

**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. James M. Trisket, (Ward 5)  
Mrs. Ann I. Stranman, (Ward 3)  
Mr. August A. Pugliese, (Ward 2)  
Mrs. Julie A. Lattimer, (Ward 4)  
Mr. Richard F. Balog, (Ward 1)  
Mr. J.P. Ducro IV, (President)

**Member(s) Absent:** Mr. Christopher J. McClure, (Vice President)

**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:** Mr. Trisket moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to excuse the Vice President from this evening's meeting; motion CARRIED.

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

**Presentations:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda is a means whereby City Council is able to more efficiently conduct business.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MEETING MINUTES DISPOSAL** - None

**FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS** - None

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Consent Agenda Legislation Only)** – None

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### **LEGISLATION READING**

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-28 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR WITH GIANGOLA INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTING SERVICES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-29 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CONSUMER'S LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-30 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AGENCY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO'S FY 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR AN OHIO COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (C.H.I.P.) GRANT.

The City Manager announced that Ordinance No. 2013-28 realizes a \$9,000 savings.

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the consent agenda legislation; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the consent agenda legislation: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

**(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None**

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Police Radio Equipment Purchase**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. of 1301 E. Algonquin Road, Schaumburg, IL 60196 through State Purchasing, contract number 573077-0, STS 073, in the amount not to exceed \$101,878.75. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5551, entitled Police Equipment. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager's request.

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The Manager reported this is the 700MHZ frequency license that we have been waiting over a year and a half for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to approve. The request had to also get the approval of Canada because of our proximity to the Canadian border. Everything is in place; now it is a matter of purchasing equipment to switch over to the 700MHZ digital system. Police Lieutenant Joseph Cellitti gave an overview of the new system. He said it was determined that the reason the Marc's Radio System never really worked properly is because we are located on the outer rim of their service area. He has faith the new system will work well. The Manager reported the old radios will be given to the Public Works Department. The motion CARRIED.

#### **Revolving Loan Funds – Walnut Beach Restrooms**

The City Manager requested a resolution to appropriate from the Revolving Loan Fund account to the Community Development Block Grant activity designated for the Walnut Beach Renovation Project in the amount of \$125,000.00. This activity was approved by waiver through the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Office of Community Development. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Manager reported Council gave previous authorization for him to apply to ODOD for a waiver in order to use Revolving Loan Funds to perform the Walnut Beach renovation. It was approved and now the Department requests a resolution showing Council approves the movement of funds in order to proceed. If approved this evening, the resolution will be submitted to the Department for approval and release of funds. Once the funds are secured the project may begin – which is scheduled to be completed prior to the 2013 summer season. The motion CARRIED.

#### **West Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project – ODOT PID 78399**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter in an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the West Avenue Bridge (ATB West Avenue, PID 78399) in the amount not to exceed \$457,024.00 as the 20% contribution designated by ODOT for the project. Funds for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5554, entitled Street/Bridge Improvements. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Ward 4 Councilor announced this project is for both West Avenue bridges. The project will be let in April, and sometime within the next year work may commence. Part of the \$457,024 will be taken from the General Fund, and part will be a grant that will have to be repaid to ODOT over time. The Manager reported the City has to commit the entire project amount out of its Permanent Improvement (PI) account now. As the project commences we request draws from the State through the Municipal Bridge Fund and Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Funds to place back into our PI account. The motion CARRIED.

**QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE CITY MANAGER - None**

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**CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT** - None

**QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE CITY SOLICITOR** - None

### **CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The City Auditor reported the following:

**January Month End Cash Balances:** We started 2013 with a total cash balance of \$2.3 million, ended with \$1.8 million; we spent more than brought in, which is typical for January. Balances will move up when the first half property tax revenues are received.

**Appropriation Ordinance:** The Auditor went over each line of the appropriation presented to the Finance & Personnel Committee on February 15, and scheduled for a vote of Council this evening.

**QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE ACTING CITY AUDITOR** - None

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The Chair provided reported on the February 6 Committee meeting as follows:

**Bike Rakes:** The Manager followed up with the Lift Bridge Community Association (LBCA) regarding the type of racks they purchased, which included a plaque. The Parks & Recreation Board reports they plan to purchase the same racks LBCA did out of their P&R funding, but will not include plaques. This item may be removed from the agenda.

