

CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 15, 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:

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

Officer(s) Present:

Mr. James M. Timonere	(City Manager)
Mrs. Dana D. Pinkert	(Finance Director)
Mrs. LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC	(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: The President of Council presented the following certificate to Mr. Romie Lee:

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, it has been recognized by West 37th Street residents that **Mr. Romie Lee's** neighborly deeds deserve special recognition, and;

WHEREAS, West 37th Street residents embarked on a mission to clean up and rid their neighborhood of unwanted elements and activities, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee's West 37th Street neighbors and those in surrounding neighborhoods believe he has and continues to play a vital role in changing the face of their neighborhoods by unselfishly volunteering his time and resources to pick up trash and debris, mow lawns, and shovel driveways and sidewalks, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee's neighbors believe his genuine kindness, care, and volunteer spirit has caused neighborhood pride to be restored because the neighborhoods are looking nice again and unwanted elements and activities have substantially decreased. They wish every neighborhood could have a Mr. Lee on their side, and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Ward 3 Councilor and the President of Council, on behalf of the Ashtabula City Council and the Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, that we do hereby on this the 15th day of September, in the year 2014, enact this Certificate as an expression of our sincere appreciation to **Mr. Romie Lee** for his service and dedication to his West 37th Street neighborhood, surrounding neighborhoods, and the Ashtabula City community.

Alice T. Cook
Ward 3 Councilor

J.P. Ducro IV
President of Council

West 37th Street resident, Ms. Eunice Fields, commented, "I wished that every street in Ashtabula had a Mr. Lee, because then we could take our neighborhoods back. This year he organized our second annual potluck dinner. We had everything under the sun to eat; it was so good. And, so, my purpose of doing this (*requesting he be recognized and presenting him with a cake*) is just to tell him, thank you, I appreciate each and everything he's ever done for our street, and we love you".

The President the following roads are scheduled to be paved this year: West 34th, 37th, 41st, 43rd, 39th, part of 44th Streets and Ann Avenue. He said if the weather does not permit it to happen this year, it will in next spring.

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 by grouping like items together and disposing of or enacting them by one motion, a second, and a vote.

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Clerk of Council presented the September 2, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes for disposal.
Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED.
Hearing no corrections, the minutes stood approved as presented.

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Consent Agenda Legislation Only) – None

LEGISLATION READING

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

ORDINANCE

2014-149 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM, WITH ROLLAND SPECIALTY VEHICLES AND PRODUCTS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) POWER COT FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FIRE DIVISION. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-150 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROTO-ROOTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING REPAIRS TO AND REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS CATCH BASINS/STORM DRAINS WITHIN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO AND KNOWN AS ROUND 1. (City Manager)

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

(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

REGULAR AGENDA

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Fire Department Protective Clothing Purchase

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Warren Fire Equipment, Inc. of 6880 Tod Avenue, Warren, OH 44481 through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing program to purchase the first round of gear for firefighters, in the amount not to exceed \$13,692.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5550 (Fire Equipment). This funding is paid in part by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through FEMA. Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Manager reported the Fire Chief applied for the grant, 15% of which the City will pay. The gear is for one half of the staff. The motion CARRIED.

Waiver of Temporary Store Fee

The City Manager asked Council to waive the Temporary Store permit fee for the Lions Club to sell roses for Sweetest Day at Cornelius Park, October 16 thru October 18, 2014. Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

Yard Waste Bags

The City Manager announced the pickup of yard waste bags will resume on October 6, in the Harbor area and go through November 24. The schedule is also on the City's website at www.cityofashtabula.com. There will be no charge for this service. The yard waste roll off that has been located outside the Public Works Department will not be there during this period. At the request of the Council President the City Manager announced the City no longer sells yard waste bags, and reported they may be purchased at Busy Beaver, Lowes, Home Depot, and Wal-Mart.

Solid Waste Placed on Treelawns

The City Manager reported it is becoming habit for residents to place their weekly solid waste on the treelawn way too early. He reminded everyone that solid waste may be placed on treelawns for next day pickup after 6:00 p.m., the evening prior to the scheduled pick up day – NOT before.

