

**ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

Monday, June 16, 2014

Call to Order

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The Vice President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony (Prayer/Pledge/Moment of Silence)

The Clerk of Council 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. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)

Member(s) Absent: Mr. Richard F. Balog (Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. J. P. Ducro IV (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 1 Councilor and the Council President from this meeting; motion CARRIED.

Sunshine Law: The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.

Presentations: The Vice President presented Bruce and Debbie Anderson (owners), Albin and Janet Anderson (mother and father – first family owners), Amy Anderson (daughter), Mike & Nancy Niemi (staff), and Richell & Les Ebbert (staff), with:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-96

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
A. J. ANDERSON AND SONS, INCORPORATED
(a.k.a. ANDERSON JEWELERS)**

WHEREAS, it is with honor that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio give Very Special Recognition to A. J. Anderson and Sons, Incorporated; and,

WHEREAS, A. J. Anderson and Sons, Incorporated (known to our community as Anderson Jewelers) has been owned by the Anderson Family since 1950; first by Mr. Albin Anderson, next by his sons and now by his son Bruce and his wife Debbie; which is a testament to a gone-by era when families operated a business and passed it down through generations; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson jewelry business was also owned by two other families, with the first family establishing the business in 1877 in the City of Ashtabula, on the east side of Main Avenue by the former Shea's Theatre; and,

WHEREAS, Anderson Jewelers is located at 4533 Main Avenue; they have been an anchor business on Main Avenue, and a trusted and valued friend to the Ashtabula community; and,

WHEREAS, Anderson Jewelers specializes in on-premise custom jewelry manufacturing and repair; two services which, upon their closing, will almost be extinct;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council and these Public Officers of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, do hereby express our regret that this most noteworthy and established family operation is coming to an end. We thank you for remaining constant in our downtown community, and for always providing a quality product and exemplary customer service. Bruce and Debbie and the entire Anderson family and staff, you will be sorely missed! Our most sincere and best regards are extended to you as you meet life's next challenge. You have earned your place in the history of the City of Ashtabula, and you will always be remembered.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to adopt the resolution; motion CARRIED.

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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Consent Agenda Legislation Only) – None

LEGISLATION READING - None

(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

REGULAR AGENDA

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Clerk of Council presented the following meeting minutes for disposal:

- June 2, 2014 Regular Meeting

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections the minutes were approved as presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Municipal Building Chimney Replacement

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Rabe Environmental System, Inc. of 2300 West 23rd Street, Erie, PA 16506 for the purpose of removing the existing chimney at the Municipal Building and replacing it with a new B-vent stainless steel pipe in the amount not to exceed \$14,839.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5552, entitled Building Maintenance. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

Traffic Signal Project – Award Contractor

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Perram Electric, Inc. of 6882 Ridge Road, Wadsworth, OH 44281 for the purpose of providing labor and materials for the ATB Traffic Signal Project as the most responsible bidder in the amount not to exceed \$832,600.00.

Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the following accounts: 20% from 412-200-5500, titled Grant Matching, and 80% from 412-200-5557, titled State/Federal funding. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

West Harbor Sewer Improvements Phase 1, Allen Avenue

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with S.E.T., Inc. of 235 East Water Street, Lowellville, OH 44436, as the most responsible bidder, for the Allen Avenue sewer rehabilitation project in the amount not to exceed \$58,737.40. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 503-150-5500, titled Capital Improvements. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

2014-2016 Street Paving Program Administrative Services

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with GPD Group of 100 Federal Plaza East, Suite 200, Youngstown, OH 44503 for the purpose of providing construction engineering and project management for the 2014-2016 Street Paving Program in the amount not to exceed \$380,000. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5554, titled Street Improvements. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan – Street Paving Project

The City Manager requested an ordinance to authorize him to file an application for a loan through the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) to secure funding for Citywide street paving in the amount not to exceed \$942,000.00. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

State of Ohio Transportation Bond Fund

The City Manager requested an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to file an application through the State of Ohio Transportation Bond fund for the Issuance and sale, by the State of Ohio, of Bonds in a maximum amount of \$4,010,000.00 for the purpose of paying the costs of street improvements known as the City of Ashtabula 2014-2016 Street Paving Project. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Manager reported the initial phases are on the City's website (www.cityofashtabula.com); that there will be changes, and that alleys and Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps are included. The motion CARRIED.

