

**ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 17, 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): Pastor Doug Wright of First Baptist Church, on Park Avenue, offered the opening prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed due to the passing of Mrs. Mae Salters of G.O. Ministries.

The dais was asked to speak into their microphones for the benefit of the television viewing audience.

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. J. P. Ducro IV	(President)
	Mr. Christopher J. McClure	(Vice President)

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: None

OFFICER(S) PRESENT:	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: 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 by grouping routine items and disposing of or enacting them by one motion, a second, and a vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Clerk of Council presented the November 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes for disposal. Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were 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 City Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE

2014-171 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ASHTABULA CODIFIED ORDINANCES. (Clerk of Council)

ORDINANCE

2014-173 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FROM THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-174 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 145 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF LEGISLATION BY REMOVING THE ENTIRE TEXT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES FROM THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES. (City Council)

ORDINANCE

2014-175 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 145, ENTITLED CIVIL SERVICE, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE CITY TO BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF MERIT AND FITNESS AS REQUIRED BY THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER. (City Council)

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

Water Pollution Control (WPC) Final Settling Tanks Funding – Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA)

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with OWDA to secure the cost of funding through a loan to complete the upgrade of the WPC Final Settling Tanks project. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

Water Pollution Control (WPC) Final Settling Tanks Contractor Agreement

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Jack Gibson Construction Company of 2460 Parkman Road, N.W. Warren, OH 44485 for the purpose of the construction upgrade to the Final Settling Tanks located at the WPC Plant in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,075.00 as the best and lowest bid. Funds for this expenditure will be taken from the 503 Fund. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED. The Manager reported that, depending on the timing, this project will be paid for out of the 504 Water Pollution Capital Fund.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Safe Routes to School Agreement – PID 98625

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the purpose of providing funding for the Safe Routes to School Project, PID 98625 in the amount not to \$493,000.00. Funds for this project will be paid in accordance with the agreement set forth. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request. The project's completion date is set for 2016. The motion CARRIED.

Ashtabula City Fire Department Dispatching Services Agreement

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Saybrook Township for the purpose of providing dispatching services to the City of Ashtabula in an amount not to exceed \$23,036.00. Funds for this expenditure will be taken from the Fire Department Operating Fund. Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request. The price has increased by about 3%. The motion CARRIED.

Civil Service Rules & Regulations

The City Manager made a formal request for ORDINANCE NO. 2014-179 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, THE EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING A REVISED VERSION WITH CHANGES TO TESTING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE POLICE AND FIRE DIVISIONS. Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request.

The Clerk of Council reported Ordinance Nos. 2014-174 and 2014-175 which Council enacted during the Consent Agenda portion of the meeting pertained to Codified Ordinance Chapter 145 wherein the entire Civil Service Rules appear. They also appear in a separate document titled "Civil Service Rules & Regulations". She reported Council determined they no longer want the entire text of the Rules in the codified ordinances and in a separate document because there will be times the codified ordinances will not be the same as the hard copy of the Rules & Regulations because the codified ordinances are updated once or twice a year. Therefore Ordinance No. 2014-174 repealed Codified Ordinance Chapter 145, thus removing the entire Rules from the Codified Ordinances; and Ordinance No. 2014-175 enacted a new Codified Ordinance Chapter 145 void of the entire Rules text. The Clerk reported that on the other hand Ordinance No. 2014-179 repeals the actual Rules in order to permit Ordinance No. 2014-180 to enact new Rules with changes to testing procedures for certain positions in the Police and Fire Divisions. The President reported the entire Rules text will be available through the Office of the City Manager, Clerk of Council, or the Police and Fire Divisions. The motion CARRIED.

Housekeeping

Private Snow Plowers: The City Manager announced private snowplowers are pushing snow from their client's properties across the street or onto properties other than their clients. He asked that tenants and property owners remind their contractors that the snow removed from their property has to be placed back onto their same property.

Snow Parking Ban: The City Manager issued a reminder that the snow parking ban is enacted once snow fall reaches three inches at anytime during the day. This permits snowplowers to clear the snow more efficiently and effectively.

