

**ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO**  
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, April 20, 2015**

**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. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Kingsville Pack 11, Webelo 1 Scouts Hunter Dragon, and Jace Wagner and his father and Cub Master Russ Wagner.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	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. August A. Pugliese	(Ward 2 Councilor)
	Mr. Christopher J. McClure	(Vice President)
	Mr. J. P. Ducro IV	(President)

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** None

<b>OFFICER(S) PRESENT:</b>	Mr. James M. Timonere	(City Manager)
	Mr. Michael Franklin	(City Solicitor)
	Mrs. Dana D. Pinkert	(Finance Director)
	Mrs. LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC	(Clerk of Council)

**OFFICER(S) ABSENT:** None

**EXCUSED ABSENCE(S):** None

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

**PRESENTATION(S):** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The City Solicitor requested an Executive Session to discuss property and pending or threatened litigation. Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the Solicitor's request. On the roll call to convene an Executive Session for the stated purposes: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Balog, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED. All officers accompanied the City Council in to the session.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:** At 7:47 p.m., the President announced the public portion of the meeting was reconvened. He apologized for the session going longer than planned.

**ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The President entertained a motion to vacate West 50<sup>th</sup> Street, formerly known as Easy Street. Mr. McClure moved, Mrs. Cook seconded the President's request. The Clerk of Council asked the President to restate the motion noting the request was to have legislation prepared to vacate West 50<sup>th</sup> Street, formerly known as Easy Street. The President acknowledged the changed to be correct, restated the motion to have legislation prepared for the vacation of West 50<sup>th</sup> Street, formerly Easy Street, off of Benefit Avenue, in the City of Ashtabula. Mr. McClure moved, Mrs. Cook seconded. On the roll call to have legislation prepared for the stated purpose: Mrs. Cook voted yea, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Balog, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted nay. The motion FAILED by a 1 to 6 vote.

**Explanation:** The President explained that the vote was to have legislation prepared to vacate West 50<sup>th</sup> Street, as requested by Mr. Bill Hamilton. The vote FAILED, thereby denying Mr. Hamilton's request.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda is a means whereby Council is able to efficiently conduct business by grouping routine items and disposing of or enacting them by one motion, a second, and a vote.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** - None

**FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS** - None

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

**LEGISLATION READING** - None

(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The Clerk of Council presented the April 6, 2015 Public Hearing minutes for disposal. Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections the minutes were approved as presented.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **YMCA Walnut Beach Lifeguard Services Contract**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County YMCA of 263 West Prospect Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of providing lifeguard services in 2015 for the amount not to exceed \$24,500.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 233-158-5320, entitled Professional Services. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Balog seconded to grant the Manager's request. Discussion: The Manager reported the rate is the same however the contract increased by \$2,700, due to the Y's belief in the need to extend the services until 6:00 p.m. The motion CARRIED.

### **Purchase of Vehicles for City Departments**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to purchase four (4) vehicles from Nassief of 1059 State Route 46 N, Jefferson, OH 44047 in the amount not to exceed \$80,400.00 in accordance with State Purchasing pricing. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the Permanent Improvement fund, 412. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request. Discussion: The City Manager detailed the following purchases:

#### 2 Ford Fusions

- 1 – Housing Inspector: He currently drives a drug seized Saab. It is in okay condition. It will be used as a backup vehicle when the new vehicles are being used for out-of-town travel.
  
- 1 – Health Department: Their current vehicle is an old Cavalier seized from a drug deal. It will be scraped, traded-in, or sold.

These new vehicles will also be used for out-of-town travel in lieu of paying mileage or renting a vehicle, when doing so saves cost.

#### 2 – F150s:

- 1 – Engineering Technician (ET): He currently drives a 2003 truck with over 100,000 miles on it. It is not good enough for his day-to-day operations, so it will be used by Water Pollution as a 'run around' vehicle. It will not have a plow affixed to it because it is 2-wheel drive and not suitable for plowing.
  
- 1 – Animal Control Officer: His current vehicle has had problems as a day-to-day vehicle. It will go to Motor Maintenance to replace an old Ford Ranger that has exceeded its useful life. The motion CARRIED.

