

ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ASHTABULA – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 3, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the Reverend Thomas McCain offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A Moment of Silence was observed for four community family members who lost their lives at the hands of a drunk driver at the intersection of West 58th Street and Adams Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. August A. Pugliese	(Ward 2 Councilor)
	Mr. Richard A. Quaranta	(Ward 3 Councilor)
	Mr. Michael D. Speelman	(Ward 4 Councilor)
	Ms. Jane E. Haines	(Ward 5 Councilor)
	Mrs. Kym A. Harley	(Ward 1 Councilor)
	Mr. Christopher J. McClure	(Vice President)
	Mr. John S. Roskovics	(President)

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: None

OFFICER(S) PRESENT:	Mr. James M. Timonere	(City Manager)
	Mr. Michael Franklin	(City Solicitor)
	Ms. Traci R. Welch	(Director of Finance)
	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 Ohio Sunshine Law.

AGENDA APPROVAL: None

PRESENTATION(S)

The Ward 5 Councilor made the following presentation to Reverend Thomas McCain:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-106

**A RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO
REVEREND THOMAS MCCAIN**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio that a very special recognition is in order; and,

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Thomas McCain, on November 27, 2018, was blessed to celebrate 90 years of life; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend McCain was born in the small mining town of Power, West Virginia; he moved to Ashtabula City in August 1953; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend McCain, before his 1996 retirement, was employed by the Tannery for 10 years, Rockwell International Brake Plant from 1964 – 1987 and Reliance Electric Company from 1989 to 1996; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend McCain believes his most notable contributions in life were when in 1980, he was ordained a Deacon; and in June 1999, he was called to Pastor at Deliverance Temple - the very place at which he was ordained 19 years earlier; both callings he performed with dignity; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend McCain has a true passion for Ashtabula City; his passion extends into Ashtabula County through his faithful and steadfast outreach ministry; his visits with prisoners and their families gives them hope for restoration; and he also carries with him so much joy and comfort, and most importantly the Word of God, when visiting residents in nursing homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, **CONGRATULATE** Reverend Thomas McCain on celebrating his 90th birthday – a milestone very few reach in life. Reverend McCain, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**, and **THANK YOU** for the ‘life’ you take to people everywhere you go by genuinely caring for their soul!

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST: _____
John S. Roskovics
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
Christopher J. McClure
VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Kym A. Harley
WARD 1 COUNCILOR

August A. Pugliese
WARD 2 COUNCILOR

Richard A. Quaranta
WARD 3 COUNCILOR

Michael D. Speelman
WARD 4 COUNCILOR

Jane E. Haines
WARD 5 COUNCILOR

James M. Timonere
CITY MANAGER

Michael Franklin
CITY SOLICITOR

Traci R. Welch
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded, to adopt the resolution; motion CARRIED.
Reverend Thomas expressed gratitude for his acknowledgment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is a means whereby Council is able to efficiently conduct business by grouping routine items for consideration and disposal.

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES

None

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- Formal Legislation Request(s): None
- Form and Correctness: None
- Legislation Overview: None
- Public Discussion (on legislation only): None
- Legislation Reading: None

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES

The Clerk of Council presented the November 19, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting minutes. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Harley seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager presented the following:

Sale of City Owned Property – 5520 West Avenue

A request for an ordinance to enter into an agreement J. Severino Construction, Inc. with a mailing address of 937 West 52nd Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004, for the purchase of the City owned property located at 5520 West Avenue, as the most responsible bid, in the amount of \$35,000.00. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Harley seconded, to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

Repeal Ordinance No. 2015-164

A request to repeal Ordinance No. 2015-164 for the purpose of updating the document pertaining to non-union employee wages & benefits. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded, to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

Non-Union Employee Wages & Benefits

A request for an ordinance to approve and adopt non-union employee wages & benefits and set the terms and conditions of those employees. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded, to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

2019 Public Defender Contract

A request for an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County Public Defender, Inc. with a mailing address of 4817 State Road, Suite 202, Ashtabula, OH 44004, for the purpose of providing legal counsel for indigent persons, in the amount not exceed \$23,000.00, to be paid quarterly for one year to commence on January 1, 2019. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Harley seconded, to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

Ashtabula County Land Reutilization Property Purchase

A request for an ordinance to purchase property from the Ashtabula County Land Reutilization Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$130.50, located on the northeast corner of Clifford Kadon Presidential Park, which is on West 58th Street. Mr. Pugliese moved, Ms. Haines seconded, to approve this request; motion CARRIED. The Ashtabula City Parks & Recreation Board voted to approve the property acquisition.

Yard Waste

This is the last week yard waste bags will be picked up by the City. Pickup will resume in the spring of 2019.

Recycling Pickup

Pick-up will occur in Ward 1 on Friday.

Garbage Pick-up

The new carts are slowing down the Monday and Friday pickups, just a bit, but crews are working out the bugs.

Recycling

There is great participation in the City and throughout the County.

Aqua Ohio Water Line Replacement Project – West 58th Street

The project was scheduled to be completed in November. Weather and other circumstances have caused delays. Sidewalks, treelawns and street cuts in the project area are being restored. The City is in constant contact with Aqua and will ensure the area is properly restored. When completed, the water pressure will be much improved.

Questions / Comments for City Manager

The Ward 5 Councilor asked what has been the feedback from Wards 1 and 2. The Manager responded, "Mixed". Some residents want recycling picked up every week and garbage every other week. Some do not want to participate at all. Crews have been advised to pickup the extra garbage, for the time being, unless it is a huge amount and over what is permitted in the current regulations. At

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the beginning of 2019, he will present legislation requests pertaining to the curbside recycling areas. He asked everyone to give it a chance. A lot of recycling materials are being handled.