Leaf Bag Pick up: The City Manager announced last week crews were pulled off leaf bag pick up duty and placed on snow plowing assignments. The leaf bags will be picked up, and that this week crews are in the Harbor.

Questions/Comments for the City Manager

2014-2016 Paving Project: The President asked the Manager to explain how the paving project will proceed once the snow falls. The Manager reported there are a few streets open and ready for paving. There remains about a day and a half of paving to perform. The intention is to complete what has begun, as soon as there is a break in the weather; hopefully next week. Any roads scheduled to be paved in the first contract will be included in the 2015 contract bid in February, so paving may resume as soon as the asphalt plants open and weather permits.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT – No Report

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Finance Director reported:

Overall Cash Balances: We began this year with \$4.211 million; and ended October with \$4.206 million; therefore through October more was spent than was received, some of which is timing based such as income tax revenue which did not come in until the first part of November. We continue to operate within budget estimates, however, there are concerns now through the end of the year. We will wait to 'see how they pan out'. The belief is we will not end this year as well as 2013. It is a good thing we had the funds to absorb some of this year's unexpected expenditures.

Income Tax Reform: This week is the last week for hearings, in Columbus, on the State of Ohio's proposed income tax reforms. She plans to attend Tuesday's hearing to present the resolution of opposition to the reform Council approved, and submit the City's comments opposing the reform. If the reform passes the City's biggest concern is a possible loss of up to \$150,000 annually due to a mandated approval of a five year carryover for net operating loss, which we currently do not allow.

Questions/Comments for the Finance Director

Cash Balances: The President reported he appreciates the comments on the cash balances because it can be deceptive to say we have over four million dollars of fund balances when it is more accurate to know we have perhaps \$150,000 in actual funds available to use for emergencies and general City operations. Most of the fund balances are encumbered amounts for specific permanent improvement items, but does not include 'non-necessities'. The Finance Director concurred.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

Meeting Notice: The Chair announced the Committee did not meet in November.

The Chair reported the following activity:

Parks & Recreation Board

Clifford Kadon President Park

Purchase Orders: Playground equipment purchase orders are in place. Hopefully the equipment will be installed in the spring of 2015.

Park Master Plan: Board Chairman Earl Tucker is working on drafting this plan to ensure Park projects are orderly and thought out.

South Park

Make a Difference: This activity took place a week or so ago. It was successful in that 30 to 40 young people and 15 adults cleaned and planted.

Peace Stone Installation: The base was installed; the stone now has to be installed.

City Parks Survey

At the request of the committee Chair, Parks & Board Chairman Tucker reported the Board decided to conduct a usage survey of all City parks. Part one is the usage portion. It was created on Survey Monkey, a link to which may be accessed on the "Friends of our Parks" facebook page, or by go to Survey Monkey and search for "Ashtabula City Parks" There will also be a survey on the awareness of funding and what parks actually belong to the City. Everyone is encouraged to take the survey in order to get an accurate outcome of the way in which our parks are being used, and how the community may or may not like to see taking place in the park. Good participation in the study will assist the Board in knowing how to proceed.

Park Levy

Ashtabula City residents, residing in the incorporated areas of the City located in Saybrook and Ashtabula Townships, pay a portion of their taxes to fund Park levies, including the new MetroPark Levy which successfully passed in May. However, none of these park levy proceeds go towards City parks.