**Vacant Building Structure:** The Manager met with the property owner who had concerns with the proposed legislation. He recommended minor changes, some of which were multi-unit complexes and an appeal process. The Committee voted to remove the \$10.00 filing fee for requests for exemption or extension. Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to have the Vacant Building Enforcement Program legislation drafted, to include the changes discussed in committee; motion CARRIED.

**Downtown Activities:** ADDA will meet bi-monthly this year. Their annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m., and encouraged attendance. Downtown Laughs is scheduled for March 15 and 16. Council President Ducro and City Manager Timonere are scheduled to perform. Easter Eggtravaganza will take place Saturday, March 30, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in Cornelius Park and Main Avenue.

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**Lift Bridge Community Association (LBCA):** Their Bylaws have been restructured to mimic the Ohio Main Street Program. Events will be held each month this summer; therefore events will now take place in July and October.

**Parks & Recreation Board:** Chairperson Earl Tucker submitted the Board's funding proposal and wish to place a Parks Levy on an upcoming ballot. The consensus was that the timing was not the best; therefore other suggestions were made for the Board's consideration. This Committee took no formal action.

**Route 11 Industrial Park:** The Manager reported having some leads through Growth Partnership of Ashtabula County. The party really seemed interested in the space due its proximity to the highway. Unfortunately the \$25,000 per acre cost is prohibitive, but it is the rate the Port Authority has to charge in order to remain compliant with grant requirements. On-going discussions are taking place.

**Vision Statement:** This issue remains on the Committee's Pending/Hold Agenda.

**Town Hall Meetings:** The Manager is going to resume the meetings in 2013. This is also where Vision Statement suggestions may be gathered.

**Ashtabula County Medical Center (ACMC):** The Manager reported the rumors that ACMC is going to move outside the City are NOT true. He meets with the hospital on a regular basis; there are no immediate plans for a move; and if they make a move anywhere it will be several years down the road. The Chair said she knows anyone who sits in the Manager's seat would do whatever they could to prevent the move from happening, because we realize how important they are to the City.

**Veteran's Administration Offices:** An advertisement is circulating that the VA is seeking additional space. This is something they do on a regular basis. Property owners in the City have been in contact with them regarding their ad.

**Ashtabula Iron and Metal (A.I.M.):** The Committee was told the unsightly state of this vacated business will probably be tied up in court for years, and that there is not much the City is able to do about it.

**Greenway Trail Zoning:** The Ward 5 Councilor present concerns he has with zoning along the trail. The concern was forwarded to the Planning Commission. The Chair moved, Mr. Trisquet seconded that the Ashtabula City Planning Commission review the zoning of the Greenway Trail, and the adjacent properties, to ensure the preservation and protection of the trail and surrounding residential areas, and limit new heavy industry from opening in that area.

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The Ward 5 Councilor elaborated, noting his goal is to preserve what is residential and try to eliminate some pocket/peninsula type expansion of industrial zoning into residential areas. The Ward 4 Councilor thanked the Ward 5 Councilor for bringing this up, because she, too, believes heavy industrial zoning is already in the area. The motion CARRIED.

**Next Meeting:** The Committee will meet next on March 6, 6:00 p.m. At this point it will likely take place because the Ward 1 Councilor referred a woman to the Committee to discuss the possibility of placing green homes on vacant lots throughout the City. If the Clerk is contacted the meeting will take place. The Clerk noted that given the Pre-Council conversation and the Manager's comments that the City does not own the vacant structures/land, but that he was working on a plan to address the vacancies, however nothing can be done at this time. The Chair said if this matter is premature, and if nothing comes up between now and the first regular Council meeting in March, the Committee probably will not meet.

**Finance and Personnel - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mrs. Lattimer):** The Chair reported on the Committee's Friday, February 15 meeting, as follows:

**Financials**

**Municipal Court Budget** – Council continues to wait for Judge Campese to journalize his budget, in order to see if it will be in line with what Council appropriated. The Chair has drafted a letter to the Judge requesting a timely submission of his journalization. The letter awaits the Solicitor's review.

