

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: 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. James M. Trisket, (Ward 5)
Mr. JP Ducro IV, (President)

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

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

Officer(s) Absent: City Auditor/Acting City Treasurer Dana D. Pinkert

Excused Absence: Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Trisket seconded to excuse the Vice President from this meeting; motion CARRIED.

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

Presentations: The President announced there were no scheduled presentations on tonight's agenda. He then asked the Clerk of Council to join him, Mr. Jack Baker and Reverend Robert F. Leonard in front of the dais. He said Rev. Leonard asked if the presentation was appropriate, he responded yes, and turned the microphone over to him.

Reverend Leonard: LaVette, in honor and memory of your father, Thomas Barnes, Sr., I would like to present to you this medallion. It comes from the people of Korea, the Korean American Foundation, in honor of your father's service in the WWII era and in Korea. I wanted to do this for you. I'd like to also present you with a commemorative coin celebrating the 62nd anniversary of the Korean War.

Mr. Baker: On behalf of the Private Henry Kalinowski Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Ashtabula County, we wish to honor your father, Thomas Barnes, Sr., our brother Marine, by presenting to you the United States Marine Corps eagle, globe, and entwined anchor, and a card of sympathy for your loss.

The President thanked Messrs. Leonard and Baker for coming; and for waiting.

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2013

Executive Session: None

Reconvene Open Meeting: N/A

Action resulting from Executive Session: N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS – None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Consent Agenda Legislation Only) – None

LEGISLATION READING – None

REGULAR AGENDA

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Ohio Department of Development Services Agency (ODSA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2013 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)

The City Manager requested an ordinance for authorization to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Development Services Agency, CDBG funds, to implement the FY 2013 CHIP in the amount not to exceed \$400,000. Funding for the expenditures will be taken from the 2013 Community Development Block Grant accounts once set up. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager’s request; motion CARRIED.

Bleckman & Associates, Inc. - FY 2013 Community Housing Improvement (CHIP) Administration

The City Manager requested an ordinance for authorization to enter into an agreement with Bleckman & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$83,000.00, for the purpose of administrative support to manage the FY 2013 CHIP. Funding for the expenditures will be taken from the 2013 Community Development Block Grant accounts once set up. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager’s request. The Manager explained that Bleckman has administered the CHIP grant for the City for many years. They administer the funds in order to perform housing rehabs throughout the City.

This activity includes, owner income verification, letting bids, reviewing bids, and determines if the home qualifies for repairs or if it is a “complete walk away”. The fund spending period is two years, and all the funds are used. The motion CARRIED.

Asbestos Abatement and Housing Demolition

The City Manager requested an ordinance for authorization to enter into an agreement with Medico Systems, Inc. with a mailing address of P.O. Box 250, Jefferson, OH 44047 for the purpose of asbestos abatement and for houses selected for demolition in the amount not to exceed \$38,325.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 290-180-5411, entitled Administration, CDBG. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager’s request. This will provide for the demolition and asbestos abatement of three homes, as part of our Formula CDBG grant from prior years. This does not include the “Moving Ohio Forward” (MOF) funding we are receiving. There are four houses out to bid as part of the MOF project, another six will be added soon, and the extra \$200,000 from said program will be used in a few months. The request at hand is totally different. The addresses of the properties to be razed are listed in the ordinance, and are: 617 West 38th Street, 621 West 38th Street, and 1217 West 9th Street. The motion CARRIED.

Appropriate from Unappropriated Funds

The City Manager requested an ordinance to appropriate from the unappropriated Parking Deck Fund 192 to Account Number 192-166-5476, the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover the remaining cost of the lighting installation at the City Parking Deck. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager’s request; motion CARRIED.

City Parking Deck Lighting

The City Manager requested an ordinance for authorization to enter into an agreement with B&J Electric of 10950 Woodworth Road, Lima, OH 44452 in the amount not to exceed \$43,655.00 for the purpose of installation of lighting at the City Parking Deck. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Numbers 290-180-5411 and 290-148-5505. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager’s request. The Manager said this is a grant; the bid came in higher than the grant, monies have been sitting in a parking deck fund for years, and the Auditor/Acting Treasurer suggested the funds be used to cover the amount the grant does not. About (40) lights will be installed on the basement, first, and second floors. Spot lights will be installed on the exterior ingress and egress. The motion CARRIED.