"The City Administration has made a concerted, serious effort to make Ashtabula a better place to work and to raise your family. There are many projects in place, such as major paving plans (a three year plan), grants that have been applied for and received to improve infrastructure, that have demoed old buildings both commercial and residential, and the Administration also works with other government agencies, such as the EPA to take down the school over on the west side as a result of a fire, also the cleaning of AIM (former Ashtabula Iron and Metal) - the EPA and the City converged on that. And we have two downtown associations (one in the Harbor; one hear on Main Avenue), that are very busy with developing plans to enhance their respective districts, hoping to keep old businesses and to invite new ones. This year the voters were kind enough to pass a Police Levy, that in January, 7 additional officers will be hitting the street helping to curb crime, take care of drugs, and prostitution. I know our City Manager has been very diligent in working with all outside law enforcement agencies in this effort. And, so with this being said, we have to remember that the grants that are applied for and received - a lot of the work that's done you can't see, but it is brining tax dollars, our tax dollars back into our City. And, so as we are trying to better Ashtabula we have to include in this 'What do our neighborhoods look like'. I think it is part and parcel of economic development. What does a new comer see when they come to our City. Do they see trash out in the front yard that I know was placed there the day after their regular pick up day, and then stays there all week, and becomes a problem for the neighbors. Do they see discarded appliances out in the side yard, in the back yard, that has not been properly taken care of. Do they see tires lined up in an alley that in the summer time, fall and spring pose health problems. These are problems that can easily be taken care of. They don't take money, but they take a caring resident to clean it up. And, as Karen Flack would say, 'Now how hard is this'.

And, I guess when I see the City leaders working as hard as they are, because people say 'what do you do up there?', well this Administration's doing a lot. And, I think it's time that us residents, and especially those taxpayers who do take care of their properties, and happen to be blessed with a neighbor that isn't, I think we owe it to each other. We live in a City. We have to get along. It's not like you live in the country and you can really do whatever you want to do. You can have a party in the middle of the night. You can stack your trash up til it's ceiling high and then the rats that come from it will only affect you. You affect those people directly beside you and around you; and they don't deserve that, especially if they're taking good care of their property. And, so I will be submitting – and I talked to the City Manager very briefly tonight about submitting violations. You should know when your trash day is. If you don't you can look at your neighbor across the street and figure it out. And, you may think I'm being harsh, but I don't want to live next to a neighbor that doesn't take care of their property. It doesn't take money; it just takes time. And, I had also asked the City Solicitor if he would comment on if violations are not taken care of after I've submitted them two or three times, what the law states."

The City Solicitor stated: "The enforcement procedure, usually goes something like this – the complaint comes in and is referred to the Planning & Community Development Division. One of the Code Enforcement officers investigates. If he determines the complaint is valid, he attempts to meet with the offending property owner or resident because very often the responsibility for caring for the property falls not on the owner, but on the tenant in possession. He attempts to obtain an agreement to bring the property in to compliance, to clean up the rubbish, or to take care of the other problems within a reasonable time. Usually that reasonable time is 10 days or so. If the resident takes care of it - problem solved; it goes away. If the resident does not take care of it then depending on the circumstances, the Code Enforcement Officer might go back and try and work out one last chance agreement with that person. But, generally speaking, at some point it will be referred to my office. And, I will charge the resident or the owner or both with failing to abide by an order of the Housing Division. It's typically a fourth degree misdemeanor. It's punishable by up to 30 days in jail, a fine of up to \$250. Now if you're going through for the first time, with such violation, it's highly, highly unlikely that you will be sentenced to jail. However, if we have to keep bringing you back in, then the jail sentence becomes not only a possibility, but a probability. And, that sentence can be served in the City jail, and the Judge (Albert Camplese) has been most cooperative in freeing up jail space so that if we need to put someone in for 3 or 4 days in order to let them understand that this is serious, we will do so. Now, when you come to court, however, if you can comply by the time we have our court hearing and contact the Planning & Community Development Department, and have them verify to us – the Solicitor's Office, that you have complied, we can dismiss the case upon your payment of court costs. So, at every step of the way we, the enforcement people, will attempt to work with you to allow you to come into compliance within a timeframe that you and we agree is reasonable, and to minimize the effect on your wallet or on your personal freedom, if you are able to do so. But if you just ignore it or allow the problem to get worse then sooner or later we will be hosting you in our City jail for a period of time."

