

**ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO  
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004**

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, November 16, 2015**

**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. A moment of silence was observed due to the passing away of Mr. James Wood, the father of a City employee, who regularly followed City government.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	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. Kris E. Hamrick	(Ward 5 Councilor)
	Mr. Christopher J. McClure	(Vice President)
	Mr. J. P. Ducro IV	(President)

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** None

<b>OFFICER(S) PRESENT:</b>	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(S):** None

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

**PRESENTATION(S):**  
The Council President presented the following resolution to Mr. Westley Sabroff resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-142**

**A RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
MICHAELS FURNITURE COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio that **Michaels Furniture Company** is celebrating a business milestone this year; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Michaels Furniture Company is a family owned business that has been in the City of Ashtabula since it opened in 1940 at 4622 Main Avenue; in 1977, the business was moved to its present location at 4520 Main Avenue; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Barry Silverman has owned the family business since 1986, taking over the reins from his father and grandfather, and is presently mentoring his son Westley Sabroff to do the same; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michaels Furniture Company sells living room, dining room and bedroom furniture, as well as appliances, mattresses, and electronics; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michaels Furniture Company offers free delivery, low discount pricing, and is one of the few stores that continues to offer in-store financing; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, do hereby **CONGRATULATE** Michaels Furniture Company, a family-owned business, on their milestone 75<sup>th</sup> year in business in the City of Ashtabula! We are sincerely **GRATEFUL** that you became, and **APPRECIATE** that you have remained a member of our downtown community.

**THANK YOU for 'Believing In Ashtabula'!**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

J.P. Ducro IV  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Christopher J. McClure  
VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard F. Balog  
WARD 1 COUNCILOR

August A. Pugliese  
WARD 2 COUNCILOR

Alice T. Cook  
WARD 3 COUNCILOR

Josephine Misener  
WARD 4 COUNCILOR

Kris E. Hamrick  
WARD 5 COUNCILOR

James M. Timonere  
CITY MANAGER

Michael Franklin  
CITY SOLICITOR

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Dana P. Pinkert  
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Mr. Westley thanked the City for the recognition, and said he looks forward to taking over the business and continuing to serve Ashtabula and the surrounding areas as long as possible.

The Council President presented the following resolution to the Ward 1 Councilor:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-141**

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
RICHARD F. BALOG**

**WHEREAS**, it is the honor of this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio to give special recognition to **Richard F. Balog**; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rick is retiring after serving as our Ward 1 Councilman from January 18, 2011 to November 30, 2015; he has a passion for truth, justice, and righteousness; and,

**WHEREAS**, while serving as a member of the Ashtabula City Council, Rick held the position of Chairman of the City Council's Safety Forces Committee; this was a natural fit for Rick, seeing how that on February 17, 1975, he began his public service as a Firefighter with the Ashtabula City Fire Division; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rick advanced in the Ashtabula City Fire Division ranks where he held the positions of Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, and was appointed to serve as our Fire Chief on December 18, 1998; Rick retired from a successful Fire Division career and his first public official position on March 24, 2006; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, sincerely thank Rick for his outstanding and exemplary service, fair and balanced points of view, all while maintaining a quiet, gentle, yet convincing spirit. Rick, you are what public service 'looks like' - steadfastness, selflessness, and dedication. CONGRATULATIONS on this your second retirement from public service - it was our pleasure to serve with you!

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

*J.P. Ducro IV*  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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*LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC*  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Christopher J. McClure*  
VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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CITY MANAGER

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*Michael Franklin*  
CITY SOLICITOR

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*Dana P. Pinkert*  
*FINANCE DIRECTOR*

The Ward 1 Councilor commented by saying, "It has been my pleasure to serve".

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to adopt the resolutions; 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 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** - None

**FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS** – None

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

**LEGISLATION READING** – None

(End of consent agenda)

#### **City Income Tax Renewal**

The Council President, on behalf of City officials, thanked Ashtabula Citizens for their support and passage of the City Income Tax. "It certainly is very gratifying to us as Councilors and the Administration to have your support and know that you appreciate the fact that we try to be good stewards with your tax dollars. And, that you recognize the importance of what we are trying to do to keep our City operating, and as efficiently as possible."