Bridge Street Parking Lot – Engineering Services

The City Manager requested an ordinance for authorization to enter into an agreement with GPD Group of 100 Federal Plaza East, Suite 200, Youngstown, OH 44503 for the purpose of providing engineering services both design and construction administration and inspection for a new parking lot to be located on Bridge Street in the amount not to exceed \$28,300. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the 2013 Community Development Block Grant account for this grant once set up. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager’s request; motion CARRIED.

FY13 Downtown Revitalization Tier II Grant – Community Development Block Grant

The Manager requested an ordinance for authorization to enter into an agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group of 1168 North Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402 for the purpose of providing administrative services to implement the FY13 Downtown Revitalization Tier II Grant in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the 2013 Community Development Block Grant account for this grant once set up. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager’s request. The line item for this activity has not been set up so there are no account numbers to report at this time. The motion CARRIED.

2013 Road Salt

The Manager requested an ordinance for authorization to enter into an agreement for one year with Morton Salt of 123 N. Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60606-1743 as sole bidder in the amount not to exceed \$33.85 per ton/dump, \$36.85 per ton/piler, \$33.85 per ton/pick-up. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the following Road Salt Account Nos.: 206-156-5425, 209-156-5425, and 219-156-5425. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager’s request. He reported there are about eight truck loads of salt available in the dome. This new contract will go into effect around November 19. The current contract is for a couple dollars more per ton. The motion CARRIED.

Medical Uses

The City Manager requested an ordinance adding the term “medical uses” to the City’s C-1 and C-2 zoning. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Trisket seconded to grant the Manager’s request. The President announced a public hearing is required to give citizens the opportunity to address their concerns before Council formally votes on the request. The Manager reported the reason for the request is because many of the C1 and C2 zoning areas are along Lake Avenue and West Avenue where medical uses are conditional uses, however are already permitted in a lot of instances, and are already located in these areas. New companies wanting to locate in areas where medical uses are conditional have to go through a timely process in order to operate. When companies determine where they want to locate, they want to start construction yesterday, and we have run into this situation a couple of times. There is a conditional use request before the Planning Commission right now. The Manager reported public hearings and notices to landowners in the immediate area of the request are required when a conditional use permit is requested. The request to allow medical uses in C-1 and C-2 Zoning Districts eliminates one more layer of “red tape” companies will have to go through; and it makes the process more business friendly. The motion CARRIED.

2014 Budget

The Manager announced he emailed the proposed 2014 City Budget estimate to Council, as required, by November 1. He recommended Council schedule a work session to review and discuss the budget.

Questions/Comments for the City Manager

West Avenue Railroad Overpass

Lighting: The President reported speaking with the Manager about the lack of lighting on the overpass by the Greenway Trail. He said he had another citizen request for the overpass to be lit because a pedestrian was crossing the street at the top of the overpass and were invisible to motorists. A pole and power is needed on the overpass in order for a light to be installed. A solar light option had been discussed. The Manager responded that the last time this request was discussed, the cost associated with the pole installation is what prohibited the City from moving forward. He offered to look into it again, doubts the cost has decreased, and agreed the area in question is dark.

Sunken Manhole: The Ward 5 Councilor reported a sunken manhole at the south end of the West Avenue railroad overpass, by the Greenway Trail.

Sunken Road: The Ward 5 Councilor reported the sewer trench work performed in a lane by the City's West Avenue facility has sunken two inches. This is the area where Roto Rooter installed lines for the proposed septic and industrial waste (e.g., leachate) receiving station at said facility. The Manager said the area has to be watched by the contractor and the City so the area may be properly filled. He said asphalt is not immediately placed on the area because it is customary for such work to have to settle before the top layer and permanent fixes are applied.

West 58th Street Road Opening: The Ward 5 Councilor reported a square street cut, which he believes belongs to Aqua OH water company, has sunk four to five inches around 917 West 58th Street.

Hiram Avenue Road Condition: The Ward 5 Councilor reported this road at the cul de sac and in the mid section of the road continues to get worse. A four foot section of the cul de sac is "just gone and is nothing but dirt". Winter brings with it more concern for the road's condition. He said the street will have to be looked at for the City's 2014 or 2015 road paving project.

Norman Avenue Street Cut: The President reported gravel has washed out of a street cut located approximately at 730 Norman Avenue between 9th and 7th Streets.

Lake Avenue Plaza (by Smith Field): The Ward 3 Councilor reported another window is out in an empty storefront located in this vacant plaza. The Solicitor reported he does not know if the owner was notified of the latest broken window after having boarded up the others that were broken. The owner has a case pending in our Municipal Court due to the condition of the property. If the concern is addressed with the Planning and Community Development Department it may be added to the existing case.