Renewed Neighborhood Pride: The President said his hope is that the 2014-2016 Paving Project will bring about renewed neighborhood pride in areas which have not received a lot of attention, but are part of the paving project. He encouraged residents in such areas to set up neighborhood committees to address neighborhood issues and maintain curb appeal on newly paved roads, (e.g. mowing grass and trimming weeds of an abandoned or neglected property or of an elderly neighbor who needs assistance). The President volunteered his services on any of the committees that are formed whenever his schedule permits. He challenged his City Council colleagues to do the same.

Next Meeting: The committee will meet on Monday, December 8, at 4:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room.

Finance and Personnel - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mr. Balog): The Chair reported on the committee's Friday, November 14, meeting, as follows:

Year-to-Date Financials were reviewed, and General Fund balances were reported on during this evening's Finance Director's report.

2015 Budget was discussed. Department heads were commended for cooperating with the City Manager and Finance Director to complete the budget process. Human Resources & Payroll Administrator Carolyn Sheldon made inquiry into a few of her office budget needs.

Recycling Grant: A \$200,000 grant was received to implement curbside recycling in Wards 1 and 2. The City put aside its match of \$200,000. It is still uncertain when the Ashtabula County Solid Waste District (ACSWD) will move forward with implementation of curbside recycling. The hope is that we will not have to return the grant funding, but that ACSWD will move forward and implement the program.

Waste Water Treatment Plant: A few of the Plant's financial needs were discussed. They were addressed this evening with a few of the Manager's legislation requests. Also discussed was the Plant's Assistant Superintendent position. Interviews are being conducted and a new superintendent will be hired in the near future.

Standard & Poor's (S&P) Rating: The Finance Director will look into our bond rating with S&P.

Legislation Request

2015 Budget Appropriations: The Chair entertained a motion to have the City Solicitor draft the 2015 budget appropriations ordinance for placement on the December 1 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting agendas. Mr. Balog moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded; motion CARRIED.

2014 Supplemental Appropriations: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the Finance Director's request for supplemental appropriations. Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Cook seconded; motion CARRIED.

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House Bill 5 – Municipal Income Tax Reform: The Finance Director provided comments regarding this matter during her report this evening.

Proposed Bed Tax Legislation: The City Manager will speak with the City Solicitor to present the committee with proposed legislation for review.

Questions/Comments for the Finance & Personnel Committee

Bed Tax: Councilor Misener asked if Ashtabula City receives revenue from bed taxes collected in the County. She remembers being told no, but recently read in the newspaper that we do. The President reported this to be an error, noting the revenue funds the Ashtabula County Convention & Visitors Bureau and the promotion of tourism. The Manager reported some of the revenue supports these efforts, and some goes to the Ashtabula County Convention & Facilities Commission, which is the group that administers the bed tax.

Next Meeting: The committee will meet on Friday, December 12, 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, November 7, meeting, as follows:

Legislation: No legislative items are scheduled to come out of committee.

Superintendents: Public Services Superintendent (PSS) Larry Meaney and Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Craig Pearce, both of which are new to the City's employ. Much of the work taking place in their departments was touched on during this evening's City Manager's and Finance & Personnel Committee reports.

Public Works

Leaf Pick Up: The City Manager commented on this service in his report this evening.

Snowplowing: The new system was put into action during the recent first snowfall. By the end of the first snowfall, and by the time concerns were voiced, every street had been plowed. There have been positive comments regarding the PSS's new processes and systems. His style of management has produced good outcomes.

Salt: The City Manager reported crews pretreated overpasses and hills prior to the first snow storm. Once the snow started falling, crews were pulled off leaf bag pick up to plow. They worked until 7:00 p.m. (12 hours) the first day. By this time some of the neighborhood roads, and all of the secondaries and primaries were completed. When crews returned at 7:00 a.m. the following day, they began in the neighborhoods. By 5:30 p.m. the routes were completed. The Manager reported the first snowfall resulted in 10.5 inches of heavy, wet snow coupled with leaves, in five hours. All 2000 tons of salt has been delivered, is being stored in various locations, and we should be in really good shape.