### **Nassief Vehicle Purchases**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to purchase two (2) vehicles from Nassief of 1059 State Route 46 N, Jefferson, OH 44047 in the amount not to exceed \$51,000.00 in accordance with State Purchasing pricing. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the Permanent Improvement fund, 412.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request. **Discussion:** The Manager reported these are Ford SUV Interceptors. One (1) will go to the Police Department to replace a 2006 Ford Tarsus which has passed its useful life. It will be scrapped, traded-in, or sold. The other one will replace one of the Fire Department's Ford Explorers. The current Ford Explorer is not recommended to continue to be used on 'hot calls'. It would be a good vehicle for the Municipal Court Bailiff, who currently drives a Ford Tarsus that is in worse condition than the one in the Police Department.

In response to the President's inquiry about Police Department cruisers, the Manager reported 5 were purchased. Those purchased 2 years ago have one more lease year remaining. The current vehicle requests, including the 5 which are already purchased, are coming out of our Huntington Bank Lease Line that was opened last year. He said he has put off making this purchase; however the need for potentially more repairs due to the harsh winter makes it prudent to now make the purchases. The Police Department has vehicles on hand which the officers hired with funds will be able to use; therefore no more vehicles are needed for patrolmen purposes. The motion CARRIED.

#### **Bob Ross Auto Group Vehicle Purchases**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to purchase two (2) vehicles from the Bob Ross Auto Group of 85 Loop Rd., Centerville, OH 45459 in the amount not to exceed \$61,300.00 in accordance with State Purchasing pricing. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the Permanent Improvement fund, 412. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request. **Discussion:** The City Manager reported these are GMC 2500 HD Pickup Trucks. One is a crew-cab with a short bed; the other is an extended cab with a short bed. One will replace a plow truck in Water Pollution; the other will replace the Fire Department's plow and utility truck they take to fire scenes. They currently have a 2001 Ford F250 which has exceeded its useful life. Both of the old ones will be traded-in, sold, or scrapped.

#### **State Purchasing Pricing**

The Manager reported the City is allowed to approach local dealerships to see if they are able to meet or 'be a little bit lower' than the established State Purchasing price. If they are able to, we are permitted to purchase directly from those dealerships. The State Purchasing bidding process qualifies for what we are required to do for bidding purposes. He reported that unfortunately no local dealerships could come close to Bob Ross Auto Group prices. He learned that GMC gives State Purchasing contractors a little bit better pricing. The motion CARRIED.

#### **Perram Electric – CO#3 – Traffic Signal Project**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 3 with Perram Electric of 6882 Ridge Road, Wadsworth, OH 44281 for the purpose of a time extension and an increase to the contract amount of \$102.69 for the Traffic Signalization Project. Funds for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5500. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request, motion CARRIED.

### **RLF Waiver for Hulbert Street Improvement Project**

The City Manager requested an ordinance for authorization to prepare and submit a request for waiver to the Ohio Development Services Agency in order to use \$20,000 from the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (EDRLF) in order to complete the Hulbert Street Improvement Project. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request. **Discussion:** The City Manager reported two aprons that go into the Hulbert Avenue parking lot, located behind Bridge Street, had to be removed from the project scope in order for the project to remain under the grant fund amount. The aprons have to be replaced in order for the project to be done properly. The EDRLF's are able to be used for such work.

The President asked what the lifespan of a rebricked road is. The Manager said he would not begin to know, but could find out. He said one of the reasons the road is in such poor condition is because there are missing bricks, bricks falling apart, and utility cuts. He said Aqua Ohio has agreed to remove their water line out of the street prior to the project commencing. They will relocate it in the sidewalk right-of-way so there are no more issues with a water line break on that road. The motion CARRIED.

### **Health District Licensing Council Appointment**

The City Manager announced he appointed Mr. J. R. Tubbs to the Health District Licensing Council effective immediately as a representative of Tattoo Parlors.

### **West Side Clean Up**

The City Manager said, "I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to A100 Group and Community Action, specifically to Tiffany Reid and David Miller. They did an outstanding job organizing the clean up this weekend." He said because it hit the radio many people stopped by to help, than ever was expected. He reported 8 large over 50 yard dumpsters were filled. Volunteers picked up an excessive amount of tires, others brought them for disposal, and in total there were about 1000 tires collected. He reported Congressman David Joyce, and other State Representatives provided lunch. Members of our City Council, and about 60 volunteers, including Mr. Kister who brought a loaded to the disposal site, worked all day. He said it was a very successful day.