### **REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The Clerk of Council presented the November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes for Council's disposal. 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**

### **Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Consent Legislation – SR 11 Roadway Crack Sealing**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with ODOT of 2088 South Arlington Road, Akron, OH 44306 for the purpose of providing funding to crack seal Route 11 within City Corporate Limits to be funded 100% by the State of Ohio. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to approve the City Manager's request.

**Discussion:** The President asked if the City has to provide anything in exchange for this work. The City Manager said just the ordinance. The motion CARRIED.

### **West Harbor Sewer Improvements Phase 2 – United Survey Change Order No. 3**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 3 with United Survey Inc., of 25145 Broadway, Cleveland, OH 44146 to provide additional work in connection with Siphon Repair work in the amount not to exceed \$4,321.59. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Fund 503, Water Pollution Control Capital Improvements. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to approve the City Manager's request.

**Discussion:** The Ward 5 Councilor asked if this finalizes the siphon work. The City Manager said yes, this should be the last bill. He reported this is in conjunction with the OPWC grant for sewer repairs and televising on the siphon and other areas in the Harbor. The Manager said since the siphon hole was repaired the flow to the Water Pollution Control Plant has decreased, even without the lining being replaced, for which project funding is going to be sought. The motion CARRIED.

### **Yard Waste Bag Pickup Schedule**

The City Manager reported a portion of the schedule was omitted from the City's website posting. The following will be the schedule from this day forward:

This week: Harbor

Week of: 11/23 (Wards)

Week of: 11/30 (Harbor)

Week of: 12/07 (Ward) to ensure there are an even number of pickups in the Harbor and the wards. This will be the last pick up until this complimentary service resumes in April 2016.

### **Police Officer Hiring**

The City Manager reported interviews and polygraphs have been conducted on potential new hires, and the hiring process is now in the psychological evaluation phase. So far, everything looks pretty good. We believe we will soon be able to hire four (4) new officers to meet the Police Levy requirements. The Manager said we wanted to make sure we had "all of our i's dotted and t's crossed in the hiring process and that we had the best available to us to hire". He apologized for it taking so long.

**Remembering Patrolman William Glover**

The City Manager commented that in light of last Friday's terrorist attacks in Paris, he was reminded that on Wednesday, November 18, it will be 18 years ago Patrolman Glover was killed in the line of duty. He said as we watch the Paris events and others that have unfolded in the U.S.A., we rely on our first responders (police, fire, military) to keep us safe. There has been a lot of heat placed on police officers across the country in the last few months, coupled with the pressure they face due to the events that are happening worldwide. He asked that we remember these men and woman that jump into action to protect us, to protect our homeland, to protect our cities, and Patrolman William Glover on this 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and to "keep them in your thoughts and your prayers as you go about your day".

**Questions/Comments for City Manager**

**2015 Paving:** At the request of the Ward 2 Councilor, the City Manager reported that the remaining roads in this year's paving program (East 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Harbor Avenue extending back to the Country Club Retirement Campus, Michigan Avenue extension, and MFG Place) will commence in the next day or two.

**Traffic Signalization Project:** The City Manager reported that over the next two weeks the remaining work on this project will be performed. He believes a solution to the volume of the audible signal at the intersection of Station Avenue and Route 20 might have been found and will require a change order of \$3,000 or more. He said the topic will continue to be discussed.

**Columbus Avenue Railroad Crossing Repair:** The Ward 2 Councilor thanked the Manager for getting the railroad crossing repaired.

**West Avenue Street Cuts:** At the request of the Ward 5 Councilor the City Manager reported Aqua Ohio is abandoning a sixteen inch line in the road and putting it in the treelawn. To do this they have to dig laterals across West Avenue to tie in all side streets. He reported Aqua has patched the cuts, he does not know when the project is scheduled to be completed, but knows they are trying to do the best they can before winter arrives.