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Next Meeting: The committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, December 5, at 8:00 a.m. If it is determined the meeting will be cancelled, the Clerk of Council will be notified and a notice will be issued to the public.

Safety Forces – (Mr. Balog/Mrs. Misener): The Chair announced there to be no report. The committee's December meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, at 4:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room. If a meeting is required prior to January the Clerk of Council will be notified and a notice will be issued to the public.

Work Session – No Session/No Report

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS - None

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

CONSENT AGENDA DISPOSAL: Mr. Balog moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to dispose of the Regular Agenda Legislation by Consent Agenda format; motion CARRIED.

LEGISLATION READING

The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for consideration:

ORDINANCE

2014-172 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN "LPA FEDERAL LOCAL-LET PROJECT AGREEMENT" WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-176 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL, PARKING DECK, MARINA, AND WPC 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)

ORDINANCE

2014-177 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING OF A WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-178 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACK GIBSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,075 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND MATERIALS FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) FINAL SETTLING TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-179 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, THE EXISTING RULES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING A REVISED VERSION WITH CHANGES TO TESTING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE POLICE AND FIRE DIVISIONS. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-180 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA. (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: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the above Regular Agenda Legislation: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Balog, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor Permit Transfer

From: Stakeout Inc, 1st Fl & Bsmt & Patio, 4618 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

To: Kork N Kettle, Inc. (same address)

Permit Class: D5 - Spirituous liquor for on premise consumption only, beer and wine for on and off premises, in original sealed containers, until 2:30 a.m.

Neither the Ward 4 Councilor nor any member of Council objected to this request.

MISCELLANEOUS

Downtown Holiday Parade: The President announced Ashtabula Downtown Development Association's (ADDA) Holiday Parade will take place on Friday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.; lineup is at 6:00 p.m. The Ward 4 Councilor asked if Main Avenue will be clear of snow for the parade. The Manager responded crews will do their best given the volume of fallen snow. When 3rd shift crews begin on December 1, once all the roads are clearer crews return to Bridge Street and Main Avenue and begin removing piles of snow placed on the sidewalks. The President asked if 3rd shift is able to start before December 1. The Manager responded he likes the employees to be given a two week notice in order for them to make family schedule arrangements. The list for 3rd shift has been posted. Volunteers are being taken first, and usually a few have to be assigned. If the snow gets too much to handle with the assigned crews, crews may be held over, the secondary call out list may be activated, and then citywide seniority begins.

Main Avenue Miracle Mile: This one mile run, scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, begins at Bunker Hill and ends at South Park. Proceeds will go to the Samaritan House.

Snowplowing: The Ward 1 Councilor issued a reminder that snow plowed from a property should be returned to that same property, and not pushed across the road. He suggested that once the snow is at two feet fire hydrants should be shoveled out.

Sidewalks Clear of Snow: The Ward 2 Councilor reported residents are responsible for removing snow from sidewalks on the property in which they reside to permit pedestrians to walk and service persons to deliver goods. He said crosswalk curbs should be cleared also.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Donte Conard, 725 West 33rd Street: He said he would like to see more citizens attend council meetings to better understand how their government works. He said he was one of those citizens who thought the City had lots of money, and all citizens had to do was make a phone call and their needs would be taken care of at that very moment. However, by attending the meetings, he now knows better.

The President thanked Mr. Conard for attending and said his comments are appreciated.

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 Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m.; Pre-Council at 6:00 p.m.

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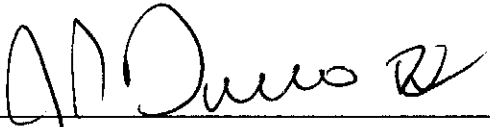
Budget Public Hearing: The President announced City Council will meet in a public hearing on Monday, December 1, at 5:30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the 2015 Budget Appropriations for the City of Ashtabula. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions. The budget appropriations are available for review on the City's website (www.cityofashtabula.com) under Finance Department 2015 Estimate. Inquiries may be emailed to the Council President, City Manager, or Finance Director.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: December 15, 2014

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

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