

**Ashtabula City Municipal Building)
City of Ashtabula, Ohio)**

Tuesday, February 18, 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: 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. J. P. Ducro IV (President)

Member(s) Absent: Mr. Kris E. Hamrick (Ward 5 Councilor)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)

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: Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to excuse the Ward 5 Councilor and the Vice President from this meeting; motion CARRIED.

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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Clerk of Council presented the **February 3, 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 were approved as presented.

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS

ORDINANCE

2014-29 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014.

(Finance Director – presented to F&P Committee on February 14 – no committee vote taken)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Balog seconded to approve the formal legislation request; motion CARRIED.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Consent Agenda Legislation Only) – None

LEGISLATION READING

ORDINANCE

2014-29 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014.

(Finance Director)

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

(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

REGULAR AGENDA

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - No Report

Questions and Comments for the City Manager

Snow Plowing: The President thanked the City Manager for keeping the first crews over and bringing the second crew on early to get the roads cleaned up after last night's snow fall. He said they did a very good job.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Double Homicide: The Solicitor provided the following "brief update and non-specific report on the various criminal investigations and prosecutions related to the two double homicides we've had the misfortune to experience here in the City since November. As of now, by my count, and it is subject to correction because the county prosecutor's office is increasingly involved, we have arrested and charged eight (8) people in total, in connection with those two separate homicide events; the one on Hiawatha Avenue in November, and the one on Norman Avenue in January. Five (5) of those people have had their preliminary hearings and have been bound over for further consideration by the Ashtabula County Grand Jury. All are being held in jail on very large bonds because we consider them either to be a menace to the community, significant flight risks, or both. The people in custody include the people that we believe we can prove beyond any reasonable doubt were the actual shooters - the people who actually caused the deaths of the four (4) people. We also have in custody and have charged people who assisted them materially by driving them, by giving them a place of refuge, and we also have some people in custody who just thought it would be a good idea to lie to the police about a pending homicide investigation, or to conceal information or evidence from the police. And, those people, I expect, will be joined by a few others before the investigations are over. The investigations are on-going. Not in the sense that the manner of death is unknown, the persons believed to have accomplished the crime are unknown, or there is some doubt in the investigators minds about the responsible parties. But, simply to make sure that we have a clear understanding of how it was that four (4) people died violently in this City, and that the people involved in it were able to accomplish this (these crimes), and were able to move about freely for a period of some days afterwards. Now, I also would like to say, in my over thirty (30) years of legal practice, including a fair amount of criminal practice, I have not witnessed the quality of police work (of investigative work) that I've seen in these investigations. First and foremost, the Ashtabula Police Department stepped up to the plate in every way. If manpower was needed, manpower was supplied.

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

If cooperation (resources involving other agencies), was needed, ways were found to accomplish that. It was a concerted effort of a lot of people, and I don't want to go into too much detail at this point because of course all these matters have to come to trial. But, ways were found to cooperate with a lot of different agencies – the U. S. Marshal Service, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, of course the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department has supplied significant assistance. There has been unprecedented cooperation, I think, between the jail officers in the City of Ashtabula and the County of Ashtabula, because we've got a lot of people in jail connected with these crimes. I want to assure everyone who is involved with these that you shouldn't worry, we will find jail space for you; that's not going to be a problem. And, I promise you that. As a community we've benefited tremendously from some very dedicated people who have worked some very long hours and have really worked very intelligently and very resourcefully to figure out what, who, when, and how, and to make the arrests happen. And, I'm very thankful to live and work in a community that has those sorts of people and has the ability to reach out and make the connections with the people who had the things we didn't have. Several people were arrested in and around Cleveland. Ashtabula Police Department is pretty skilled but they're not equipped to do a manhunt in Cleveland. But, the U. S. Marshal Service is. And, because of the connections that were forged and facilitated between our department and the U. S. Marshal Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Sherriff's Department, this all came about and this has happened. So, I'm just going to say thank you to all the officers involved that I've met and worked with. I'll go further to say thank you to the officers that I know have been involved that I haven't had the opportunity to work directly with. And, I want to ensure the people of this City that you're safer now than you were, you're going to be safer in the near future, and that we will continue to do everything necessary to make sure that people who do these sorts of things get punished, and we will do our very best to make sure that these sorts of things don't happen in the future."