**Appropriations** – The Chair moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to formerly request the appropriations presented to the Committee, which are also scheduled for a vote of Council this evening; motion CARRIED.

**Early Retirement Incentive Plan** – The City Auditor present the topic to the Committee, and the issue was discussed in detail. The Committee agreed to bring a request to Council this evening; therefore the Chair moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to formally request legislation authorizing an Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP). The Chair went over some of the Plan's details, and the motion CARRIED.

**Motorola Police Department Radios** – Discussed in detail. The Manager presented the legislation request earlier in this meeting. The above appropriation request was modified to include this funding need. Some of the funding for this purchase will come from the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) funds, to the tune of \$17,500, along with previously appropriated Permanent Improvement funds from previous years. Half of the purchase is covered by these two funding sources.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, March 8, at 8:00 a.m.

**Public Works / Utilities / Schools – (Mr. August Pugliese/Mrs. Lattimer): The Chair reported on the Committee February 12 meeting, as follows:**

**Traffic Control Requests**

**Austinburg Road & Route 84** - Payroll and Human Resources Specialist Carolyn Sheldon told the Committee that motorists are speeding on Route 84 due to the removal of the 20 mph speed limit sign with the razing of McKinsey Elementary School, making it difficult to ingress onto Route 84 in the mornings. The Committee asked the Manager to see what Police Chief Robert Stell recommends.

**Remove Traffic Light Signalization at Intersection of West 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue** - It was suggested that the full traffic signalization at this intersection, which is from the 1930s, be removed because it is no longer warranted since parts are no longer available and because Lakeside High School (formerly Ashtabula High School) was razed. The Committee asked the Manager to speak with Traffic Foreman Gale Urbano and Police Chief Stell to see what they recommend. Pastor Wright with First Baptist Church approves of the suggested removal.

**Procedure to Vacate Roads** - The Committee will address this matter when the proposed legislation is presented for their review. The Planning and Community Development Department suggests the Planning Commission's review and recommendation be added to the procedure for road vacations.

**Street Cut Inspections** – This has been on the Committee's regular agenda since July 2012. They placed it on their Pending/Hold Agenda and will address it when staffing levels increase.

**Sewer Cleaning Schedule** – The Manager told Committee we received an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant; therefore the West 9<sup>th</sup> Street tributary cleaning will begin. The project scope is: West 9<sup>th</sup> Street & Walnut Boulevard, working east along West 9<sup>th</sup> Street and north of West 9<sup>th</sup> Street to possibly Ohio Avenue or as far as funding allows. The grant was also used to purchase a lateral and a main sewer camera, which will save several thousand dollars because the services will not have to be contracted out.

**Main Avenue Dimple Removal** – The Manager told the Committee that grant funding is needed to complete the project because the dimples which remain are connected to utilities, therefore cost more to remove.

**Recycling**

**2012 Recycling Report:** Public Services Superintendent (PSS) Dominic Iarocci told Committee that \$16,888 was realized and \$13,000 was saved in landfill costs.

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Curbside Recycling – The PSS reported he has a copy of the Curbside Recycling Memorandum of Understandings for Ashtabula, Geneva, Conneaut, and the Solid Waste District (SWD). As member of the SWD he has questions which need to be answered before he signs any agreement. Following aspects of the proposed curbside recycling program are:

City of Ashtabula would purchase recycling carts for residents. Can sizes are 32, 64, and 96 gallons. The salesman said this would be confusing, residents will try to overload 32's, and the garbage will be spilling over. He suggested we just offer 32 and 64 gallons because the 96 gallon container is big. The City wants to continue to cooperate with the SWD and help them meet their county-wide 50% curbside recycling quota, however totes for two wards will cost \$400,000, (\$800,000 for the entire City), and \$7,000 to outfit each truck with flippers. The PSS reported to Committee he was told about an outstanding deal on used trucks (\$50,000 each for \$240,000 trucks), and that the Manager was willing to spend the City's \$200,000 match on the truck purchase. However when the Manager asked the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) if the City spent their match now (prior to the proposed recycling actually begun) would it qualify for later or would we still be awarded the grant. They told him the match may not be spent now.