2014-2016 Paving Program

The City Manager clarified the Star Beacon's reporting on the Program's first phase. He said the first phase of a three year plan has begun. Crews are in the Griswold Road, Ohio Avenue, and Ohio Avenue Extension areas. The first phase is right around \$3.8 million dollars. This phase may be found on the right side of the City's website home page at www.cityofashtabula.com. It may also be located under the 'News and Events' tab. Because the Project scope is so large, the contractor has broken the first phase down into sections; two of which should be completed this year. The City Manager asked motorists to exercise caution when travelling throughout the City.

Questions/Comments for the City Manager

Former Ashtabula Iron & Metal (AIM) Property: The Ward 2 Councilor reported weeds from this property are growing out into the street, and are blocking the sight of the sidewalk and fence. He asked if notice has been sent to the owner. The City Manager said the overgrowth of this project has been discussed and will be placed on their property taxes if the City has to remediate the violation.

Benefit Avenue & West 38th Street: The Ward 2 Councilor reported an overgrown bush has now grown onto the curb and in the road.

Former West Avenue School: The President asked the City Manager for an update on razing the fire-ridden structure. The City Manager reported the City of Ashtabula is now the owner of the property. We purchased it for \$3,000, which covered court costs. The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has been notified it belongs to us, and was given permission to raze the structure, which they plan to begin on September 29. The Acting Fire Chief reported he provided the USEPA with Aqua Ohio contacts in order to secure a water source for dust control during the razing. The structure will be razed at NO cost to the City of Ashtabula. The Ward 4 Councilor asked if the property will be declared sellable once cleaned up. The City Manager responded yes, said there have been several inquiries since it burned, and believes it will be a very marketable site.

Storm Drains: The President expressed his appreciation to crews who sewer jetted our plugged storm drains; he said it makes a big difference. He said he sent a list of a few more that need attention, one being Ohio Avenue & West 4th Street.

Street Sweeper: The Ward 4 Councilor asked if the street sweeper has been on East 45th Street yet. The Manager responded, 'it was out today'. The Councilor reported East 45th Street from State Road to Valleyview is really bad. She asked the Manager if he has spoken with the superintendent of the "Building Bridges" school facility (located at the former State Road Elementary School), about the large amount of debris in the roads surrounding their property. The Manager said he has not had a chance to, but will.

Furniture on Treelawns: The Ward 2 Councilor reported a couch was placed on West Avenue for the City to pickup. He said he wished residents would realize furniture is not a normal weekly pickup item, will not be removed by the City, and has to be taken to the Transfer Station. The Manager said eventually the City usually has to pick it up, but it is at a much higher cost than if residents called Sanitation (993-8101) to request special pickups.

City of Ashtabula Facebook: The Ward 4 Councilor asked if the City has considered creating a facebook page on which notices to residents may be posted, since fb seems to get the readers. The Manager said it has been discussed but we lack staff to monitor it. He said he tries to put as much information, as possible, on the City's website www.ashtabulacity.com.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT - No Report

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislation Request: The Finance Director formally requested ORDINANCE NO. 2014-151 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE STATE HIGHWAY, AUTO LICENSE AND MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014. Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the Finance Director's request. The Manager explained that last week we were able to purchase 2000 tons of road salt for \$36 to \$39 per ton vs. the going rate of \$110 per ton. The order was placed in time enough for the supply to arrive prior snowfall. We have about 25 to 28 tons on hand and should have enough stock for the start of winter. The motion CARRIED.

2014 Budget: The Finance Director reported she presented yearend budget projections to the Finance & Personnel Committee on September 12. They do not substantially change the overall budget. She reported various line items will change, specifically income tax collections. Changes and projections will be part of November's line item details.