The President thanked the Solicitor for his words and the efforts of all involved, to get us to this point.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - No Report

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

The Chair reported on the committee's Monday, February 10, meeting, as follows:

A.C.M.C.: Mr. Michael Habowski, President & CEO, of Ashtabula County Medical Center (A.C.M.C.), attended the meeting and presented the following:

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

- * A lot of interesting facts and what their future focus will be;
- * They employ about 1100 people at various entities in their system, such as A.C.M.C., Glenbeigh in Austinburg, Home Health, and co-own Community Care Ambulance Network;
- * For the first time their budget (Manager noted it is their payroll) exceeded \$80 million;
- * They are still hiring and filling positions with the intent to offer more services to try and keep perspective patients from leaving the county for their medical care;
- * He estimates that out of 16,000 admissions at least half seek out of county care which equates to about \$56 million leaving the county;
- * The focus to try to keep these patients here is going to be done by: 1) recruiting and diversifying services; and 2) by offering more under-one-roof service by expanding services in Conneaut, Jefferson, and Ashtabula, and by offering higher-end services, surgeries and specialists;
- * By doing this their desire to improve our local economy will be met, because doctors and other health care employees will come into these areas, purchase real estate, and use local services;
- * Also those which use the hospital will stay and spend their dollars here for food, overnight accommodations, shopping, etc.);
- * Another focus is to use local vendors and contractors in their endeavors, which will in turn fuel our local economy;
- * Mr. Habowski is optimistic about the future;
- * Their quality indicator is up; their new efforts are increasing services, which will help keep patients here;
- * They desire to be a community hospital; a hometown hospital in every since of the term;
- * On June 28 they will celebrate their 110th Anniversary. They are planning an all day celebration. The City Manager agreed to help them in any way possible to help make the day a success; and
- * Mr. Habowski voiced concern about the appearance of Lake Avenue. Meeting attendants agreed that a large stretch of Lake Avenue, which is a major City corridor, needs work.

Planning & Community Development: Director Luciana Ratermann met with the committee and said:

- * Staffing has been reduced but the Department's progress and work is plentiful;
- * Grants have been received, grants are coming in, and grants have been applied for to address residential demolitions, Downtown and Harbor Revitalization, sewer work and Brownfield cleanup;
- * Residential property inspections are consistent; non-compliant offenders are being forwarded to the City Solicitor's office for remedy;

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

- * Vacant Building Enforcement legislation was passed in 2013 (Ordinance No. 2013-44), whereby all vacant residential and commercial buildings have to be registered with the City (fees apply), and each year there has been an increase in the fees that are collected.

Meeting Announcement: The committee will meet on Monday, March 10, at 5:00 p.m.; one hour after the normal meeting time. Michael Wayman, Chairman of the Ashtabula Township Park Commission, and an Ashtabula Downtown Development Association representative will be present.

Parks & Recreation Board: The Parks & Recreation Board meet on Tuesday, February 11. They have submitted a report listing all our City parks, their location (including ward), their main function, facilities available for use at each of them, and past and present projects relative to each location. The Chair said, "I'm really committed to making sure that our parks are the best that they can be; and that they are accessible in all areas of the City, so that our young people can recreate close to their home." The Board will present said report at the March 10 committee meeting.

Questions/Comments for Committee

The President said it was an excellent meeting; that he always enjoys hearing what Mr. Habowski has to say; that he brought up interesting points, such as what an economic difference using our local hospital can make in our community.

The Chair said, "It was refreshing to hear him talk because he was upbeat, which was nice to hear. To have a partner in the community like him is a great asset to us. We'd be foolish not to try to help them out – because it is only going to help."

The City Manager reported Mr. Habowski invited him and the President to a reception at which Dr. Cosgrove, CEO, Cleveland Clinic was the speaker. He spoke extremely highly of A.C.M.C and the work they are doing as a community hospital. During the meeting he expressed to the CEO how that the first week of his daughter's life was spent at the Cleveland Clinic, due to being born with Turner's syndrome. She saw several types of doctors, and ultimately had to return to Cleveland several times for various tests and procedures. Each trip meant he and his wife took the day off work, travelled, paid for parking, and actually spent the day in Cleveland for, what many of the times amounted to, a 15 minute procedure. He pushed the issue about the ability to have some of those test performed locally, and spoke with Dr. Cosgrove about it. Now some of those same tests can be performed at A.C.M.C., and sometimes we have better equipment than Cleveland. He encouraged everyone to do what they can to "keep business here". The Manager said Mr. Habowski told the committee that each hospital has to post, for public access, the fees associated with certain procedures, several of which procedures are less costly at A.C.M.C.