**Solid Waste District (SWD):** PSS told Committee that at the present time the SWD has \$260,000. Fifteen (15) years ago, at this time, they had \$2.6 million to give to various Ashtabula County entities. Their revenue will decrease if the City enacts curbside recycling because they will receive less tipping fees from the City.

The City lost the \$40,000 per year recycling grant. The President believes the City should “explore strategies to bring the commercial business on board with recycling”; the recycling quantity they produce has to be 10 to 1 compared to residential. In turn it would lower the City's landfill costs. The Manager and PSS will continue to work on this project.

**Painting Road Lines** – The PSS told Committee that Traffic Foreman Gale Urbano told him it will take 4 employees, 30 days to paint the lines. Given the price of paint in relationship to the City's tight budget, coupled with the proposed layoffs of 9 Sanitation employees, this project might not be possible. Manager gave the PSS permission to order the paint, realizing the challenges.

**Snowplowing** – Main roads are plowed first; secondary roads follow.

**Storing Garbage Outside (prior to weekly pickup)** – Garbage is not requested to be store in a container when storing garbage outside. However, it may not be stored in the front or on the sides of the house. If the absence of a container creates unhealthy conditions, residents may be cited for creating a public nuisance.



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**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES/SCHOOLS COMMITTEE**

**Remove Traffic Light Signalization at Intersection of West 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue:** The Ward 4 Councilor thought the West 44<sup>th</sup> Street traffic signal was to be removed as part of the Traffic Signalization Project. The Manager will check.

**Recycling:** The City is no longer receives recycling funding from Solid Waste District, but still accepts County recycling. The Manager said the SWD's revenue comes from landfill tipping fees, and the City of Ashtabula is the largest contributor. The Manager said no longer receiving SWD recycling funding is a "pet peeve" of his.

**Traffic Signals:** The Ward 5 Councilor asked for a report showing what is done with traffic signals that are removed. The Manager said some are stored at the City's West Avenue facility (former ODOT building), and some at the Traffic Department building on Bridge Street. He said Traffic Foreman Urbano is good at restoring and reusing said equipment; however ODOT regulations prohibit the reuse of much of the old equipment because they do not meet code. It was suggested that parts unable to be used be sold on eBay.

**Safety Forces – (Mr. Balog/Mr. Trisket):** The Chair reported on the Committees February 8 meeting, as follows:

**Fire Lane Request:** Fire Chief Ron Pristera is working with the Signature Health offices' developer to satisfy the developer's request for a fire lane on Main Avenue.

**Codified Ordinance No. 549.10 Carrying Certain Weapons Prohibited** – It has been said that the City is going to outlaw firearms altogether, which is NOT TRUE. The Chair does not believe guns are mentioned in the ordinance. The Committee reviewed the carrying of machetes' and large knives. The Chair moved, Mr. Trisket seconded to move forward with legislation amending Codified Ordinance Section 549.10 Carrying Certain Weapons Prohibited. The Solicitor reported, "The ordinance came about in large part through discussions with some Patrol Officers in our Police Division who were literally faced with situations where people were carrying very offensive weapons - weapons, not being carried because they were clearing brush or because they were camping and had just run into town for some supplies or something like that. But, they were carrying large knives or similar items clearly for the purpose of intimidating people – threatening people. And, we had had ordinances on the books some years ago, that actually limited the size of a knife that a person could carry to something as small as a 2.5 inch blade. So, after talking with the Officers I requested, and forwarded to the Committee, a proposed legislation that went back in that direction. That lead to a fairly lengthy discussion with Mr. Trisket, particularly about the merits and constitutionality of that, that lead to some further research on my part, and that lead to the current version of the requested ordinance which would permit carrying a knife of up to a 4.5 inches blade length in the City.

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It would continue prohibition of things like blackjacks and brass knuckles, and so on and so forth. It creates some exceptions, some safe harbors for people who are legitimately required to carry certain items as tools for their trade or profession, or they are utilizing these items in some sort of sporting activity. And, it certainly would protect anyone who has these items on their own personal property – not carrying them out in public or carrying them on their person. But, it would allow the Officer on the street who sees a guy walking down the street holding a machete to stop him and ask him what he’s doing. And, that was primarily what we were hoping to do.” The motion CARRIED.

