

**Ashtabula City Municipal Building)  
City of Ashtabula, Ohio)**

**Monday, January 6, 2014**

**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 1 Councilor offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Members Present:** 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. Richard F. Balog (Ward 1 Councilor)  
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)  
Mr. J. P. Ducro IV (President)

**Member(s) Absent:** None

**Officer(s) Present:** Mr. James M. Timonere (City Manager)  
Mrs. Dana D. Pinkert (Finance Director)  
Mrs. LaVette E. Hennigan (Clerk of Council)

**Officer(s) Absent:** Mr. Michael Franklin (City Solicitor)

**Excused Absence:** None

**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.

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**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** - None

**FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS** – None

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

**LEGISLATION READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-11 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH INSIGHT PIPE CONTRACTING, L.P. FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND MATERIALS AND DELETION OF SERVICES AND MATERIALS ON THE WEST HARBOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I. (City Manager)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDICO SYSTEMS, INC. FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION SERVICES TO ABATE FOUR (4) VACANT AND BLIGHTED STRUCTURES. (City Manager)**

Comment: The City Manager reported one or two homes on the last list are being worked on. The ones on the new list have to first be abated and then will be demolished.

Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the reading of the Consent Agenda legislation; motion CARRIED. Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

**(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Formal Legislation Requests**

The City Manager formally requested the following legislation:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-13 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LAMPION COMPANIES FOR THE UPGRADE AND REPAIR OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF BENEFIT AVENUE AND WEST PROSPECT AVENUE (U.S. RT. 20) IN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager’s request; motion CARRIED.

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An appropriation from unappropriated funds the amount of \$45,411.00 to the Permanent Improvement fund, 412-200-5554. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

### **Route 20 & Benefit Avenue Traffic Light Replacement**

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Lampion Companies of 6882 Ridge Road, Wadsworth, OH 44281 for the purpose of providing new traffic signalization at the intersection of Route 20 and Benefit Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$45,411.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5554, entitled Street Improvements. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

### **Walnut Beach Grant Application**

Prepare and file an application through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Grant. This grant will fully fund the construction and restoration we propose for Walnut Beach, and is directly in line with their goals of enhanced resiliency of our shorelines and natural areas to protect our communities and local economies. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Manager reported we are eligible for these funds because the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency after Hurricane Sandy. The grant will be very competitive. It is 100% funded; there is not match. Although if we are able to provide in-kind services, or if we provide match funding, it might help us score higher in the grant process. The Manager said we have worked hard with ~~the Western Reserve Land Conservancy~~ *The Nature Conservancy*; whom he gave credit to for brining it forward and pushing us to do it; especially Ms. Karen Adair who has guided us through the process. Our Planning & Community Development Department's Director Ms. Luciana Ratermann and Project Administrator Mrs. Mary Church have played a major role in this process. The grant is to help with storm water retention and mitigation, and reconstruction of natural habitats to further help with storm water runoff, thus eliminating erosion which occurs with heavy rains and storms. The grant filing deadline is the end of this month. The project outline will be presented to Council. We are able to apply for up to \$1 million dollars, and will apply for the full amount. We are waiting for engineer estimates to arrive. The funds may not be used on projects performed prior to the application's submission. City employees may be able to provide in-kind services. There are several stakeholders involved. Funds being used for the Harbor Restoration – Big 3 Plan may not be used for this project. However the design being discussed for this grant application does coincide with the Walnut Beach Master Plan. The Vice President asked if the focus will be solely on Walnut Beach or are any erosion areas, such as Highland Beach, being considered. The Manager responded it is specific to the beach. The motion CARRIED.

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### **Trash Pick Up Schedule**

The City Manager announced the following City offices will be closed tomorrow due to the forecasted temperature drop to thirty below zero: City Hall, City Hall Annex, Municipal Court, and Sanitation. Public Works crews will work. He reported County offices and Community Action will also be closed, and suggested appointments be varied prior to going. Beginning tomorrow, garbage pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday's pick up will be on Saturday, January 11.