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

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

The Chair reported on the committee's Friday, February 14, meeting, as follows:

Conneaut Telephone Company/Suite224 Internet/CableSuite 541, Inc.

Mr. Kenneth Johnson, General Manager and Mr. Chris Siebeneck, Information Technology Director were present. Mr. Johnson told the Committee:

- * He and the City Manager's have spoken about the City's need for an updated telephone system;
- * There will be no cost to upgrade the system;
- * The new system will be a cost savings to the City;
- * His firm has and continues to bring fiber technology into the City for telephone and cable services;
- * The new telephone system should go live on May 1; and
- * They recently launched a new news and information website which may be accessed by going to: www.ConneautTelephone.com/Suite224/CableSuite or [facebook.com/Suite224 Internet](https://www.facebook.com/Suite224Internet)

Finance Director's Report to the Committee

Financials:

- * The City's 2013 Year-to-Date final numbers and the January 2014 Financials were reviewed; there were no January 2014 surprises.

The Chair reported he asked the Director to provide him with a report detailing the City's budget for the last 10 years. The report should provide a year-by-year documentation of the budget, and include the number of employees for each year.

The Director will attend an Ohio Public Treasurer's seminar on the state's plan to consolidate income tax services. The 'loss-carry-forward' piece is the most concerning because of a change in the law that would allow companies who experience a loss in a given calendar year to carry it forward to a year when they have a profit. Currently taxes are collected on a year-to-year basis. The change could impact our income tax revenue collections.

EMS Billing: Fire Chief Ron Pristera told the committee the third-party billing service has experienced glitches, and therefore billing is behind schedule.

Appropriation Ordinance Request: This item was reported out of committee during this evening's Consent Agenda Formal Legislation Request.

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Permissive Tax: The Finance Director presented information on how to garner more Permissive Tax revenue. The Director was asked to provide the number of vehicle registrations the current Motor Vehicle Tax and Auto License Tax revenue represents. The Director was also asked to provide the estimated revenue should there be a \$5.00 vehicle registration fee imposed.

Right Stuff Payroll System Update: Human Resources/Payroll Administrator Carolyn Sheldon reported all personnel will be on the new system this coming payroll, and duplicate manual payroll documents will no longer be required.

Bed Tax: The City of Ashtabula currently does not required lodging facilities to impose a bed tax. However, as our community moves more towards being a tourism destination, we have discussed implementing the tax to be paid by visitors of lodging facilities. Mr. Ducro moved, Mr. Balog seconded to grant the Manager's request for Council to consider adopting legislation that would enact a 3% bed tax in the City of Ashtabula. The Clerk of Council asked the Manager what he needs in order to move forward. The Manager said he will get with the City Solicitor, review the City of Geneva bed tax legislation, and perhaps a few others the Clerk forwarded, and present legislation at the appropriate time. At this time he needs nothing more from Council. The motion CARRIED.

Salt: We just received more salt, which costs \$36.85 per ton with a piler. Other communities are experiencing shortages. Because the City Manager and Public Services Superintendent Dominic Iarocci have remained on top of our supply, we are fortunate we have not run out.

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

The President reported on the committee's Friday, February 7, meeting, as follows:

Mr. Anthony C. Mancari, Area Manager for Aqua, OH presented information regarding the water company's recent request to the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) to increase water rates. Some of the comments he made were:

- * Notice of rate case will appear in Star Beacon on February 14 and February 21;
- * Notice in weekly newspaper publications will appear on February 13 and February 20;
- * The rate case was filed with the PUCO on December 2, 2013. It is unlikely the request will be denied. Aqua will consolidate filing for tariff among the entire state of Ohio rather than breaking it up into smaller tariffs. This will decrease the case filing fees which run hundreds of thousands of dollars, and is born by the system users;