Demolition of Blighted Structures

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Lower Cork Company of 435 Lower Cork Lane, Geneva, OH 44041 as the most responsible bidder for the demolition of 426/430 West 32nd Street Ashtabula, OH 44004 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 290-182-5485. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Northcoast Construction of Post Office Box 216 Conneaut, OH 44030 as the most responsible bidder for the demolition of 510 West 32nd Street & Depot Road and 3221 Superior Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 290-182-5485. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Manager explained that funds from Program Income projects were reallocated to the Neighborhood Stabilization Programs, as a result of homes being rehabilitated and sold that were located within communities in our territory. Any income above and beyond they was spent on properties to get them back in shape was placed back into the program. Customarily the overage is returned to the state. Because Ashtabula County has so many demolitions the State allowed the Program Income to be used. The caveat is that the funds have to be spent and the structures have to be razed, seeded, and paid for by July 30. They also granted permission for a few commercial properties to be included. These properties and the ones Lower Cork Company will handle (see request above that was granted prior to this one) were chosen because much of the leg work is already completed. The motion CARRIED.

Main Avenue Streetscape Plan

The City Manager requested an ordinance to adopt the Main Avenue Streetscape Plan as requested by the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA). This is the first step towards revitalization of the Downtown/Business District area. Mr. McClure moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request. The Manager announced the Plan is on the City's website (www.ashtabulacity.com), that ADDA now has a checklist of items they must complete, that they may apply for grant funding in two years, and that the City will assist them through the process. The motion CARRIED.

Smith Field Goal Posts

The City Manager requested an ordinance to declare the Smith Field goal posts obsolete. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Vice President reported football can no longer be played on the field, the park is now primarily a 'dog park', and midget football is now played at Wenner Field. For these reasons the goal posts are no longer needed. The motion CARRIED.

Hurricane Sandy Grant

The City Manager reported the City was unsuccessful in securing National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Hurricane Sandy grant funds for Walnut Beach. Only one grant from the State of Ohio was approved. The bulk of the funding went to New York and New Jersey, rightfully.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR CITY MANAGER

Route 11 Mowing: The Ward 2 Councilor reported he was glad to see the State finally had Route 11 mowed. The Manager responded that Route 11 clear to Youngstown had not been mowed.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT - No Report

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Finance Director reported:

2013 City Audit: The City's 2013 audit is complete. An exit meeting is scheduled for June 23, at 10:30 a.m., and will take place in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room or the Finance Department. There were no major findings, a copy of the report will be provided to Council, and will be on the City's website at www.cityofashtabula.com.

Tax Budget: The Tax Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 7, at 5:45 p.m. There are no real changes from when the Tax Budget was first provided at the June 12, Finance & Personnel Committee meeting, with the exception of the overall debt amount, which will be reduced because the loan we will get for the 2014-2016 Street Paving Project does not become our debt until the State reimburses for some of the paving.

Legislation Needs: At the next Regular Council meeting requests for appropriations will be made for the following funds: Permanent Improvement, Recycling Grant, Parks & Recreation, and Community Development Block Grant. Legislation will also be requested to designate the Recycling Grant Fund and Debt Service Fund for the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan and Recycling Grant. The Vice President said the Parks & Recreation appropriation will be used to install playground equipment at Clifford Kadon Presidential Park. The equipment was previously located at an Ashtabula Area City School, which has since been razed.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

The Chair reported on the committee's Monday, June 9 meeting, as follows:

Lift Bridge Community Association (LBCA): Mr. Ren Carlisle, Interim President, provided a brief update on LBCA activities, gave an overview of their priorities, and their short and long term development plans, which includes easier access to Ashtabula River and quality lodging. LBCA hopes the closing of Route 531 this summer does not affect business much, and said it should not if the detour route is posted properly.

Planning & Community Development Department: Director Luciana Ratermann gave a brief overview of all City projects, the focus on which is demolition of blighted structures. The end goal is to return the vacant property to the City's tax roll.

Parks & Recreation (P&R) Board: The Board met last Tuesday. They received a quote to repair and install, at Clifford Kadon Presidential Park (West 58th Street), the playground equipment given to the City by the Ashtabula Area School Board. The quote came in high. The City Manager told the Board the City could provide the funds. The Finance Director said she will be appropriating the funds needed for this project.

Peace Stone: The P&R Board is working on the details to have the stone placed in South Park.

Walnut Beach: More trash receptacles and more frequent trash pickups are needed at the Beach. The Chair asked the Manager if the City has a beach cleaner. The Manager responded yes, it runs once or twice a month, and that there are 'several' cans at the Beach.