Valleyview Boulevard & East 42nd Street Leaves: The Ward 4 Councilor reminded the Manager that falling leaves are a danger at this corner/curve. She reported her and her husband try to keep the road clear because so many leaves fall, and if not regularly removed they turn into a dangerously slippery surface.

New Street Sweeper: The President asked if the new street sweeper is due to arrive soon. The Manager said hopefully at the beginning of November; and that the one we have is being used sparingly.

Track Brush: The Ward 5 Councilor asked if the City owes a track brush. The Manager replied he does not believe we do unless it is an attachment for one of our Bobcats.

Catch Basins Free of Leaves: The Ward 2 Councilor reminded citizens to keep leaves away from catch basins. If too many get in them it will create serious problems.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Leaves: Citizens were reminded that leaves are not permitted to be raked, blown, or placed into the street. They are to be raked onto treelawns or placed in approved lawn bags for removal by the City.

CITY AUDITOR/ACTING CITY TREASURER'S (A/ACT) REPORT – No Report

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

The Chair said because an extensive report was given at the October 7 Council meeting, the Committee will not meet during the last month of her term which ends November 30, unless necessary.

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

The Chair reported on the Committee's October 16 meeting, as follows:

Financials: The Auditor/Acting Treasurer presented the year-to-date financials, and an overview of our major and/or most active funds.

West Avenue Bridge Project: The Auditor/Acting Treasurer gave an overview of the financial aspect of the project.

Payroll Ordinance Request re: Human Resources/Payroll Administrator (HR/PA) and the [EEO Officer position Codified at Section 127.03]: The Auditor/Acting Treasurer requested the repeal of the current and enactment of a new payroll ordinance to address the responsibilities and pay of a new position in her department, effective January 1, 2014, title Human Resources/Payroll Administrator. One of the responsibilities of the new position will be EEO Officer. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. McClure seconded to set the salary of the Human Resources/Payroll Administrator (HR/PA) at \$49,000, which will include EEO reporting responsibilities; motion CARRIED. After extensive discussion the Committee agreed to place this request on hold until the Auditor/Acting Treasurer consults with Solicitor Franklin on whether the position of "EEO Officer" is required by law, or if someone performing said duties is sufficient. If the latter is true, the position of EEO Officer should be removed from the codified ordinances.

Municipal Court (MC) Special Project Fund: The Chair and the Auditor/Acting Treasurer have been working with Municipal Court Judge Albert Campese to come to an agreement regarding the amount of funds the MC Special Project Fund should have. After several meetings, it has been agreed upon that \$61,821 should be transferred into the Fund. This will be the beginning of eliminating hard feelings and endless debates. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** The Committee approved an appropriation of \$61,821 from Permanent Improvement Funds to be transferred into the MC Special Project Fund. Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to grant the Auditor and Committee's recommendation; motion CARRIED.

Resolution Accepting Amounts & Rates

This is a standard housekeeping item after the property tax certification and the tax budget is completed. The County's Budget Commission designates what everyone will get, and what will be certified. The City, by this resolution, accepts the Commission's designation. Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to grant the Auditor's request for a Resolution Accepting Amounts & Rates designated by the Ashtabula County Budget Commission; motion CARRIED.

Extend Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP): The Committee denied a request by an employee to extend the Plan. Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to uphold the Committee's denial; motion CARRIED.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SECRETARY (Codified Ordinance Chapter 145 titled Civil Service Commission at Section 145.02 titled Administration, and Charter Section 40 titled The Civil Service Commission): The Committee agreed to have the Clerk of Council obtain the Solicitor's opinion on whether to retain the position of Civil Service Commission Secretary as a paid position, and who is eligible to fill said position.

Recommendation to Waive Temporary Stores Permit: The Committee approved the Manager's recommendation to waive the permit fee required for the Lion's Club to sale Sweetest Day roses at Cornelius Park beginning Friday, October 18. This recommendation was placed before the full Council because it is the sole body authorized to waive the fee.

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Trisket seconded to grant the Manager's temporary stores permit fee waiver recommendation; motion CARRIED.

2014 Budget: The Manager presented Council with next year's budget.

Conforming Boundaries: This matter has been tabled until inquires into whether non township residents will continue to receive resident cemetery rate privileges, and details pertaining to the City's payback requirement are satisfied.

Codified Ordinance Replacement Pages: The Clerk informed the Committee that the City's Codified Ordinances have been updated through September 2013, and that an ordinance accepting the replacement pages is required. Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded, an ordinance accepting the updates. The Ward 4 Councilor issued a reminder that the City's Codified Ordinances are on the City's website. The motion CARRIED.