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

- * Rate cases are about a 9 month process;
- * Rates will increase in August;
- * The last base rate case was filed in 2011 under Ohio American Water Company (OAWC) and awarded in May 2013;
- * In April 2013, they filed for a 3% system improvement charge for work associated with pipes, hydrants, valves, and service lines (\$1.6 million in Ashtabula);
- * Ashtabula City's average monthly residential water usage is 3500 gallons;
- * Water bills are expected to increase by \$5.23 per month or 0.17 cents per day;
- * Upgrades performed since last rate case;
- * Increase is due to Aqua being an investor owned utility who has to perform infrastructure upgrades to improve reliability of service, maintain compliance with Environment Protection Agency (EPA), and incrementally increase rates so as not to hit residents hard. Some of the cost recovery is due to the following upgrades that were performed since the last rate case:
 - * \$1.5 million at Walnut Beach plant, including a new chemical feed building (Compliance upgrade: EPA wanted a separate, modernized building, controlled with the latest technology to ensure adequate dosage and feed for the system. The water was previously disinfected with chlorine gas. It was not the best to have people exposed to if something catastrophic happened. Have converted to sodium hypochlorite, which to a layman is 'bleach'.
 - * Over \$1.2 million at Bunker Hill tank (painted inside and made structural repairs);
 - * Over \$2 million in new or replaced mains (have 200 miles of mains – which have a life, at best, of 50 to 60 years);
 - * \$1.4 million in valve and hydrant service; and
 - * Breaks have decreased by 20 to 25%.
- * Investments in community/county:
 - * \$1.5 million in property taxes (\$500,000 each to Ashtabula Area City & Buckeye School Districts); and
 - * Operating expenses have increased less than 2% since 2009.

Street Cuts: They now have a contractor who will repair their cuts. Coming out of the winter they will review the cuts and make the appropriate after winter repairs.

Utility Point Person / Time Warner Cable (TWC) Telephone Service: It was agreed upon that the City Manager would be the point person for any utility concerns or issues in our City. This will eliminate duplication of calls to the same entity to report the same concern or issue. It is always a help for the City Manager to know what concerns citizens have, relative to utilities. This procedure will also ensure our senior citizens whose only telephone service is TWC are not long without phone service.

Public Services Superintendent's Report (Dominic Iarocci) reported to the committee that:

- * We are remaining on top of our salt supply;
- * Crews are doing a good job snowplowing and filling potholes. He said they cannot go from place to place when someone calls to say their road has not been plowed – it slows down their progress;
- * The new street sweeper was delivered; and
- * He is addressing an EPA letter expressing concern with the condition of our Transfer Station. The City Manager will seek the assistance of State Representative John Patterson regarding this matter.

Comprehensive Paving Plan: The Manager unveiled his initial proposal. The Committee approved the Manager's request by the following action: *Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to permit the City Manager to move forward with the 'Manager's Preference/Medium Level' Plan, borrowing up to \$5 million, 3.25% interest, for 15 years, at an annual loan payment not to exceed \$426,000. The Manager will work with GPD and City Solicitor Michael Franklin to determine what is needed to apply for the State Infrastructure Bank (S.I.B.) loan. He will also find out from S.I.B. what legislative action is needed authorizing them to make the loan. The motion CARRIED. The Manager said there is still much to do before bringing anything before Council; however, in the meantime, he will provide regular updates.*

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Balog seconded on the Committee's approval of the Manager's initial proposal. The Manager reported:

- * GPD provided a preliminary list of roads;
- * Preliminary list is being revised;
- * GPD will be here Wednesday and Friday of this week to have discussions;
- * GPD will recalculate using the map;
- * He will bring maps to Council for perusal and comment before final roads chosen;
- * He received input from engineers and members of his staff;
- * He is getting close to what he wants the project to be;
- * The final road selections will go to Council for approval prior to the project going to GPD to commence;
- * Final project costs are required to be submitted to the State Infrastructure Bank Committee for loan approval; at which time documents will need to be executed;

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

- * What he desired from the Committee was what they believed Council's comfort spending and payback levels would be; and
- * He will actively search and apply for federal paving dollars to address roads that will not be included in the comprehensive plan.

Comments: The Ward 2 Councilor said every ward deserves to have approximately the same amount of roads paved. The Manager said Council will be pleased with what he recommends. The Manager said he also put all utilities on notice so our freshly paved roads are not 'cut up' immediately after paving is completed. The motion CARRIED.

Questions and Comments for the Committee

Public Works: The Ward 2 Councilor commended crews for doing a good job removing snow and keeping roads clear. He said, "Practice makes perfect". He also asked that everyone exercise caution since snow piles are so high.

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

Meeting Announcement: The Chair announced the committee will meet on Friday, February 21, at 8:00 a.m. The procedure for updating the Civil Service Commission Rules & Regulations will be the topic of discussion. The Civil Service Commission and City Solicitor will be present for the conversation.