2015 Budget: The Finance Director reported the 2015 budget process has begun. She and the City Manager will soon meet in order to ready the first draft for presentation to department heads.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

Ashtabula County MetroParks (ACMP) Half Mill, 5 Year Operating and Improvement Levy: The President invited Mr. Larry Puraty to comment. Mr. Puraty reported:

- * He is a member of the People for Parks Ashtabula County, a committee seeking to get a half mill, five year, operating and improvement ACMP levy passed;
- * This is the first time an ACMP levy attempt has been made;
- * He distributed a detailed levy flyer to the dais;
- * The flyer shows the 1050 ACMP acreage, 600 of which is undeveloped;
- * May people do not realize there is an ACMP and do not know of their various holdings; the three main ones are: Harpersfield Covered Bridge (fishing, kayaking, picnicking, photography, and more), Western Reserve Greenway Trail (27 miles, Ashtabula to southern county line, bicycling, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, running, snowmobiling, and more), and Graham Road in Pierpont Township (scenic view of the creek and covered bridge);
- * ACMPs are currently maintained by a volunteer group of gentlemen called the 'over the hill gang', ranging in ages between 60 and 90+;
- * Looking to the future, it has been determined that in order to sustain the ACMP system more volunteers are needed;
- * ACMP is now unable to survive without adequate and reliable funding;

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- * The levy's projected cost to a homeowner with property valued at \$100,000 is \$15.31 per year, or less than \$1.28 per month;

The Levy would allow ACMPs to:

- * pursue grants and matching funds that they have been unable to attain to due to the lack of funds to cover matching fund requirements, (e.g., Clean Ohio Funds require a 20% match in order to qualify for the other 80%. So an investment of \$640,000 could bring in \$2.56 million in additional funding;
- * maintain and improve current parks in order to attract tourism to and stimulate the local economy;
- * assist Ashtabula County in realizing some of the \$17.4 billion State of Ohio annual recreational tourists dollars;
- * improve and open, to the public, approximately 600 acres of land already owned, but not yet publicly accessible; and
- * Provide programs for healthy recreation and nature education for all ages.

Levy donations may be sent to People for Parks, Gary Hines, Treasurer, Post Office Box 31, Austinburg, OH 44010.

Mr. McClure moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to draft a resolution of support for the Ashtabula County MetroParks Operating and Improvement levy; motion CARRIED.

Next Committee Meeting: The Chair reported the committee would not meet in October due to the Columbus Day holiday, but will meet on Monday, November 10. Mr. Don Iannone, the new CEO & Executive Director for Growth Partnership Ashtabula County, will be present.

Parks & Recreation Board: The Chair reported the Board met last Tuesday. They reviewed their list of outstanding projects.

Peace Stone Installation in South Park: The Chair reported the stone's installation is a bit behind schedule. The Chair asked the City Manager for an update on City crews removal of the metal base and filling of the hole so a stone pad may be laid and the Peace Stone placed thereon. The Manager said he hopes the metal base and hole filling is able to take place by the end of this week. The Board discussed the Ohio Utility Protection Services (OUPS) requirements. The Chair asked if OUPS requirements have been met for this project; the City Manager yes.

Clifford Kadon Presidential Park: The Chair reported the playground equipment, which should have been installed this year, is tentatively scheduled for March 2015, as told to the City Manager by Mr. Lester. The City Manager reported Mr. Lester recommends we order the needed pieces before December 19, if not he predicts Columbia Cascade 'may' increase their prices by 4 to 5%. The equipment takes about 60 days to arrive. Mr. Lester recommends we get placed on the schedule for install 'around the week of April 13'.

The Manager said mulch bids have to be secured. The Chair asked if the purchase will be secured this year. The Manager said we could order now and have everything shipped the week of March.

Karen Flack Tree Planting: The Chair reported a tree planting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, at 11:00 a.m., in South Park. She asked the Manager if OUPS has to be contacted. The Manager said P&R Board Chair Earl Tucker told him of the planting, and he believes OUPS is coming out this week.

After School Discovery (ASD): The Chair reported that an ASD representative presented a flyer to the Board titled, "To Dream". It is a park clean up and business community day. She reported the flyer says the day is based on, "Dreams, we all have them; Dreams of a better tomorrow; Dreams of a community with adventure, jobs, and growth. The dream starts by leveraging resources, working together, and allowing young people to see how the dreams of tomorrow can be a reality today." The Chair reported ASD applied for a 'Serve Ohio' grant and should know the outcome by the end of this month. ASD has scheduled a South Park fall cleanup day, Friday, October 24, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., pending the grant's approval. The grant application outcome should be known by and announced at the October 6 regular council meeting. ASD believes 40 junior high schools will be involved. They invited Ashtabula businesses and community leaders to work alongside the students. A speaker will talk with the students about character traits, skills, and what it takes to become an entrepreneur. The public is welcome.