**West 44<sup>th</sup> Street & Park Avenue "Pedestrian Crossing" Signs:** At the request of the Ward 4 Councilor the City Manager said he has to check into the placement of signs at this intersection to remind motorists that pedestrians have the right-of-way.

**CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No Report

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Amounts & Rates for Budget Commission**

The Finance Director reported the annual resolution approving and submitting the amounts and rates to the Ashtabula County Budget Commission arrived today. She will provide the request to the Clerk of Council for placement on Council's agenda in December.

### **Expenditures**

The Finance Director reported expenditures are tight and are closely being monitored going into the last few months of the year. The departments have been asked to only purchase 'necessary' operating items.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

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

The Chair announced the committee met on Tuesday, November 10, and reported the following:

**Request to Amend Codified Ordinance (CO) Section 505.01:** The Chair reported the committee discussed the request to amend CO Section 505.01, titled "Dogs and Other Animals Running At Large", for the purpose of considering Mr. & Mrs. Kiphart's request to permit their horses and Ms. Monique Smith request to permit her chickens to remain inside the City limits. She reported, "After the Committee reviewed the ordinance it was our recommendation that our present ordinance should not be amended. So, when we receive a complaint of horses or chickens I'm sure action will be taken to have them removed. You must remember it is a minor misdemeanor for the first offense."

**No Parking on West 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Streets:** The Chair reported receiving a request to prohibit parking on the north and south sides of South Park (West 49<sup>th</sup> Street and West 50<sup>th</sup> Street, from Main Avenue going west the length of the park, from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.). The Chair moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

**Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (A.D.D.A.):** The Chair reported the Association is working hard to complete, by January, the needed information for a grant application for the Main Avenue Streetscape Project.

**Downtown Christmas Parade:** The Chair issued a reminder that the parade is scheduled for Friday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.

**Parks & Recreation Board:** The Chair announced the Board met on Tuesday, November 10, and reported the following:

**Clifford Kadon Presidential Park (CKPP):** My Neighborhood group had a "great" harvest from the gardens. They donated some of their abundance to G.O. Ministries. There was a lot to do to get the pavilion construction ready. "It is all ready to go to be done (*constructed*) in the spring.

**YMCA:** The Board was told the YMCA hosted a youth flag football event. Over 42 youth participated. Next year the YMCA is looking forward to instituting the NFL flag football program. This expands the opportunities for participating youth in that they will receive shirts and gifts.

**City Parks Project's List:** The Board is putting together a "City Parks Project List" in order to set goals. Goals provide incentive, interest, and energy. The Chair commended the Board for their dedication and said she appreciates their energy and desire for our City residents to have a place to recreate.

**Busy Beaver Grand Opening:** The grand opening was last Saturday. It was very successful with a full parking lot representing an estimated 200 to 300 people. "It's a testimony for that business to relocate. They were in the City; they relocated in the City; and it's a win/win for the City because they also took over a vacant building and made it into a beautiful, beautiful business." The Chair expressed her appreciation for what they are doing for the City. The President asked if it is known what will happen with the location they vacated. The Chair said she did not know, and that they did not own the building. A replica of the Ashtabula County District Library's expansion (West 44<sup>th</sup> Street – Downtown Ashtabula), and literature to tell what will be available once the expansion is completed was available at the grand opening. The expansion will bring a lot of traffic to Downtown Ashtabula, and businesses should consider our downtown area to locate to given the increased traffic that will be generated. The Vice President said the replica is traveling around to various locations to bring exposure to the project.

**New Dollar General Location:** A grand opening was hosted for their new location on Route 45, which location is part of a Joint Economic Development District (J.E.D.D.) between Saybrook Township and the City of Ashtabula. They too, had a full parking lot, at 6:00 a.m., which is good for Ashtabula City.

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

The Chair reported the committee did not meet in November due to the Budget Work Session held the week before. At the work session the 2016 budget and 2015 financials were reviewed. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 11, at 8:00 a.m.