### **Questions for the Manager**

#### **Walnut Beach Concession Stand**

The Ward 2 Councilor asked the Manager if he plans to advertise for someone to operate the Walnut Beach Concession Stand. The Manager reported Requests for Proposals (RFP) will be out by the end of the month. RFP specifics will be on the City's website. His hope is to have a longer contract so the successful bidder is able to make an investment in the business. He has had a few very good candidates approach him, had good conversations with them, and took them on a tour of the property.

### **CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT** - No Report

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The change over from an Auditor's Department to the Division of Finance has officially taken place. The same staff and services are being offered. The office will be closed tomorrow, with the possibility of limited staff on site.

#### **Formal Legislation Requests**

The Finance Director formally requested the following legislation:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-14 AN ORDINANCE, REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE NO. 2013-195, PASSED ON DECEMBER 16, 2013, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED ASHTABULA MUNICIPAL CLERK OF COURT AS PER THE COURT'S INSTRUCTIONS. Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the Finance Director's request; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO 2014-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA OHIO. Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Finance Director's request; motion CARRIED.

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**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS** (Chair/Vice Chair)

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

The Chair announced the committee will meet on Monday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m. The 'My Neighborhood' group is scheduled to attend. The Ashtabula City Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The Chair announced the committee will meet on Friday, January 10, at 8:00 a.m., in the municipal building second floor conference room.

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

The Chair announced the committee did not meet last Friday due to the extreme frigid weather. The committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, February 7, at 8:00 a.m. The Chair announced the committee's regularly scheduled monthly meetings will change to the first Friday of the month, at 8:00 a.m., beginning in February.

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

The Chair reported on the Committee's December 20 meeting as follows:

**Police & Fire Departments:**

- \* Reviewed the department's 2014 budgets and manning;
- \* The departments believe they are able to make it through the year with what has been budgeted;
- \* Police Department's current manning: 26 sworn police officers (2 of which are school resource officers therefore are not always available), and 2 full-time dispatchers;
- \* Overtime is usually due to training, court time, illness, and injury;
- \* Ashtabula County jail space is limited for mid-level offenders; therefore it takes a while for them to be called to serve their time. County officials will be contacted regarding more jail space;
- \* Police Levy failed in November 2013 election; it was decided to give citizens the opportunity to vote again. The Chair said he is a firm advocate that citizens should have a voice; therefore supports revisiting the placement of the levy on the May 6, 2014 Primary Election ballot; and
- \* All City departments are short funded due to the loss of about \$1 million dollars in Local Government Funding over the last three years. Support for the levy would be appreciated.

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**Formal Legislation Requests**

Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to present RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03 this evening for disposal, and asked the Clerk of Council to read the correct title of the resolution, that being:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TWO AND ONE-HALF (2.5)-MILL POLICE TAX FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, OTHER EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS, AND SITES FOR SUCH BUILDINGS USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF THE ASHTABULA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT OR PART-TIME POLICE, COMMUNICATIONS, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.33 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND REQUESTING THE ASHTABULA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY SUCH ADDITIONAL TAX. (Requestor: City Manager); motion CARRIED.

Discussion cont'd

- \* Fire Department manpower: 21 line firefighters, 1 Fire Prevention Officer, 1 Chief;
- \* Civil Service Commission

Formal Legislation Requests – The Chair requested, Mr. Pugliese seconded the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-08 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2002-73, PASSED ON JULY 1, 2002, TITLED “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 10801 PASSED ON MARCH 11, 1987, AND CODIFIED IN ASHTABULA, OHIO’S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AT SECTION 145.03(f) FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER’S SECRETARY TO RECEIPT AND RECEIVE ALL MONEYS PAYABLE TO THE ASHTABULA CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND DEPOSIT ALL OF THE SAME WITH THE DEPOSITORY OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO”, IN ORDER TO RESTRUCTURE THE OPERATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. (Requestor: City Manager’s Executive Assistant Brenda Sanders - resulting from Civil Service Commission’s request to abolish Commission Secretary position). The President noted that Ordinance No. 2002-73 references the position ‘City Treasurer’, which position has been abolished, thus making this ordinance obsolete. The motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, EXISTING RULE IV(11) OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR CHALLENGING THE RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS. (Requestor: Fire Chief Ronald Pristera); motion CARRIED.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW RULE IV(11) OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR CHALLENGING THE RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS.