Work Session: The President announced Council will meet in a Work Session on Monday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy will speak to Council about the work they do to establish Vacant Property Surveys (Land Bank) inventories. The end result will be an inventory of all properties (with or without a structure) in the City. The project is costly however grant funding is available. The Manager said he wants this project implemented because more demolition funds are coming available, but blighted areas have to be defined, and demolition efforts concentrated therein. He said this same project was successfully completed in Lorain, Ohio.

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Regular Agenda Legislation Only) - None

LEGISLATION READING – None

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – None

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Chris Evans, 3306 Superior Avenue: commented on the need to perform proper road maintenance after the comprehensive paving project is completed. The Manager said one of his primary project criteria is that after a lot of the paving is completed, funds are set aside for crack sealing and preventative maintenance we have been remiss in doing. He expects that the amount of time spent filling potholes will be replaced by an annual, comprehensive crack sealing plan, to include streets not paved in order to get more life out of them.

Mr. Evans said he wants to make sure crews have the right equipment to correctly patch holes, instead of throwing material in the hole and hoping enough tires roll over it to tamp it own. He said they need tampers to use in conjunction with their hot tar machines to make sure holes are adequately filled. He said the way holes are being filled only last for a day. He said the hole should be thoroughly cleaned and the material really tamped down in the hole.

The Manager reported crews have a machine which dispenses hot material but the ground is so cold, rendering efforts futile.

Mr. Evans said, he wanted to build on what Mr. Franklin said. He said he is a landowner who wanted to 'directly commend all the people involved. They did an excellent job. And just being there, and watching the network; you could see their communication worked; they were professional; they did a good job; and I think they wrapped things up rather quickly. You don't even see that in big cities. So, I think they did an excellent job, and I'd like everybody to know that."

The President thanked Mr. Evans for attending tonight, and said, "We like seeing new faces at the meetings". He said Mr. Evans is welcome to come to any council meeting (including committees), or to call anyone on the dais with more thoughts.

"Three Strikes You're Out" Rule: The President said recently on social media Mr. Evans commented about the 'three strikes you're out' rule, and asked the Solicitor for his comments. The Solicitor commented as follows, "We call it sundowning people.

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

When you're talking about misdemeanants - people who are constantly committing misdemeanors; and they can be bad misdemeanors; they can be crimes of violence, they can be repetitive thefts, they can be things that really adversely impact the community. You can't, constitutionally, pass legislation as a city that says you are not welcomed to live here if you have the wherewithal or the means to live here. You, as a council, do not have the authority to step in and say that person can't buy a house, that person can't rent an apartment. What does happen, from time-to-time is (I want to be careful how I say this because I'm not going to put words in any judges mouth or paraphrase what he says), but essentially some of these repeat offenders are literally wanted all the time to take care of warrants, to serve jail time, to appear for hearings, and they're not showing up. And when the judge gets them before him, he or she can set bond and indicate in the discussion with the defendant about setting the bond and letting him out again, if you do not appear there are going to be warrants out for your arrest. They will be for local service only. Meaning if we catch you in the City limits we will hold you in jail and we will do all these hearings, and we will impose all these sentences, and we will do all these things. However, if you should happen to be caught in Jefferson, or Orwell, or Aurora we're not going to come and get you. That is a matter that is within the judge's discretion. And, I may be stating it badly, but that is the way that these incorrigible, but not serious felony people can be encouraged to move their show down the road. Of course, eventually, they run out of road. In a society this size; in a country this size – just as a wholesale matter – say if you have three strikes in the City of Ashtabula you can't come back to the City of Ashtabula' a) It's not constitutionally permissible, and b) it becomes virtually impossible to enforce. At any given time we have a couple thousand warrants outstanding for people who just failed to show up for court. It's not necessarily a bad thing because it can aid investigations if a person who's a subject of an investigation is known to have warrants outstanding. But, I'm uncomfortable talking about it because it's not something that is done lightly, by any judge; it is not something that is done routinely by any judge. Occasionally people simply are not amiable to the criminal justice system. We just run out of tools to get them to conform their behavior. When you've reached the end of that rope, then you start looking for ways to shuffle them off on someone else who might have more success.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: N/A

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

CLOSING REMARKS

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Next Regular Meeting: The President announced the next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m., Pre-Council at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: The President announced Council will meet in a public hearing on Monday, March 3, at 5:15 p.m., to hear a request to rezone Mother of Sorrows' properties. The public hearing notice appeared in the Star Beacon on Friday, January 31, and may be found on City's website at www.cityofashtabula.com.

Closing Remark: The President reminded everyone to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula".

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cook moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: **March 3, 2014**

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

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