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

The Chair announced the committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, December 4, at 8:00 a.m.

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

The Chair announced there to be no report. He said he is doubtful the committee will meet on Monday, November 23, at 4:00 p.m., as scheduled, due to there being no agenda items presented. He said the City Manager gave an update on the Police Department hiring during his Manager's Report. He is hopeful the process will be completed by the first of the year.

**Questions/Comments for Safety Forces Committee**

**Police Officer Introductions:** The President issued a reminder that he believes it would be nice to introduce all new hires made possible with Police Levy funding, at a regular council meeting, once the hiring process is completed. He said the City Manager and Police Chief Robert Stell will coordinate this activity.

**Committee Chair's Retirement:** The Ward 4 Councilor asked the Chair if he was really going to miss us. The Chair responded, "I actually think I will miss you, too, to some degree, yes". LAUGHS!!! The Chair said, "It's been a pleasure to serve, as I said Mr. President. This is a great group, and I think you will continue to move Ashtabula forward". The Councilor said, "And, we will miss you".

**Work Session - None**



**FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS**

The Clerk of Council formally introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2015-143, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 191, ENTITLED MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, to City Council. Mr. Balog moved, Mr. McClure seconded to accept the introduction; motion CARRIED.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** (Regular Agenda Legislation Only)

The President provided a brief recap of the Legislation Agenda. There was no discussion.

**LEGISLATION READING**

Mrs. Cook moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to dispose of the Regular Legislation Agenda in consent agenda format; motion CARRIED.

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

ORDINANCE

2015-140 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS AND OTHER UTILITIES AT THE BEST AVAILABLE RATE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE MANAGER. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-143 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 191, ENTITLED MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX. (Finance Director)

ORDINANCE

2015-144 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE BORROWING THE SUM OF \$302,000.00 FROM THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND TRANSACTION COSTS FOR THE UPCOMING ROUTE 20 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (City Manager)

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Thanksgiving Week Trash Pickup:** The City Manager announced there will be no trash pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26. Thursday's pickup will be Friday; Friday's will be Saturday.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

#### **Thank you, Rick Balog**

The City Manager expressed his appreciation to Ward 1 Councilor Balog, for his years of service to the City. "He has been a tremendous help to me, especially with the changes we've had in personnel in the Fire Department. I know I could always rely on him to provide me some advice and guidance, which was invaluable. And, I truly do appreciate your help there, and with all the different matters that we've gone through over the years. I wish you the best in your retirement."

The Vice President told Mr. Balog to let his replacement know he is responsible for providing the candy and water for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. He then said, "Rick, it's been an honor for all of us". The Clerk of Council said there is some truth to the water portion because Mr. Balog often contributed to the conference room water supply.

**Cleveland Browns:** The Ward 2 Councilor said, "I wonder if City Council could write a letter to the Cleveland Brown's organization asking them if they practice every week. LAUGHS! The President said it is tough to be a Brown's fan.

**Downtown Parade:** The President announced the following schedule of parade events for Friday, November 20:

- 5p – Pre Parade entertainment in Cornelius Park
- 5:30p – Tree Lighting
- 5:30 – 645p –Mrs. Claus (corner of Main Avenue & West 46<sup>th</sup> Street)
- 6p – Entertainment in Cornelius Park continues and Parade lineup begins
- 7p – Parade (THEME: All Lit Up)
- After-parade merchant activities along Main Avenue
- November 1 was the deadline to be a parade participant
- CANDY DONATIONS ARE WELCOME and may be DELIVERED TO ULTIMATE APPEARANCE, MAIN AVENUE.

Parade Coordinator is Suzy Kist, Stylist @ Ultimate Appearance, whose efforts we appreciate.