(Requestor: Fire Chief Ronald Pristera). The President reported the company who will provide testing will change. The motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1365.04(d), BEING PART OF A SECTION ENTITLED "DWELLING SAFETY AND SANITARY MAINTENANCE". (Requestor: Fire Chief Pristera). The following will eliminate a conflict between the City's Housing Code and the Ohio Fire Code. The motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-02 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1365.04(d), BEING PART OF A SECTION ENTITLED "DWELLING SAFETY AND SANITARY MAINTENANCE". (Requestor: Fire Chief Pristera). The motion CARRIED.

#### **Questions for Safety Forces Committee**

The Ward 4 Councilor asked if the Fire and Police Departments submit year end reports. The Chair said yes, sometime after February.

The Ward 4 Councilor asked how to make a 'no parking' sign request. The Chair said it would go to the Public Works/Utilities/Schools Committee. The Manager said the information may also be given to him and he will have the police department review it and make a recommendation to the Public Works/Utilities/Schools Committee. The Councilor said she will do the latter.

The President thanked the Ward 4 Councilor for volunteering to Chair the Police Levy Committee. Updates will be regularly provided. The Ward 4 Councilor announced the first meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 9, at 9:30 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

**Work Session** – No Report

#### **FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS**

Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Cook seconded RESOLUTION NO. 2014-16 A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO DAVID WILLIAM HOFFMAN; motion CARRIED. The President read the resolution into the record, noting Mr. Hoffman was not available to attend tonight's meeting:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO  
DAVID WILLIAM HOFFMAN**

**WHEREAS**, it is with honor that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio give special recognition to David William Hoffman, a lifelong resident, Ashtabula High School graduate, former owner of Hoffman Pharmacy (a locally owned family business since the early 1940s which continues to serve our community to this very day); and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 25, 1989, Mr. Hoffman, better known as David to the community, was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Ashtabula City Board of Health by then Board President and City Manager Domenic Scricca; and,

**WHEREAS**, in April of 1991, David was reappointed to fill a full four year term as a member of the Ashtabula City Board of Health, and has faithfully served ever since; and,

**WHEREAS**, David has served as the Ashtabula City Board of Health's President Pro-Tem for over two decades, an appointment made by a vote of his peers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, David took the lead to reorganize the Ashtabula City Health Department, at which time a part-time, permanent Health Commissioner was appointed; Commissioner Christine Hill continues to serve today; and

**WHEREAS**, David's characteristics are described as committed, dedicated, steadfast, humble, and a consummate professional.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, do show our APPRECIATION for Mr. David William Hoffman's longevity of 25 years of valuable, volunteer service as a member of the Ashtabula City Board of Health, coupled with steadfastness as a valued member of our business community. **DAVID, WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!**

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to adopt the resolution; motion CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Regular Agenda Legislation Only)**

**LEGISLATION READING**

The City Council elected to present the following legislation in a Consent Agenda format. The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for Council's disposal:

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**ORDINANCE**

**2014-01** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1365.04(d), BEING PART OF A SECTION ENTITLED "DWELLING SAFETY AND SANITARY MAINTENANCE".  
(Fire Chief Pristera)

**ORDINANCE**

**2014-02** AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1365.04(d), BEING PART OF A SECTION ENTITLED "DWELLING SAFETY AND SANITARY MAINTENANCE".  
(Fire Chief Pristera)

**RESOLUTION**

**2014-03** A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TWO AND ONE-HALF (2.5)-MILL TAX FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, OTHER EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS, AND SITES FOR SUCH BUILDINGS USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF THE ASHTABULA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT OR PART-TIME POLICE, COMMUNICATIONS, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.33 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND REQUESTING THE ASHTABULA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY SUCH ADDITIONAL TAX. (City Manager)

**ORDINANCE**

**2014-04** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, EXISTING RULE I(4) OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, IN ORDER TO ABOLISH THE SEPARATE POSITION OF SECRETARY AND REDEFINE THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN. (Civil Service Commission)