The Manager said because of the number of tires collected, he has been in touch with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), who is going to try and help us secure funding to dispose of the tires. Although last year we were awarded \$10,000 to address an on-going tire issue, the tires that were removed with those funds did not begin to fully address the 'tire' problem our community has. He said it was suggested that cameras be placed in the areas where illegal dumping is occurring. He said the public is welcome to dispose of the tires properly at our Sanitation Department, noting there is a fee to do so. He said the fee is assessed because the City has a cost to bear to store and disposal of them in compliance with the OEPA guidelines.

The Manager said people have decided to begin meeting now to organize for next year because of the amount of success this year yielded.

The Manager said the funding that it would take for the City of Ashtabula to sponsor an annual cleanup day does not allow for it to happen anymore. However, working with organizations that are able to obtain funding for cleanup is something that should continue.

#### **Formal Legislation Request**

The City Manager formally requested Ordinance No. 2015-56 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING COLLECTIVE ARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY'S THREE (3) UNIONS IN ORDER TO ALLOW NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTINUE. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Balog seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Questions and Comments for the City Manager**

**West Side Cleanup:** The President echoed the City Manager's sentiments including thanking those who assisted, particularly the many volunteers from Turning Point. He said, "Had it not been for their participation it would have been very challenging for us to manage the unloading of the amount of trash that was brought in on trucks and trailers". He also thanked Jeff Nash who resides at the corner of West Avenue up from the collection site location. He has been walking his neighborhood, working on Ann Avenue, and some of the others areas where illegal dumping occurs. He said Mr. Nash is a great example of a regular citizen who is taking some personal ownership and pride in wanting to cleanup his community.

**Council Sponsored Cleanups:** The President challenged each Councilor to organize a cleanup in their ward; even if it is just walking a couple blocks or establishing a target area and picking up litter. He suggested that perhaps in 2016, the Ward Councilors could also coordinate cleanups in their jurisdictions on the same day as community organizations schedule theirs.

**Walnut Beach Cleanup:** The City Manager announced that before Memorial Day (May 25), a cleanup of the Beach will be organized. He will provide details once they are available.

**Collins Boulevard Lighting:** The Ward 4 Councilor reported receiving word that the lighting is not working again. The City Manager reported the lights are the City's responsibility. It is an ongoing problem that is being traced. There are issues with power getting to the lights from the breakers. There are also issues with the conduit running underneath the road, which is the old aluminum wire that has deteriorated in some sections. Some of the poles need to be rewired; others are good. The situation continues to be monitored, and "to do it the right way is going to be expensive".

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

### **Questions and Comments for the City Solicitor**

**Motorists Cutting Through Properties:** The Ward 2 Councilor asked if it is illegal for motorist to leave a street, and take a short cut across a parking lot to get to another street. He said it is common practice for motorists to cut through Sav-A-Lot's parking lot (Harbor Plaza) from Lake Avenue to get to West 8<sup>th</sup> Street. He believes it is a dangerous situation, especially because of the rate of speed in which is being traveled through the parking lot. The Solicitor reported there is an ordinance which prohibits cutting corners/avoiding a traffic signal by going through a parking lot or private land. If an officer observes someone in violation of the law, action may be taken. The Ward 2 Councilor asked that the Police Department check into this.

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

**"Then and Now" Purchase Order – Authorization to Pay:** The Finance Director made a request to pay a \$4,900 invoice from the Ohio Fire Chief's Association. The request to pay is required because the invoice is more than \$3,000 and the funds were not encumbered in advance of authorizing the services. It is for a Civil Service Commission (CSC) expense stemming from the Fire Chief's testing,. It happened during a time when the CSC Chair retired and was not present to handle it. Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to pay the invoice. The President noted the bill would have been paid had it gone through the proper procedure; the Finance Director responded, yes; further stating that the expense was budgeted for and completely valid – however, the purchase order was not issued in advance. The motion CARRIED.

**Ohio Checkbook.com:** The Finance Director reported State Treasurer Josh Mandel has been advertising Ohio Checkbook.com, thereby asking municipalities to partner with the Treasurer's Office to place their checkbook online. It appears it will be at no cost to the City of Ashtabula given the Treasurer's Office would provide the software. Our expenses is what would be would posted online. The Finance Director reported she is considering the City's participation. She would like to hear from Council as to whether we should, or to voice concerns about participating, at which time she would research more.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

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

The Chair reported on the committee's April 12, meeting, as follows:

**Planning & Community Development Department (PCDD):** PCDD Director Luciana Ratermann provided an update on the department's activities. The latest being the public meeting held a little over a month ago in Council Chambers. The department continues to gather information and determine a target area to include in a grant proposal due in June.

**Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA) Received Grant:** The ADDA was awarded a \$30,000 Civic Development Corporation (CDC) Grant, to help beautify Main Avenue. ADDA's Design Committee is creating a plan. This spring there should be a new display of flowers and flower boxes. Their full plan has not been revealed.

**Point-of-Sale Inspections:** The City presently has an ordinance governing the outside inspection of homes prior to the completion of their sale. The PCDD Director is working to get input from realtors to determine how to proceed with the enforcement of these inspections.

**Demolitions:** The PCDD Director reported demolitions of dilapidated properties will continue - twenty-four (24) are scheduled for this year. Well over one-hundred (100) have been demolished, which shows we are really attempting to address the problem with blight in our community. Funding for 'greening' a property is included in the next round of funding, in order to plant trees and shrubbery to make the property more attractive for prospective buyers.

**Peace Stone:** ADDA Vice President Ms. Marty Cephas told the committee the stone will be placed at South Park within the next month or so, with the stone's dedication tentatively scheduled for the end of July.

**Request to Rename South Park:** The ADDA and the City's Parks & Recreation Board voted to rename the Park - 'Peace Park', to coincide with the placement of the Peace Stone (see above) and the Peace Pole that is currently in the Park. The renaming is also proposed in order to try and create a new image for the Park, because some people believe the Park has a bad stigma. The Chair reported the full Council has discussed the name change and she moved to maintain the name 'South Park'; Mr. Balog seconded; motion CARRIED. The Chair reported the City Council believes the activities at the Park will help to 'create the image of the Park'. The Chair said there is a metamorphosis taking place in that St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Clifford Kadon Presidential Park (CKPP) volunteers, My Neighborhood Group, and the Ashtabula City Parks & Recreation Board have development programs and activities in CKPP. The Chair said she believes a positive change is going to be witnessed.

**New Year's Eve Lift Bridge Drop:** A few months ago the idea was presented to the City Manager. A meeting was held, and the City Manager will schedule another one once meeting participants have completed their information gathering assignments.

**Parks & Recreation Board:** The Board met on Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. The Chair reported the following took place at the meeting:

**Clifford Kadon Presidential Park (CKPP):** It is going to be a busy season.

**Playground Equipment:** The Board voted to have the equipment erected on Wednesday, June 6. The Manager will be working with the equipment company representative to make this happen.



**Flower Boxes:** Tiffany Reid, of Community Action, will organize the moving of flower boxes from Main Avenue to CKPP. A garden manager was hired to help plant the flowers and care for the Park.

**Pavilion:** A grant was received from St. Peter's Episcopal Church, to build a pavilion.

**Groundbreaking:** The event has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 6. Media coverage is desired.

**Block Party:** A block party is being planned for August.

### **South Park**

**Summer Program:** St. Peter's Church Episcopal Church Rector is planning to host a Summer Lunch Program at South Park. They also plan to host a Kid's Camp August 3 through 7.

The Chair stated that the efforts of several groups, including After School Discovery, Club 212, who adopted the Park, is really making a difference. It will be change that visually will be seen.

**Finance and Personnel - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mr. Balog):** The Chair reported on the committee's Friday, April 17 meeting, as follows:

**Finances:** The Finance Director reported the following to the committee:

- \* Finance Department is working on closing March;
- \* First half property tax revenue was received;
- \* Income Tax collections are down about \$40,000 from year-to-date last year. It could be a 'timing' issue, and will be monitored;
- \* We do not write-off unpaid income tax balances. Unpaid balances dating back three (3) years may be sent to collections, and are aggressively pursued. A possible amnesty tax day was briefly discussed. No decision to pursue this possibility was made.

### **Formal Legislation Request**

The Chair moved, Mr. Balog seconded to grant the Finance Director's request to the committee, for supplemental appropriations in Parks & Recreation and Permanent Improvement Funds; motion CARRIED.

### **Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) Note Obligations**

This year \$140,000 was budgeted to be paid on the \$750,000 liability. Our interest rate is 1.25%. The Finance Director suggested rolling over the note and paying down principal vs. 'making a formal loan on it'. The Chair moved, Mr. Balog seconded to grant the Finance Director's request to the committee to have pension obligation note legislation drafted.