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

The Chair reported on the Committee's Friday, September 12 meeting, as follows:

Year-to-Date Financials: Overall projected revenues are at 59%; expenses are at 53%. Property tax revenues are \$88,000 less than projected due to an unexpected request by a business for the County Auditor to conduct a revaluation of their business. It was granted and the revaluation resulted in the City of Ashtabula owing the company. City Income Tax revenues are higher than projected but should balance out, with the end of the year balance coming in close to \$5.8 million, which was the 2013 balance.

Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Rebate: The City will realize a 60% (\$69,000) BWC rebate on our 2012 payments.

Policies: The Finance Director presented policies for 'Internal Control' and "Purchasing Card' (credit card), for the committee's review. Comments will be discussed at the committee's October meeting. It is the Finance Director's recommendation that Council adopt the policies at the first regular council meeting (October 20) immediately following this committee's October 10 meeting.

Meeting: The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 10, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd Floor conference room.

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

The Chair reported on the committee's Friday, September 5 meeting, as follows:

New Public Services Superintendent (PSS): The committee met Mr. Larry Meaney, the City's new PSS; The City looks for many good things from him. Mr. Meaney presented some of his goals and shared his business philosophy. The protocol for working with Mr. Meaney was discussed with the Manager. The chair encouraged members of Council to review and follow protocol when addressing concerns so the best results will be realized.

Removal of Old Utility Poles: Several old FirstEnergy utility poles have been replaced with new ones, but the old ones are still standing. The Manager is working with FirstEnergy, Time Warner Cable, and Windstream to get them removed. His last communication with them has received no reply, to date, and realizes staff changes may be a contributing factor.

2014-2016 Paving Program: The City Manager spoke to the committee, in detail, and provided a Program update during this evening's Manager's Report.

Public Works: City crews are out jetting and cleaning storm drains, and the street sweeper is out.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP): The Chair reported that while no Council action needed at this time, there will be in coming months. He gave the floor to the City Manager to report on the condition of the Plant. The Manager reported the following:

Final Tanks: Council approved the engineering contract so the bid package could be drafted. Repair bids have been let are and are due back this month. Once the contract is awarded, repairs will begin. When repairs to the offline tank are completed (hopefully December), it will be placed back in operation and the second tank will be taken down for repair.

Digesters: The largest issue is the methane collection system. The City used to operate its furnaces and a lot of the equipment off methane produced by the digesters. Many prior Plant superintendents decided it was best to hook the system up to natural gas. This created \$3,000 to \$6,000 Plant heater and furnace bills. The goal is to put the methane collection back online. It will operate with some nature gas, but will significantly lessen the need for it. Research is being conducted on the City's financial return if the methane collection system is put in place.

Chlorinate/Dechlorinate (C/D) Processes: The City presently C/D for Ecol during the summer season with gas chlorine stored at the WWTP in three – one ton tanks. If one of the tanks experiences a 'catastrophic failure or if something were to happen' it would require an evacuation radius of no less than five miles, and places the WWTP staff in jeopardy until they are able to get properly suited. Many WWTPs are going to a UV light chlorinating system. It eliminates the need to purchase chlorine and dechlorinate the chlorine when it comes out the final affluent. It would also allow everything at the WWTP to be gravity fed. This would allow two big pumps and a screw pump to be taken off offline, and allow the C/D process and system to operate much more effectively and efficiently.

If we were to continue using the current C/D process it would cost \$300,000 to \$500,000 to get it working properly. To install a UV light system would cost about \$500,000, plus costly equipment would be taken offline. This would make the product going to the Lake 'better'. The payback for switching to the UV light system is in the research phase, so a decision can be made before next summer.