**ORDINANCE**

**2014-05** AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW RULE I(4) OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, IN ORDER TO ABOLISH THE SEPARATE POSITION OF SECRETARY AND REDEFINE THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN. (Civil Service Commission)

**ORDINANCE**

**2014-06** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, SECTION 145.02(4) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, IN ORDER TO ABOLISH THE SEPARATE POSITION OF SECRETARY TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND REDEFINE THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.  
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**ORDINANCE**

**2014-07** AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 145.02(4) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, IN ORDER TO ABOLISH THE SEPARATE POSITION OF SECRETARY TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND REDEFINE THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION. (Civil Service Commission)

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Council Rules:** The President reported Council was provided with a copy of their standing 'Council Rules'. He asked members to review them and forward suggestions and amendments, if any, to the Clerk of Council. He invited the Administration to comment. The Rules will be amended, or accepted without amendments, at a Regular Council meeting. The President reported the following are suggested amendments thus far:

#### ***Regular Meeting Agenda:***

- *Move the General Public Discussion towards the beginning of the meeting so citizens will not have to sit through the entire meeting before having an opportunity to address the dais.*
- *Remove 'Approval of Meeting Minutes';*
- *Add 'President's Report';*
- *Add 'Clerk of Council's Report; and*
- *Add 'Consent Agenda'.*

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Stop Sign (Northeast corner of Ohio Avenue & Wade Avenue Intersection):** The Vice President reported the stop sign was placed up high on an existing pole, is located too far back from the intersection, and if it is permanent. The Manager said he does not believe the original sign was found, the snowfall may have played a part in the decision, and every time the ground is penetrated a call to O.U.P.S (Ohio Utilities Protection Service) is required.

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The Manager suggested this was a quick solution, and said there is a high pressured natural gas line running on that side of the road. The Manager said he will follow up.

**Snow Plowing:** The Ward 2 Councilor commended Public Works for doing a ‘great job’ removing snow. He reported the only complaint he received was Parkgate Avenue was not plowed. The Manager said crews were brought in New Year’s Eve until 10:00 p.m., were back in at 7:00 a.m. New Year’s Day, and worked around the clock until Friday at 11:00 p.m. He said this time a lot of snow fell all at once versus the previous storm where continuous snow fell for three days causing residents to voice complaints. This time plowing was completed in a little over 12 hours, and crews were pulled off the main roads sooner to plow neighborhoods. The Manager reiterated his request for Public Works not to be asked to plow ‘certain’ streets. They feel obligated to leave their route to take care of the requests, which is counterproductive.

**Employee Commendation:** The Ward 2 Councilor commended all employees on doing a ‘great job’.

**Water Main Leak:** The Ward 5 Councilor reported he was told of a water leak at Madison Avenue Extension (entrance to Clifford Kadon Presidential Park off West 58<sup>th</sup> Street). He said it is so bad it has “trenched” across the road; and now another one is at the intersection of the same area. The ditch along the eastside of the road is completely filled with water. Twice he contacted Aqua Ohio; however they have not been out. A vehicle’s front tires sink into the water, and the road has been washed out in two areas. The Manager will look into it.

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**Mrs. Karen Flack, 1827 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street:** said it is common for some not to abide by the City’s snow ban (no parking when snow reaches three inches); and asked who is responsible to report violators. She said it is hard to navigate around parked vehicle and the pile of snow created because plowing couldn’t take place at to the curb. The Manager responded the plow driver determines if a vehicle is creating a plowing problem. If a problem exists they are able to radio or call the Police Department, who is able to write warning, issue citations, or have the vehicle towed. However, once roads have been plowed vehicles are permitted to park on them again, but must, again, be removed when the snow reaches snow ban level. He said between the Police and Public Works Departments monitoring is done as best as possible, and believes citations have been issued, but logs are maintained.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:** N/A

**ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** N/A

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**CLOSING REMARKS**

The next Regular Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m., with Pre-Council at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be Tuesday due to the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday holiday.

The President reminded everyone to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", and issued a salutation for the best of the new year to everyone.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McClure moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: **February 3, 2014**

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**J. P. Ducro IV**  
**President of Council**

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council**