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

The Vice President reported on the committee's Thursday, June 12 meeting, as follows:

2015 Tax Budget: Council will hold a 2015 Tax Budget Public Hearing in Council Chambers as the Finance Director reported earlier in this meeting.

Creation of a Compensated Absences/Personnel Costs Unfunded Liabilities Line Item: In response to the Council President's request for the creation of such a line item, the Finance Director recommended that during the 2015 budget process a portion of other fund balances be designated for placement into an Unfunded Liabilities Fund (ULF). The option would be make designated transfers throughout the year. He Finance Director will work with the City Manager and present their recommendation during the 2015 budget process.

2003 through 2014 Overall Budget Comparison: The President had previously asked the Finance Director for a report to make a 10 year comparison of the City's budget. The Finance Director told the committee this information is part of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (C.A.F.R.).

C.A.F.R.: The Finance Director reported the C.A.F.R. was submitted to the State, copies will be provided upon its return from the State, commended and thanked Assistant Finance Director Traci Welch and Human Resources & Payroll Administrator Carolyn Sheldon for stepping up and doing a lot of the in-house work, which lessened the consulting fees. She said once the State returns the C.A.F.R. it will be posted on the City's website at www.cityofashtabula.com.

Permissive (Auto License) Tax: The conversation regarding the possible implementation of Permission Auto license Tax will resume in January 2015.

Non-Union Pay Increases: The Manager told the committee he would like the following non-union hourly and salaried positions to receive pay increases: City Manager's Executive Assistant, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Assistant City Solicitor, Executive Secretaries to City Solicitor, Public Services Superintendent, Clerk of Council, Human Resources & Payroll Administrator, Assistant Finance Director, and Planning & Community Development Director. He told the committee salaried personnel took a 2% pay reduction while union members received increases in accordance with their union contracts. He said most non-union personnel have not received pay increases for 3 years, and that increases were placed in the 2014 budget.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant 2% pay increases to non-union hourly and salaried personnel in accordance with the Manager's recommendation, effective Monday, July 7; motion CARRIED.

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

The Chair reported on the committee's Friday, June 6, meeting, as follows:

Traffic Control

Prohibit Parking on a Portion of the South Side of East 45th Street: The Police Department approved the recommendation to prohibit parking from 1820 East 45th Street to State Road on the south side of the road only. Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the recommendation. The Ward 4 Councilor said she would like to go on the record saying she does not believe this is going to take care of the problem of being able to easily enter and exit driveways when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road. The motion CARRIED.

Right/Left Turn Only Lanes at West Avenue & Griswold Road Intersection: Mr. Richard Coski spoke with the committee about the uselessness of having right and left turn only lanes at this intersection. He believes if motorists obey State law there would be no need for the City to enact prohibitions. The Clerk of Council said it was stated at the meeting that 'turn only' lanes were only needed for 1.5 hours in the morning when school busses transport students to the Ashtabula Area City School Elementary Campus, and 1.5 hours in the afternoon when students were being transported home. It was also reported there was limited bus routes when the prohibition was first enacted. However, more bussing will be reinstated when students go back to school, at which time the traffic will increase and be even heavier. Everyone agreed that very few motorists are abiding by the prohibition, even with the strategic placement of signs and painted arrows in the road. The Vice President said his concern motorists not abiding by the prohibition or speed limit, coupled with the number of traffic control changes being made at the intersection. The committee asked the City Manager to have the Police Department conduct a study to determine if the right/left turn only lanes have been effective or caused more issues. Tonight the City Manager said the Police Department's recommendation was to return the intersection to its original status by removing the right/left turn only lane prohibitions. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded; motion CARRIED.

Traffic Signalization @ Intersection of West 44th Street & Park Avenue: The City Manager told the committee the Police Department reported more accidents have occurred with the change from a 4-way traffic signal, then to a 4-way stop, then to a 2-way stop, which is what it is presently. The department recommended the intersection remain a 2-way stop on West 44th Street, and with time, accidents will decrease, or change the signalization back to a 4-way traffic light. The City Manager suggested to the committee the following: Rather than going back to a 4-way stop, wait to see what equipment will be available from the upcoming Traffic Signalization Program that may be used at this intersection.

There may also be some equipment from that which ODOT just donated that would allow a full signalization to be recreated; including loops on West 44th Street, so traffic lights will remain green on Park Avenue so traffic continues to flow until east/west traffic on West 44th Street arrives at the intersection and activates the loops. He told them Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) is pushing municipalities to remove their equipment from their (CEI) poles. This will create a financial burden on the city relative to traffic light signalization. This Committee's Chair said he looks down the road to the time when Downtown Ashtabula will be revitalized. He said plans to make that happen are taking place now. He would like the traffic signalization to be in place now when we have the opportunity to do so, instead of having to address it down the road. The Manager will present options for the committee's review.

