are waiting for the bank to reclaim; only banks are not doing so, so they sit in limbo.

The Vice President said the property still belongs to the owner until possession is taken by someone else. He said the spirit of the ordinance is to have vacant properties registered.

The President said the spirit of the legislation was not to be punitive in any way, shape, or form to those that are taking care of their properties. "The desire was to have something enacted (as many other communities do) that gives us some degree of tracking... a clearinghouse, some sort of teeth to identify people who are not being good stewards of their vacant properties,

and don't seem to have any reason or incentive to try to keep it nice and get it rented or occupied." The President notice some of the "terms" mentioned in the proposed ordinance are at the discretion of the Director of Planning & Community Development Department, and wondered "if there were things that could be more quantitative to determine whether a person was in compliance or not, to determine whether they would be exempt or not exempt."

The length of construction/rehabilitation projects was discussed. It was noted such projects have been known to take longer than the 12 month period mentioned in the proposed ordinance. The Manager said such projects are addressed in the proposed ordinance under the Exemptions, Section d.

Mr. Kister reported there are several problems. Real estate taxes have not been paid on several vacant properties, and properties with structures on them for up to 10 years, are not being maintained, and should be taken to sheriff sale. He said if they are sold someone will then pay taxes on them, and most people who purchase the properties will clean them up. He said he manages about 20 (plus) buildings in the City for various groups, and always has vacancies. However they do not appear vacant because they are staged (e.g., keep signs up), so they appear occupied. If a vacant structure is not being maintained, a notice should be sent, 60 days should be given to comply, and if they do not comply enforce the proposed legislation. He believes the legislation, for the most part, punishes those who are doing the right thing; and believes most people will comply.

The President agreed to meet with Mr. Kister. The President said he does not believe the proposed legislation addresses vacant plazas which may have a few vacant units; but speaks to a structure that is entirely vacant. The Manager concurred. Mr. Kister believes plazas with 90% vacancy should be addressed. He also believes he should not have to pay \$10.00 to register a building because it is vacant, and said he often has vacancies for well over six months or more.

LEGISLATION READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL AND MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING LEASE WITH KEYBANK FOR COMMERCIAL SPACE IN THE ASHTABULA MUNICIPAL BUILDING, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. The Manager reported 660 square feet of KeyBank commercial lending space, located on the north end of the building near the Pre-Council Chambers, will be returned to the City, for KeyBank no longer needs the space. The County Auditor needs to be notified that the square footage should be removed from the City's tax roll since the City will no longer received income from the space. He said KeyBank has asked for a reduction in their monthly lease payments and the dollar amount per square foot based on market rates,

since their square footage is going to be reduced. The next contract will be for the period of May 1, 2013 through 2020, at \$120,000 per year. He said the square footage KeyBank leases is still above market rate. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-208 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF POLICE VEHICLES TO BE ACQUIRED THROUGH A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES CHRYSLER/DODGE/JEEP/RAM, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-209 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK TO FINANCE THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF EIGHT POLICE CARS, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. The Clerk of Council reported this ordinance and Ordinance 2012-208 amend two previous ordinances. She stated the standard procedure has been to repeal an ordinance in its entirety and enact an entirely new ordinance that deals with the same subject. This ordinance is “amending” 2012-209; therefore the Clerk asked if Ordinance numbers 2012-208 and 2012-209 will continue to exist, and compliment 2013-02 and 2013-03. The Solicitor responded, yes, in this particular case since Council had already authorized a greater expenditure it seemed to be more efficient to simply amend the existing ordinances in order to document, for audit purposes why (11) police cars were not leased, but rather (8). Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Balog seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ward Redistricting: The President announced the Clerk of Council mailed letters to all addresses affected by the recent ward redistricting, resulting from the 2010 U.S. Census findings. Several were returned marked “vacant land”, but that many more were not. He reported the City Manager is working on updating the ward map.

GENERAL PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Nik Tressler, 202 West 58th Street: Another 20 pieces of Lakeside High School’s student art has been accepted by the Rock n’ Roll Hall of Fame. Fifteen pieces are on display at Cleveland-Hopkins Airport, ten pieces were returned from the airport after being displayed for six months, and another 20 will be arriving there and will be on display for six months.

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Mr. Tressler said he left a message with the Manager's Executive Assistant, Brenda Sanders, to determine at which City properties the returned art may be displayed. ADDA would like some of the art for vacant storefront windows. e-comm Café (Main Avenue) and Harbor Perk (Bridge Street) will have student art on display because the art work is coffee. The school district has bought no art supplies for a number of years; the art instructor has purchased supplies with personal funds. Contributions are welcomed to help pay for frames (at \$25 to \$30 each), and art supplies. If the emergency school levy fails the art instructor will lose her job. He reported more public harbor space is needed for art display.

The President asked if the artwork is for sale. Mr. Tressler said he is sure if an offer is made students would accept. The President said he has heard rumblings about a possible art gallery on Main Avenue. He thanked Mr. Tressler for keeping government officials informed about this project.

CLOSING REMARKS:

The President reminded the viewing audience that "We Believe in Ashtabula". He asked that every seek to get through the winter safely; and announced the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, due to the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday holiday on Monday.

Adjournment: Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Balog seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: **March 4, 2013**

ATTESTED BY: _____
J.P. Ducro, IV
President of Council

ATTESTED BY: _____
LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council