

Call to Order

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Opening Ceremony (Prayer/Pledge/Moment of Silence)

Rev. Dr. Michael Meranda, Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Members Present:	Mr. Richard F. Balog	Ward 1 Councilor
	Mr. August A. Pugliese	Ward 2 Councilor
	Mrs. Alice T. Cook	Ward 3 Councilor
	Mrs. Josephine Misener	Ward 4 Councilor
	Mr. Kris E. Hamrick	Ward 5 Councilor
	Mr. Christopher J. McClure	Vice President
	Mr. J. P. Ducro IV	President

Member(s) Absent: None

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

Officer(s) Absent: None

Excused Absence: None

The President apologized for getting a late start due to the Swearing-In Ceremony of the Wards 3, 4, and 5 Councilors, and Municipal Court Judge Albert Campese, and for the problem with the audio.

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

Presentations: None

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

The Clerk of Council presented the following meeting minutes for disposal:

- * November 14, 2013 Work Session
- * November 18, 2013 Regular Meeting

Mrs. Cook moved, Mrs. Misener seconded, to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

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 – The Manager announced he had no report but will have several items to present at the December 16 Regular Council meeting.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT - No Report

CITY AUDITOR/ACTING CITY TREASURER'S (A/ACT) REPORT - The Auditor announced she had no report, and that the financial update will be provided at the December 13 Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Community/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation (Mrs. Misener/Mr. McClure)

The Chair announced the committee will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The following Councilors will serve on the committee: Mr. McClure (Vice Chair), Mr. Balog, and Mrs. Cook. They will meet on Monday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m. The Chair reported there is a lot of work to do, that she was really impressed with the debate and dialogue at the November 14 Budget Work Session, believes it is conducive to moving the City forward, and that she really appreciated that.

The Chair said she looks forward to the upcoming 4 years, that there are lots of “bridges to build; and there has been a real good foundation layed”. She said while the public may not be able to see the foundation that has been layed, the foundation is necessary in order to move forward.

Finance and Personnel - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mr. Balog)

The Chair announced the following Councilors will serve on the committee: Mr. Balog (Vice Chair), Mr. Pugliese, and Mrs. Cook. The meetings will continue to take place on the 2nd Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room. They will meet on Friday, December 13.

Public Works/Utilities/Schools – (Mr. McClure/Mr. Pugliese)

The Chair announced the committee will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 4:30 p.m. They will not meet in December; however will meet on Thursday, January 9, at 4:30 p.m. The following Councilors will serve on the committee: Mr. Pugliese (Vice Chair), Mrs. Misener, and Mr. Hamrick.

The Chair reported he and the Vice Chair will work over the next few weeks to set the agenda.

The President thanked Councilor Pugliese for his service as Chair of this committee for the last two years, said he did a great job with the committee, and knows he will be of tremendous help to the new Chair.

Safety Forces – (Mr. Balog/Mrs. Misener)

The Chair announced the meetings will continue to take place on the 3rd Friday of each month, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room, and will meet on December 20. The following Councilors will serve on the committee: Misener (Vice Chair), Mrs. Cook, and Mr. Hamrick.

Work Session – No Report

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Regular Agenda Legislation Only) – None

LEGISLATION READING

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2013

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The President thanked the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA) and Ashtabula County Chamber of Commerce for putting on a GREAT parade. He thanked those who participated in the parade, those who came out in support of the parade, and said it was good to see businesses doing things to keep spectators in the area and uptown active after dark.

The Ward 2 Councilor commented, "GO BUCKEYES"!

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: N/A

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

CLOSING REMARKS

The President announced the next Regular Council Meeting will take place on Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m.; Pre-Council at 6:00 p.m., and that the vote on the 2014 Budget for the City of Ashtabula will be taken.

The President reminded everyone to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", thanked everyone for being present, thanked the outgoing and ingoing Councilors, and said he is looking forward to a wonderful Christmas holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: **December 16, 2013**

ATTESTED BY: _____

J. P. Ducro IV
President of Council

ATTESTED BY: _____

LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council