

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

Special Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2015

Council met in a **SPECIAL MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., the Ward 1 Councilor offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Member(s) Present: Mr. Richard F. Balog (Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mrs. Josephine Misener (Ward 4 Councilor)
Mr. Kris E. Hamrick (Ward 5 Councilor)
Mr. J. P. Ducro IV (President)

Member(s) Absent: Mrs. Alice T. Cook (Ward 3 Councilor)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)

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

Officer(s) Absent: None

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

PURPOSE: The Council President announced the purpose of this Special Meeting was to permit City Council to discuss and vote on legislation pertaining to the Curbside Recycling Program and emergency repairs.

WELCOME: The Council President welcomed all visitors.

DISCUSSION

Ordinance No. 2015-82

The City Manager reported bids for the 'flippers' that will be installed on trucks that will pick up curbside recycling containers came in late and higher than anticipated at \$32,250. Two flippers are needed for each truck, for a total of six (6) flippers.

Questions/Comments RE: Ordinance No. 2015-82

The Ward 1 Councilor noticed the ordinance is for \$33,150. The Manager reported there to be a \$900 pickup and delivery charge option, which will be used.

The President reported on a recent article about recycling in the Washington, D.C. area.

It said the market for recyclables is drying up. And, because it has gone to 'single stream' it is now so much more expensive. Therefore, municipalities which used to garner revenue from recycling are now paying large amounts to have recycling programs. The President said he was hoping the Curbside Recycling Program would save the City money. And while he is a 'greenish' person, he questions what the long term potential affects are going to be and wonders if we are making the Program as beneficial as possible.

The Manager said Ashtabula County Solid Waste District (ACSWD) is going to us our recycling building as one of the main hubs for drop offs. So not only will the curbside recyclables we pick up will be deposited at our building, but also what people deliver on their own. The hauling of the material from our building to vendor will be paid for by the ACSWD. The City's responsibility is to pick up at curbside and get it to the drop off facility. Our financial responsibility at our drop off facility will be electricity.

Formal Legislation Request for ORDINANCE NO. 2015-82

Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to formally request that Ordinance No. 2015-82 be placed before Council. Discussion: The City Manager issued a reminder that the Curbside Recycling Program is not a mandate on the City of Ashtabula. The mandate is for the ACSWD to get 90% access to recycling. In order for them to meet the mandate the City's of Ashtabula and Conneaut need to be on board. He so, "We can either play ball or suffer the consequences of the Ohio Environmental Agency (OEPA)." The Manager said he sees it as a 'partially funded mandate', which is better than it being totally unfunded. The President said he understands. The motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-83

The City Manager said this ordinance is needed for the purpose of addressing the emergency repair needed at the top of the Highland Beach area, in the catch basin near the road and extending 50 feet back into the hillside. The work that will be performed will connect to the existing pipe, which we know is in near of repair, which will have to be addressed next.

The Manager said last week the problem was compounded by a water main break. It pretty much destroyed the rest of the area. It has not been determined which came first – the water line issue or our issue. So Aqua, Ohio and the City are making repairs to our respective areas. He said some of the road has to be cut out because the water main break 'undermined' some of it. Therefore, this project has to be completed before Walnut Boulevard paving is finished.

The Manager said before the water main break, the City let bids for replacing the entire area, including going all the way to the Highland Beach head wall. Those bids came in between \$61,000 and \$73,000. So, this made us know that other options would have to be considered and, "we'll still need to figure out what to do with the rest of it, but this gets the big problem taken care of".

Questions/Comments Regarding Ordinance No. 2015-83

The President asked the Manager if he has any concern with the part that is not being addressed, at this time. The Manager said no, not at the top. He then stated the water line is a 48 inch corrugate steel pipe that goes all the way down, which deteriorated over time. Water is still coming through the pipe, so we know it is flowing. Neighbors have begun to voice concern and we are beginning to see holes in the dirt from where it is penetrating into the broken pipe – “it’s just kind of crushing on itself”.

The President asked how far south across the road does the repair extend. The City Manager said what’s underneath the road is intact. He said, “The new catch basin connected to the pipe that already exists, is intact and in good shape. We even videoed that, and then extending it 50 feet to the hillside, and getting it down the hill”. The President said, “Now the water will come out of what we’re building and into an existing pipe that’s not so good and we’ll have to deal with it later”.

The Ward 2 Councilor’s comment regarding the rocks that will be used. The Manager said, “The cost effective way to perform our portion of the repair is to crush the existing pipe and make it a valley. Then the pipe that’s being installed comes out – we would sever it there – we would put ripraf stone (*concrete stone*) flowing all the way down. We would close off access to Highland Beach, at that point, because you don’t want all that water rushing down there and people walking down that hill, or anywhere near there”.

Formal Legislation Request for Ordinance 2015-83

Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to formally request that Ordinance No. 2015-83 be placed before the City Council; motion CARRIED.

Form & Correctness: The Clerk of Council asked the City Solicitor for his approval as to the legislation’s form and correctness. The City Solicitor responded, yes.

LEGISLATION READING

The Clerk presented the following legislation for Council’s consideration:

ORDINANCE

2015-82 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE HYDRAULIC CART TIPPERS FROM BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,150, AS PART OF THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN A GRANT-FUNDED CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM. (City Manager)

Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings.

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On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE

2015-83 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH D.B. BENTLY, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY WORK TO REPAIR THE HIGHLAND BEACH STORM OUTFALL. (City Manager)

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

ADJOURN

There being no further business the President adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: July 6, 2015

ATTESTED BY: J.P. Ducro IV

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President of Council

ATTESTED BY: LaVette E. Hennigan
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Clerk of Council