Pre-Treatment Program: A lot of the reporting we did to the Ohio EPA (OEPA) and to our own internal processes has been lacking for many years. This discovery was made with the recent hire of Mr. Craig Pierce, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent. To satisfy the OEPA's requirements, the position of a Pre-Treatment Director/Assistant Superintendent has been posted. The position has been in the budget for the last three years, but there was a disagreement about who should be hired. It is believed there are good applicants this time around and a new hire is close at hand. The other item required so the Program gets back up and running is to hire a consultant to help with the Program. The bids were opened, the WWTP Superintendent is evaluating them, and hopefully a contract can be let in the next weeks.

The City Manager said a lot of the items to be addressed have been on the Plant Plan 'to do' list, which is about five or six years old. Because of failures and because of priorities placed on various plan items, projects have been moved around. The old and new projects will be evaluated and a new schedule and new timeline will be devised to let the OEPA know how items will be addressed. He said the OEPA has been very good in working with the City to address compliance.

He said the Plant was built in 1924, a lot of the original pipes 'and things' are still underground, crews have done a good job of keeping it running, and "she is still 'kicking".

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

The Chair announced the committee will meet on Monday, September 22, at 4:00 p.m. Representatives from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (OBCI) will present services and grant opportunities we may take advantage of.

The Chair reiterated the committee's monthly meeting has been changed to the 4th Monday of every month, at 4:00 p.m.

Questions and/or Comments to Committee

Hiring New Patrolmen: The President asked for an update on the Police entrance testing and when a list of applicants to hire will be produced. The Chair said this will be a topic of discussion at the committee meeting. The Manager reported once candidates who passed the written test take the physical agility test. Once this happens the list will be certified by the Civil Service Commission. The goal is to have everything in place by January 1, which is when the Police Levy funding will begin coming in. The Chair asked about the candidates. The City Manager said 18 made the cut, 15 will probably be interviewed, and 5 will be chosen.

Work Session – No Session/No Report

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Regular Agenda Legislation Only) – None

Suspend Council Rule 21: The Clerk notified the President that Council Rule 21, requiring the City Solicitor's signature as to 'form and correctness' on all legislation prior to Council's enacting vote, must be suspended due to his unavailability to provide his signature prior to this evening's meeting. She said the Solicitor drafted all of tonight's legislation or approved the draft, therefore she is comfortable suggesting the Rule be waived. Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive Council Rule 21; motion CARRIED.

LEGISLATION READING

The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for consideration:

ORDINANCE

2014-151 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE STATE HIGHWAY, AUTO LICENSE AND MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014. (Finance Director)

Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the reading of the above Regular Agenda Legislation; motion CARRIED. Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese 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 above Consent Agenda Legislation: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

LIQUOR PERMIT REQUEST:

NEW - TO: Diana Dorothy Carkhuff, 901 Bunker Hill, Ashtabula, OH 44004.

Permit Designation Requested: C1 - Beer only in original sealed containers for carry out only until 1:00 a.m. and C2 - Wine and certain prepackaged mixed drinks in sealed containers for carry out only until 1:00 a.m. It was noted that the site is located at the intersection of Jefferson & Bunker Hill Roads. The Ward 5 Councilor reported renovation activity has been taking place at the property. Neither he nor any of the remaining members of Council objected to the request.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Donte Conard, 725 West 33rd Street (off Station Avenue): thanked the City for erecting the dead end sign at the entrance to his road as he requested on August 18. He said no unwanted traffic has been on the road ever since. He reported the tree that was causing damage to his property was removed. When asked the status of the slate shingles falling from the abandoned house next door to his, Mr. Conard said he placed a barrier between the properties to prevent the slate from hitting his house. He does not know how the winter will affect the slate. The Manager believes the house of concern is on the list of properties to address with NIP funding the City was recently awarded.

The Vice President said after the August 18 Regular Council Meeting, he visited the house across the street from Mr. Conard and believes the doors were secured as Mr. Conard had requested. He said, however, there are a lot of broken windows on the first floor that are not secured. He asked the Manager to evaluate the structure's boarding up, and is sure more work is needed to make the structure secure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: N/A

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

CLOSING REMARKS

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

Tag Line: The President reminded everyone to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula!"

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: **October 6, 2014**

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

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