Yard Waste Bag Pickup Program: The Committee Chair reported the Program will end because the City no longer receives grant funding from the Ashtabula County Solid Waste District to supplement the Program. The Program began in the 1960s when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prohibited the burning of leaves. The Program is costly and staffing has been reduced, therefore the Program is costing the City money to operate. The alternatives to the City picking up bags are residents may mulch the waste when mowing, or take their bags to the Transfer Station or to a private compost facility. Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to repeal Codified Ordinance Section 951.12 thereby abolishing the Yard Waste Bag Pickup Program as it now exist; extend 2014 free bag pickup through June, enact free bag pickup during the months of April & May and October & November of each year, abolish twenty-five cents sticker requirement, and no longer sale yard waste bags. The Manager added that at any given time almost half of eight members of the Public Works Department are picking up bags. This takes them away from mowing city and private properties that are not mowed, tending to potholes and sink holes, and various other items crews are trying to tackle. He said it has been a constant battle to stay on top of bag pickup. The Manager said two summer part-time employees were hired which has somewhat helped. But, that it has not allowed Public Works crews to truly do public works tasks, such as: roads, catch basins, sidewalks, etc. He said the City's budget does not permit more full-time employees to be hired; therefore, the staff on hand must be able to focus on all the tasks that need to be done. The City Manager said he believes it is very important to continue to offer the pickup, especially in the fall and the first two months of spring. The motion CARRIED.

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

The Vice President announced the committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on Friday, June 20, at 8:00 a.m.

Work Session – No Session/No Report

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Regular Agenda Legislation Only) – **None**

LEGISLATION READING

Remove Legislation from Agenda: Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the City Manager's request to remove Ordinance No. 2014-101 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO TWO (2) CONTRACTS WITH MEDICO SYSTEMS, INC., FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION SERVICES TO ABATE TWO (2) VACANT AND BLIGHTED STRUCTURES, from tonight's agenda; motion CARRIED.

Consent Agenda Format: Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to present Ordinance Nos. 2014-97, 98, 99, 100, 105, and 106 in Consent Agenda format; motion CARRIED.

The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for Consent Agenda format consideration:

ORDINANCE

2014-97 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH S.E.T., INC., TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND MATERIALS FOR THE WEST HARBOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT, PHASE I – ALLEN AVENUE SEWER REHABILITATION. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-98 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERRAM ELECTRIC, INC., FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES IN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA'S TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-99 AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE FEE REQUIRED FOR DISPOSITION OF BAGS CONTAINING YARD WASTE UNDER CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 951.12 DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2014. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-100 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NOS. 1 AND NO. 2 TO CONTRACT WITH MEDICO SYSTEMS, INC., FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION SERVICES TO ABATE VACANT AND BLIGHTED STRUCTURES ON LAKE AVENUE AND MAIN AVENUE. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-105 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOWER CORK COMPANY FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES TO ABATE A VACANT AND BLIGHTED STRUCTURE ON WEST 32ND STREET. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2014-106 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTHCOAST CONSTRUCTION FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES TO ABATE VACANT AND BLIGHTED STRUCTURES ON WEST 32ND STREET & SUPERIOR AVENUE. (City Manager)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to waive the Charter Requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter Requirement of two readings: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure voted yea; motion CARRIED.

The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for individual consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-102 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ENGINEERING, PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA 2014-2016 STREET PAVING PROJECT (City Manager), was presented. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the Charter Requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter Requirement of two readings: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-103 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF OHIO TRANSPORTATION BOND FUND FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE STATE OF OHIO OF BONDS IN A MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,010,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF ASHTABULA 2014-2016 STREET PAVING PROJECT, TOGETHER WITH ANY NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND TO PAY THE COST OF ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS (City Manager), was presented. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to waive the Charter Requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter Requirement of two readings: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-104 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BORROWING THE SUM OF \$942,000.00 FROM THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COST FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS THE CITY OF ASHTABULA 2014-2016 STREET PAVING PROJECT (City Manager) , was presented.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the Charter Requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter Requirement of two readings: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure voted yea; motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

The Vice President issued a reminder that the City Council will meet in a Public Hearing on Monday, July 7, at 5:45 p.m., for presentation of the City's 2015 Tax Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS

2014-2016 Paving Program

East Side Alleys: The Ward 4 Councilor asked the City Manager if the alleys on the east side of town are included in the City's 2014-2016 Paving Program. The City Manager responded yes.