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

The Chair reported the Committee will meet on Friday, October 25, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room. Waste Management representatives will be present to discuss curbside recycling, and the public was encouraged to attend.

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

The Chair announced there to be no report. The next Committee meeting date and time will be determined after the new Council is seated on December 1. A reminder was issued that the Ashtabula City Police Levy will appear as Issue No. 6 on the November 5 General Election ballot. He said if citizens want increased police protection the levy must pass.

Work Session

The President thanked and commended the Manager and the Auditor/Acting Treasurer for working hard to get the City's 2014 budget estimate to Council prior to the November 1 deadline. The Manager thanked department heads and supervisors for their involvement and timeliness. The President announced Council will meet in a Budget Work Session on Thursday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd Floor conference room. The public is welcome.

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Regular Agenda Legislation Only) – None

LEGISLATION READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-156 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 C.H.I.P. GRANT, 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: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-157 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE & TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (C.H.I.P.) TO BE FUNDED BY THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 C.H.I.P. GRANT, 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: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-158 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO CODIFIED ORDINANCES, 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: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-159 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDICO SYSTEMS, INC. FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION SERVICE, 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: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-160 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND 412 THE SUM OF \$69,321 INTO TWO (2) ACCOUNTS IN ORDER TO REFUND EXPENDITURES FROM THE MUNICIPAL COURT SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND AND PAY FOR MAINTENANCE/PAINITNG OF THE ASHTABULA CITY JAIL, 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: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-161 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED PARKING DECK FUND 192 THE SUM OF \$10,000 IN ORDER TO PAY THE REMAINING COST OF INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING IN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING DECK, 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: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-162 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH B & J ELECTRIC OF POLAND, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING LIGHTING IN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING DECK, 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: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-163 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MORTON SALT, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF TREATED ROCK SALT GRANT, 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: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-164 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, 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: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the resolution: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Soliciting: The Ward 2 Councilor asked the Manager to speak on unwanted soliciting activity that has taken place lately. The Manager reported companies try to sell residents different gas and electric rates or try to persuade residents to switch to their rates. FirstEnergy (FE) issued an email that some of these organizations are counterfeiting as their representatives. However, FE (aka, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and C.E.I.), does not have a door-to-door program. Neither will they ask residents for an electric bill or their account numbers because they have that information if you are their customer. Some solicitors have been invited into homes. The Manager reported the City, at this time, has not issued permits for door-to-door sales. He said one company did request a permit of his office; that the request happened to coincided with FE's warning notice, and the permit was denied.

Clerk of Council said Thank you: The Clerk of Council thanked Reverend Leonard and Mr. Baker for their presentation in honor of her dad's military service and demise. She thanked Council for permitting the surprise at their meeting. She said while in South Carolina for her dad's funeral services, she met many from his side of the family whom she did not know, and learned things about her dad she did not know – even though he has been a part of her 55 years of life. She said it was “a real honor” for him to be recognized.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Kenneth Wolfgang, 4203 Ann Avenue: reported his road is filled with potholes. He reported that a seeing eye school's previous study of our City's traffic signalization revealed that Rodgers Place (a road leading into the Ashtabula County Medical Center – ACMC), does not need an audible traffic signal because the seeing impaired will be transported to the facility or will be accompanied by a sighted person; therefore would not cross at Rodgers Place. They believe a more useful location would be a few feet due north at West 24th Street and Lake Avenue. Mr. Wolfgang announced the four locations where audible traffic signals would benefit the seeing impaired community are: Woodman Avenue & Route 20 (aka Prospect Road), West Avenue & Route 20, Station Avenue & Route 20, and Lake Avenue & Route 20 (an intersection also referred to as Five Points). The Manager asked for a copy of the school's study.

Mr. Wolfgang agreed to provide it. The Ward 4 Councilor asked Mr. Wolfgang if he had a problem with an audible traffic signal being placed at Rodgers Place. He responded that if the City is going to spend the money, spend it where it meets ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. The President thanked Mr. Wolfgang for his attention to this matter, and said he looks forward to receiving the report.

Executive Session: None

Reconvene Open Meeting: N/A

Action resulting from Executive Session: N/A

CLOSING REMARKS

The President asked that we, "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula"

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Trisket moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; motion CARRIED.

DATE APPROVED: **November 4, 2013**

ATTESTED BY: _____

**JP Ducro IV
President of Council**

ATTESTED BY: _____

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