The City Manager clarified that the ERIP was a onetime offer made in 2012 when the City was facing severe budgetary issues. It helped the City get over a rough patch and saved money on payroll. It is not an ongoing Plan. The motion CARRIED.

**“Then and Now” Purchase Order:** The Civil Service invoice discussed during this evening’s Finance Director’s report was discussed in committee.

**Equalization (EQ) Basin Fee Worksheet:** Discussion was held regarding talks which took place at the April 9 Work Session pertaining to the City’s plan to address financing of the capital expense for EPA mandated Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) repairs. The committee reviewed several options the Finance Director presented, in an effort to try and reduce the current EQ Basin fee, particularly for residential citizens, while trying to make sure we have a plan in place that can allow for the ability to generate the same amount of income the EQ Basin does presently, in order to cover the EPA mandate WWTP repairs. After lengthy review and discussion the committee voted to bring to the full Council a request for legislation to enact a Capital Charge of \$2.95 per month or \$5.90 per billing cycle, for receipt into the Water Pollution Control Fund, effective upon expiration of the Equalization Basin charge, when sewer rate changes are presented, at a later date. The Finance Director reported on how there is no system distinction for high, mid, or low volume sewer users so setting a flat fee is the most equitable.

**Trash Fees for ‘Snow Bird’ Vacant Properties:** The Finance Director will present suggested language to the committee for their consideration.

#### **Questions and Comments for Finance & Personnel Committee**

**City Income Tax (CIT):** The Ward 4 Councilor asked for clarification on the revenue decline earlier reported. The Finance Director explained ‘timing’ means the difference could be due to a comparison of when the revenues were received last year versus this year. The committee was presented with March financials. A truer CIT revenue picture s will be presented with April’s financials.

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

The Chair announced the committee would meet on Friday, May 1, at 8:00 a.m. Representatives from the Ashtabula Area City Schools and Aqua Ohio will be present.

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

The Chair reported the committee will meet on Monday, April 27, at 4:00 p.m. The sole agenda item is a presentation from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

#### **Work Session – N/A**

**FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS** - None

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

The President briefly outlined the Legislation Agenda. There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA DISPOSAL**

The President entertained a motion to dispose of the Regular Legislation Agenda in Consent Agenda format. Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Balog seconded; motion CARRIED.

**LEGISLATION READING**

The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for consent agenda format disposal:

ORDINANCE

2015-49 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$560,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA TO PAY COSTS OF CERTAIN PENSION OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY. (Finance Director)

ORDINANCE

2015-50 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE PARKS & RECREATION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. (Finance Director)

ORDINANCE

2015-51 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR WAIVER TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY IN ORDER TO USE \$20,000 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE HULBERT STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-52 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DECK SEALING OF STRUCTURE (BRIDGE). (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-53 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO CONTRACT WITH PERRAM ELECTRIC, INC., FOR DELETION OF SERVICES AND MATERIALS IN THE CITY TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-54 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NATUREWORKS PUBLIC RECREATION GRANT AND AGREEING TO A 25% LOCAL MATCH. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-55 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH XYLEM COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY'S WASTE WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-56 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY'S THREE (3) UNIONS IN ORDER TO ALLOW NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTINUE. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-57 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) VEHICLES FROM NASSIEF FORD TOYOTA HUNDAI IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,400 IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE PURCHASING PRICING. (City Manager)

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Welcome Special Visitor:** The President welcomed Mr. Steven Cook, the Ward 3 Councilor's son, who was in town for a visit.

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**Mrs. Patricia Blum, 1540 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street:** reported from now until the first snow falls this year she will comment on the need for Lake City Plating's employee parking, located on West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, to be address. Her hope is that a solution is reached by the time the snow falls.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:** N/A

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

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**Meetings**

The President announced the next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m.; Pre-Council at 6:00 p.m.

The President announced Council will meet in a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, May 12, at 5:45 p.m., in Council Chambers, for the purpose of hearing public comments and recommendations regarding the Joint Economic Development District (J.E.D.D.) contract between the City of Ashtabula and Saybrook Township Route 20 Economic Development District for 'Lantern at Saybrook', a facility to be constructed on the site of the former Dalhkempers store.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The President asked everyone to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula". Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: May 4, 2015

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

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