**Registering of Alarm or Security Companies** – Mr. DeGeorge, owner of Security Technologies, provided valuable input. The conversation will continue. One concern was if Council passed legislation would we then be endorsing the business and thus creating a potential liability. Mr. DeGeorge agreed to provide samples legislation from communities who do require alarm and security companies to register with them. The Clerk was asked to follow up with him.

**K-9 Donation** – K-9 Kero was replaced. There are two active K-9s. Another is in training and will be completed in about 6 weeks. The Chair thanked Nassief automobile dealership for their substantial donation.

**Police and Fire Departments** – Both are running short on manpower. They would like to have 10 more police officers and a couple more firefighters, which the Chair supports. The radio system the Manager and Police Lieutenant Cellitti spoke of this evening was discussed. The 8 new police cars have been delivered and are being outfitted.

**Minors’ Curfew** – The President reported receiving 6 letters from a Lakeside Junior High School 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher (*Mrs. Marple*). She had her English class students working on letter writing formats while using something that would affect them. They wrote about the law regarding curfews for minors. The letters were exceptional. It was interesting to see their opinions. He will respond to them and see if a representative would accompany him to the school to speak with the students. He commended them for taking an interest and being involved in our community’s governmental system, and would like to invite them to attend a regular or Committee meeting of the Council. He commended the teacher for giving her students a project that is more than just writing a letter, but engaged them in a law that affects them. The Solicitor will provide a more simplified version of the minor curfew legislation for the Committee’s review.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, March 15, at 8:00 a.m.

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Minor Curfew Laws – The Ward 3 Councilor asked if there are state regulations. The Solicitor said he does not see them since they go to the juvenile court.

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However, in reading Police and Sheriff Department's reports resulting in the arrest of an adult, if there is a juvenile in violation of our minors' curfew ordinance, the Officer will mention in the report that he is issuing a curfew violation citation to the juvenile. He does not remember reading such in a Sheriff Department report, nor is he aware of a statewide limitation. He believes it is municipally driven. The President reported he found the half-hour increments to be cumbersome. This too will be looked at.

**Meetings:** The Finance & Personnel and Safety Forces Committee meetings will take place on their regularly scheduled monthly day.

**Work Session – No Report – No Report**

#### **FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS**

Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to formally request ORDINANCE NO. 2013-32 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$795,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA TO PAY COSTS OF CERTAIN PENSION OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY; motion CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Legislation Only) – None**

#### **LEGISLATION READING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-27 A FINAL RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL AUTHORITY/LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY OR "LPA" IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT PID NO. 78399 – REHABILITATION OF TWO (2) WEST AVENUE BRIDGES OVER CSX RAILROAD, LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO,** was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the resolution; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the resolution: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-31 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013,** was presented.

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Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-33 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 700MHZ POLICE RADIO EQUIPMENT**, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-34 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLANS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS, SANITATION AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT DIVISIONS**, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**City Income Tax Renewal:** The President announced that the City’s income tax renewal and the combining of the Departments of City Auditor and City Treasurer into a Department of Finance Director will be on the May 7 Primary election ballot. He said the income tax has been in place since 1962 or 63 and is the City’s main funding source.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Ashtabula Area City Schools (AACS) Emergency Levy:** The President announced AACS’s Levy Committee will host a Levy Kickoff/Rally on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m., at Lakeside High School. The public is encouraged to attend.

**Public Hearings:** The President announced the following public hearing particulars:

- a) March 4, 5:15 p.m., City of Ashtabula and Saybrook Township JEDD  
(Depot Road/St. John School)
  
- b) March 18, 5:30 p.m., City of Ashtabula and Ashtabula Township JEDD  
(Route 20 Family Dollar Store, 3236 North Ridge East, and Brockway & Mauro to NEO)

He reported the purpose of the public hearings is to permit the public to comment and make recommendations on the contracts. Both contracts are on display, in the Office of the Clerk of Council, for inspection prior to these public hearings. The Clerk is also able to email the contracts.

**GENERAL PUBLIC PORTION** - None

**CLOSING REMARKS**

The President reminded the viewing audience to “Keep Believing in Ashtabula”.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Trisket moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: **March 18, 2013**

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**J.P. Ducro, IV**  
**President of Council**

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council**