

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

Special Meeting

Monday, July 13, 2015

Council met in a **SPECIAL MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. 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: 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 discuss and vote on legislation pertaining to supplemental appropriate the City's 2016 Tax Budget, and to discuss and vote on Local 245 Laborer's International Union of North America's placement of a memorial stone on or near Spring Street Bridge property.

WELCOME: The Council President welcomed all visitors.

DISCUSSION - None

Consent Agenda Format: Mr. Balog moved, Mr. McClure seconded to dispose of the Legislation Agenda in Consent Agenda format; motion CARRIED.

LEGISLATION READING

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

ORDINANCE

2015-84 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CAPITAL FUND 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)

RESOLUTION

2015-85 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2016 AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO BUDGET COMMISSION. (Finance Director)

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

DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: MONUMENT STONE

The President reported Ms. Nicole Deligianis from Local 245 spoke at the last pre council meeting about erecting a memorial to Mr. Tracy Lamson, who lost his life during the construction of the Spring Street Bridge. The memorial plaque that was on the bridge has been missing for some time; therefore her organization would like to replace it. The President reported that he made the suggestion that perhaps the steps leading down into the gulf right off of Valleyview Boulevard could be tied into those steps, or that Local 245 could do something in Mr. Lamson's honor that would improve the area rather than erecting the memorial in a different area, which at some t may not get maintained. The President reported Michael Wayman, Chairman of the Ashtabula Township Park Commission, expressed an interest to be at upcoming meetings about this topic. He, too, questioned who would maintain the memorial if erected.

The President asked if the property on which the memorial is being proposed (east end of Spring Street Bridge) is City or Township Park property.

The City Manager said, "I think on the Auditor's map it says it's our property – the right-of-way".

The Ward 1 Councilor and former City of Ashtabula Fire Chief reported "the property is part of the Ashtabula Township Park system.

However, as is part of Lakeshore Park, some of those parks lie within City boundaries. Everything near and under that bridge (Spring Street) is in the City, but Township Park system has control of the park.”

The Ward 2 Councilor and former Engineering employee said, I believe the township owns the property until the top of the bank, I believe”.

The President said Mr. Wayman believes the Township is maintaining the stretch of land along Valleyview Boulevard, therefore wants to know if there will be maintenance related to the proposed memorial. The President suggested Mr. Wayman inquiry during the site visit with Ms. Deligianis. He said while he is in support of the memorial, his suggestion was that a vote of Council not be taken until the exact location is determined. The President said he believes this is an opportunity to get some work done in an area that has been neglected for a long time.

The Manager asked if this evening’s vote is on where to place the memorial. The Clerk of Council noted the vote of Council will be whether to permit the memorial to be placed on city property. The City Solicitor concurred with the Clerk of Council. He further noted that the first step is for the City to vote that it would accept the donation of the monument, and then delegate someone to establish where it should be placed.

The President entertained a motion accepting the donation and placement of a memorial stone from the Laborer’s Union for Mr. Lamson. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded.

Discussion:

The Ward 4 Councilor asked if the motion should include determining who will decide the memorial’s placement. The Solicitor responded that it can be a separate motion. The President said it can be voted on once the location has been determined and the recommendation is made from the Manager to Council.

The Vice President asked if the memorial will be placed at only one end of the bridge. The President said Ms. Deligianis suggested the west side of the Bridge. However, the City Manager suggested the east side where it would be more visible. The Manager said it is also the closest to the area of the Bridge where Mr. Lamson lost his life. The Ward 1 Councilor reported the previous memorial plaque was placed at almost the exact location of the fall.
The motion CARRIED.

The President announced the site visit with Ms. Deligianis is scheduled for tomorrow at 3:00 p.m., and invited the City Manager to attend.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the President adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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DATE APPROVED: August 17, 2015

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

ATTESTED BY: LaVette E. Hennigan
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