**Mr. Edward Dragon:** The President reported receiving a message from a resident whose son lost his wallet. Mr. Dragon found it and returned it to his home today, with all the contents in place. She wanted the President to know how appreciative she was because there were so many important items in her son's wallet. The President thanked Mr. Dragon for being "of great character". The Solicitor said he has been fortunate to work with Mr. Dragon on some real estate transactions. He is not a resident of Ashtabula City, but owes business properties in our city. He said, "I can only say based on my contacts with him, for him to do something like that is entirely consistent with the way he's conducted himself the whole time I've known him".

### **GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**Mrs. Pat Blum, 1540 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street:** said she believes there is only one 'no parking' sign presently on the south side of her road. She commented on the number of empty versus occupied homes on her side of the road.

She reported being tired of picking up garbage and tree branches at 1520 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street; a bank-owned property. She reported tree branches are dropping in the street from 1508 and 1502 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street and said she is no longer going to remove the garbage (presently it is one big bag) or tree branches from these properties. The City Manager said he will see what the City can do about the trees. The City Manager said after the November 2 Regular Council meeting, he instructed the Code Enforcement Officer to visit West 17<sup>th</sup> Street to look at all the homes and evaluate which ones are vacate and occupied; and to perform code enforcement on the entire road. He reported 15 [and] 30 days are usually given the homeowner to make repairs before the Code Enforcer returns. He said he will follow up on the status of them to see what else has to be done. The Manager asked Mrs. Blum if 1520 is, indeed, vacant, and if so, has someone been going there. She responded yes, and that she watched someone removing a refrigerator from the property three Sunday's ago.

Mrs. Blum asked if Maruba Avenue is on the paving list. The City Manager said not this year.

Mrs. Blum issued her repeated request that employees of Lake City Plating (located at Lake Avenue & West 17<sup>th</sup> Street), find another place to park their vehicles when the snow begins to fall. The City Manager reported parking at Lake City Plating was discussed. He said we found out that, "The entire north side of the road is marked no parking. On the south side it's marked 'no parking from here to the corner', which is about 15 feet. So, what we had discussed in Council was taking the no parking on the south side of the road back to the first residential property, so that nobody could park on that end of the road, from the last residential property, to the corner.

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>	None
<b>RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:</b>	N/A
<b>ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>	N/A

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

#### **Meetings:**

The President announced the following meetings:

**Swearing-In Ceremony:** Monday, November 30 @ 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers for Council President, Council Vice President, Wards 1 and 2 Councilors, City Manager, and City Solicitor

**Organizational Meeting:** Tuesday, December 1, begins the term for the members of Council and the Administration who were elected on November 3. Our City Charter requires that the full Council convene an Organizational Meeting on December 1, @ 6:30 p.m. That meeting will take place in the Municipal Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room. The public is welcome to attend.

**Public Hearing:** A Public Hearing, to present the 2016 City of Ashtabula Budget Estimate to the public, is scheduled for Monday,

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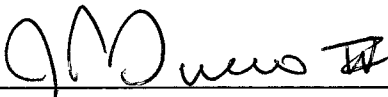
December 7, @ 5:30 p.m., in Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions. The Budget Estimate may be viewed on the City of Ashtabula website at [www.cityofashtabula.com](http://www.cityofashtabula.com). Requests for hardcopies may be directed to the Clerk of Council @ [lhennigan@ashtabulacity.com](mailto:lhennigan@ashtabulacity.com) or 992-7119, or the Finance Director @ [dpinkert@ashtabulacity.com](mailto:dpinkert@ashtabulacity.com) or 992-7197.

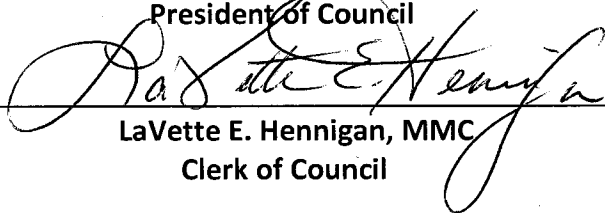
**Regular& Pre Council Meetings:** Monday, December 7 @ 7pm; Pre-Council @ 6pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, the President issued a reminder to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", and adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: December 7, 2015

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

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