Paving Program Modifications: The Vice President issued a reminder that there will be modifications to the Program list of streets. He asked that patience be exercised. He said, and the Manager confirmed, that if crews are in an area and an alley needs to be paved, it will get done.

Start Date: The Ward 5 Councilor asked the City Manager if there is a tentative start date for the Program to commence. The City Manager responded the start date will be set shortly after the bid package is let. He said at the same time contracts are being worked on and funding is being secured, the engineer has been readying the bid package.

Street Cuts: The City Manager reported he has been provided the tentative paving list to all utilities companies in order for them to get started on their road projects; which many of them have begun.

The Ward 4 Councilor said she received two calls from a resident regarding the utility cut which spans the intersection of East 51st Street and State Road. The Manager responded Aqua OH American Inc. water company is waiting for the cut to settle more. They have filled it a few times, and once they believe it has settled enough they will permanently repair it.

Speed Limit on Walnut Boulevard: The Ward 2 Councilor reported the 35 miles per hour speed limit sign located just north of the stop sign at Union Avenue and Walnut Boulevard has been changed to 85 miles per hour, with paint.

Walnut Beach - Bands-on-the-Beach (BOTB): The City Manager reported the first BOTB of the season took place yesterday, and issued a Happy Father's Day wish to all dads. He thanked Ashtabula County Medical Center (ACMC) for their gracious donation of \$2,500 to sponsor this year's event. He said about 250 to 300 were present. The next event is scheduled for Sunday, July 6, at 4:00 p.m.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mrs. Pat Blum, 1540 West 17th Street: reported:

There are a half dozen yard waste bags on her road, asked when the new program will begin, and said she does not believe residents are going to transport their own bags to the Transfer Station.

Someone is pulling up and throwing her property survey stakes.

The grass and slope at the end of her road needs attention.

She thanked the City for erecting the road crossing caution signs by Lake City Plating.

She asked that Lake City Plating staff find another place to park in the winter rather than on the West 17th Street side of their building. When they park in this location it makes it difficult to get out of her road.

People are depositing garbage on her property, and the property on which the City's Equalization (EQ) Basin sits.

Someone is taking the West 17th Street (and Michigan Avenue) guardrail apart, located by the Equalization (EQ) Basin where the tanks are buried.

Mrs. Lois Miller-Martone, 1809 West 16th Street: reported that in September 2006, the City Council presented her and her business with a resolution recognizing September as Recovery Awareness Month. She said she has not done a lot to recognize the month and was not sure if the City did, but wanted to start. She asked for the City's support for an upcoming reserve raffle scheduled for September 13, 5:00 p.m., at Grotto Hall on Route 20 in Ashtabula Township. The cost is \$60 couples/\$45 singles. The proceeds will benefit G.O. Ministries, Agape Club, and the Opal House (a sober living house for women). Because of the drug addiction problem in our community, more events will be scheduled. Mrs. Miller-Martone said,

“We need to be more hopeful to the fact that people do recover, people can change, and with help and support of the programs and facilities that are available, that maybe we can touch some lives and hopefully turn some of those who are choosing that life style of addiction and which is bringing so much crime and turmoil to our community, hopefully turning some of those lives around. I’ve been committed to that for over 25 years. I continue to be passionate for the cause and will continue, hopefully, to have more and more events in the future.” Mrs. Miller-Martone reported no specific facility is affiliated with the reverse raffle event.

Signature Health Ribbon Cutting/Open House: The City Manager announced this event scheduled for Thursday, June 26, from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., is for invited guests. The facility is located at the newly renovated property which formally was the Hotel Ashtabula, on Main Avenue.

Mr. Nik Tressler, 202 West 58th Street: issued a reminder that more traffic signs and lights do no create safer driving. He said motorists are going 60 miles per hour on his road, as they come off of Plymouth Ridge Road, and that his road is poorly marked. He said much of the traffic signalization that was removed at the suggestion of the Ohio Department of Transportation is being instated. He said the only thing the speed limit sign did that was placed on his treelawn was give him something to mow around.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: N/A

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

CLOSING REMARKS

Tag Line: The Vice President reminded citizens to “Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula!”

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: **July 7, 2014**

ATTESTED BY: _____

J.P. Ducro IV
Vice President of Council

ATTESTED BY: _____

LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council