The President said he has received positive feedback.

Recycling

The Ward 4 Councilor reported he gave the City Manager the license plate and vehicle information of a person who dumped a mattress in a recycling bin. He encouraged others to do the same. The Manager said the information was turned over to the Police Department and he will get the Councilor a report.

The Ward 2 Councilor asked when curbside recycling will be extended to Wards 3, 4 and 5. The City Manager explained what took place to get the program enacted in Wards 1 and 2, and that the following would be needed to extend the program into the remaining wards:

- A minimum of \$500,000 to purchase carts
- Apply for an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) grant to cover half of the cost to purchase carts
- Work with the Ashtabula County Solid Waste District (ACSWD) to secure funding
- Purchase (2) trucks with arms, at a cost of \$170,000 to \$200,000 each, and
- Within the next 2 to 3 years should be able to move forward.

The Ward 2 Councilor asked what the truck load reduction to the landfill has been. The Manager said it is difficult to say because the recycling bins that were placed all throughout the County are being dumped at our Transfer Station. He offered to get the Councilor a number on the truck load weight that has been saved. The Manager said the projected savings is suggested to be 25%. The Catch 22 of recycling is that the ACSWD is funded by landfill tipping fees. Encouraging a reduction in materials deposited in the landfill also encourages a reduction in their revenue.

Drug House Pamphlet

The Ward 5 Councilor asked what impact the "IS THAT A DRUG HOUSE?" pamphlet is having. The Manager said none; the Police Chief said not much.

Connie Shultz Signs

The President commented on the Shultz signs placed on poles around town, thanked City crews for putting them up and has had positive comments about them.

CITY SOLICITOR

No Report

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

The Public Hearing to present the 2019 Tentative Budget Appropriations is scheduled for Monday, December 17, at 5:15 p.m. The budget will be on display for public viewing in the Finance Department

and on the City's website. The Special Meeting to vote on the budget appropriations will be scheduled for Thursday, December 27, at 8:00 a.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

The "City Council Agenda Items" report located on pages 5 through 17 of the Pre-Council agenda is very long. Members of Council were asked to review the reported and let the Clerk know which items should be removed.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(Chair/Vice Chair)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PARKS & RECREATION (CD/ED/P&R)

(Roskovics/Speelman)

The Chair announced the committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m., with the Architectural and Restoration Review Board as their guests.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL - (F&P) (McClure/Pugliese)

The Chair announced the committee will meet Friday, November 14, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room.

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES/CABLE/SCHOOLS - (PW/PU/C/S) (Pugliese/Haines)

The Chair announced the committee will not meet in December. They will meet again on Friday, January 4, at 8:00 a.m.

SAFETY FORCES - (SF) (Speelman/Harley)

The Chair announced the committee will not meet in November and December. They will meet again on Monday, January 28, at 8:00 a.m.

WORK SESSION

None

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- Formal Legislation Request(s): None
- Form and Correctness: None
- Legislation Overview: The Clerk of Council provided a brief overview.
- Public Discussion (Legislation Only): None
- Consent Agenda Format: Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Harley seconded to dispose of the regular business legislation by consent agenda; motion CARRIED.

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- Legislation Reading: The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-107, REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2015-164, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING PAY RATES, MEDICAL BENEFITS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CURRENT NON-UNION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-108, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING PAY RATES, MEDICAL BENEFITS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CURRENT NON-UNION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-109, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IGR, LLC, FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5520 WEST AVENUE OWNED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA THAT IS NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR CITY PURPOSES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-110, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 937.02(k) ENTITLED LEVY OF CHARGES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING NEW LEGISLATION ALLOWING LIMITED WAIVERS OF LATE FEES AND PENALTIES BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. (City Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-111, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 937.02(k), ENTITLED LEVY OF CHARGES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING LIMITED WAIVERS OF LATE FEES AND PENALTIES BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. (City Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-112, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 951.08 ENTITLED RATES, PAYMENT AND COLLECTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING NEW LEGISLATION ALLOWING LIMITED WAIVERS OF LATE FEES AND PENALTIES BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. (City Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-113, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 951.08 ENTITLED RATES, PAYMENT, COLLECTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING LIMITED WAIVERS OF LATE FEES AND PENALTIES BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. (City Council)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Harley seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Quaranta, Mr. Speelman, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Harley, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Quaranta, Mr. Speelman, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Harley, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Council President

- Main Avenue Window Displays are really nice and goes all the way down to BJ's Records.
- Squire Donut Shop Puzzles are on display.
- Clove & Hoof is a new brewer on Bridge Street, located in the former City Traffic Building.
- Popp-A-Razzi is a new popcorn shop on Bridge Street.

Ward 4 Councilor

- Ashtabula County District Library, on behalf of SubZero Mission is collecting donations for homeless veterans.
- Catholic Charities accepts donations year around, such as – clothes, bedding and household items – no mattresses. Donation boxes for this cause are at the Chalk Box.
- Toys-for-Tots is a great charity – 95% of monetary donations received goes to the children.
- ADDA's Annual Christmas Party will be at the Chalk Box on Wednesday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m. Downtown merchants and persons interested in downtown are welcome.

Ward 5 Councilor

- The Councilor's hair salon, Ultimate Appearance, will celebrate 4 years in business on Main Avenue, on Saturday, December 7.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION/COMMENTS (General Matters)

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:

December 17, 2018

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics

John S. Roskovics
President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

LaVette E. Hennigan

LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council