

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, March 7, 2016**

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

Elder Christopher McCain of People's Baptist Church, West Avenue, offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Mrs. Josephine Misener	(Ward 4 Councilor)
	Mrs. Alice T. Cook	(Ward 3 Councilor)
	Mr. Kris E. Hamrick	(Ward 5 Councilor)
	Mr. John S. Roskovics	(Ward 1 Councilor)
	Mr. August A. Pugliese	(Ward 2 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 resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-33**

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION  
TO  
ALBERT'S AUTOMOTIVE**

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

*WHEREAS, Jeff & Sharon Albert did, fifty-eight years ago, open Albert's Automotive in Downtown Ashtabula; and,*

***WHEREAS,** Albert's Automotive has been located at 5810 Main Avenue since its inception; and,*

***WHEREAS,** Albert's Automotive has been a staple of the Ashtabula Downtown business community by offering full service auto repair and preventative maintenance; and,*

***WHEREAS,** Albert's Automotives' community service has extended to After School Discovery, the Wine & Walleye Festival Committee, and Greater Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce membership; and,*

***WHEREAS,** Jeff & Sharon Albert did, five months ago, sell their respected Downtown business to Scott Warren, an Ashtabula County native and former Marine, whose community service extended to coaching area youth in the Ashtabula Soccer Association and the Buckeye Community Midget Football League;*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, do hereby express our sincere appreciation to Jeff & Sharon Albert for their 58 year commitment to the Ashtabula Downtown business community; and to Scott Warren for continuing the commitment, and to whom we wish the very best.*

**THANK YOU for Believing In Ashtabula!**

ADOPTED: February 16, 2016

The resolution was accepted by Mr. Russ Albert - original owner; Mr. Jeff Albert - immediate previous owner and son of Mr. Russ Albert; and Scott Warren - current owner. Mr. Russ Albert commented that the business was located up the road a bit for a few years prior to moving to its present location. The gentlemen were thankful for the recognition.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-47**

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION  
TO  
GLOEKLER CHIROPRACTIC**

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

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Norman J. Gloekler, a native of Ashtabula and graduate of Edgewood Senior High School, is the sole proprietor of Gloekler Chiropractic; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Gloekler was encouraged to seek chiropractic assistant after suffering an injury so painful he could not walk, which assistance he believes was "remarkable"; so much so he decided to change professions and pursue a career in the field that was immensely instrumental in improving his quality of life; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Gloekler, after graduating from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, MO, went to work in a Naperville, IL practice to gain experience in the chiropractic field before returning to his hometown of Ashtabula where, 35 years ago, he open Gloekler Chiropractic at 4239 Lake Avenue – the north entrance to the Ashtabula Downtown Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, Gloekler Chiropractic offers holistic health care and specializes in full spine/extremity treatment; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Gloekler, after returning home, became active in Ashtabula Rotary Club and LEADERShip Ashtabula county where he served as President of both organizations; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, do hereby extend our sincere appreciation to Dr. Norman J. Gloekler and Gloekler Chiropractic for 35 years of dedication and commitment to the Downtown Ashtabula business community.

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

Dr. Gloekler said he truly was humbled by the recognition; that it reinforces his feeling about Ashtabula; that everything that is important is expressed in the resolution; and thanked Council and the citizenry for allowing him to participate and enjoy a good quality of life in the City of Ashtabula.

Mr. Pugliese moved. Mrs. Cook seconded to adopt the resolutions; motion CARRIED.

The Clerk of Council reported the Albert's Automotive resolution will be updated with information she learned at the conclusion of the above presentation.

The President told resolution recipients they were not required to remain, but were welcome to do so.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

### **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 one vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- None

#### **FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS**

- None

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Consent Agenda Legislation Only)**

- None

#### **LEGISLATION READING**

- None
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### **REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **MEETING MINUTES READING & DISPOSAL**

- The President entertained a motion to remove the February 16, Regular Meeting minutes and February 29, Special Meeting minutes from this evening's agenda to permit the Clerk additional time for their preparation. Mr. Hamrick moved, Mrs. Cook seconded; motion CARRIED.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### **Water Pollution Control (WPC) - Industrial Pretreatment Program Administration**

- The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants of 8150 Sterling Court, Mentor, OH 44060 for the purpose of providing Program Administration for the WPC Industrial Pretreatment Program in the amount not to exceed \$15,500.00 annually for a period of two years. Funds for this expenditure will be taken from the WPC Fund 503. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request.

Discussion: The Manager explained some of the Program's activity is water sample testing. The bulk is the industrial permitting required for each industry, such as inspections and manhole sampling. This agreement covers the City's entire Industrial Pre-Treatment Program that a lot of our industries have to do in order to discharge through our sewers. He said the City monitors the effluent coming to us to make sure it is within the program's scope. Motion CARRIED.

**Repeal Ordinance No. 2016-37**

- The City Manager requested an ordinance to repeal, in its entirety, Ordinance Number 2016-37 for the purpose of replacing it with the corrected ordinance. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

**Amend Traffic Control Map**

- The City Manager requested an ordinance to amend the Traffic Control Map and File for the purpose of removing the 90-minute parking restriction on the east side of Park Avenue between Park Place and West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

**Questions / Comments for City Manager**

- **Pedestrian Signs at West 44<sup>th</sup> Street & Park Avenue:** The Ward 2 Councilor asked for an update on the request for signs to be installed at this intersection. The Manager reported they have been ordered, and upon their arrival will be installed.
- **No Parking Signs on East 17<sup>th</sup> Street & Lake Avenue:** The Ward 2 Councilor asked if the signs have been installed. The Manager responded, yes, along the south side of the road, from the first residential property, east to Lake Avenue. He said he has had some communication with Lake City Plating, and a temporary loading/unloading zone sign was installed, at their request.

**CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- **No Report**

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **No Report**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

(Chair/Vice Chair)

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

(Mrs. Misener/Mr. Roskovics) – The Chair reported the committee will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

- **Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA):** Last week ADDA passed their Master Plan and presented it to the committee. All members of Council have received an

email copy of the Plan. Questions or suggested changes may be submitted to the Clerk of Council, and will be discussed at tomorrow's committee meeting.

The committee will present their recommendation to the full Council for a vote of acceptance. Once Council approves the Plan it becomes a part of the downtown development grant application the City will submit.

- **Ashtabula Area City Schools (AACS):** Representatives from AACS will be at tomorrow's committee meeting. All inquiries for the committee regarding AACS should be submitted to the Clerk of Council for submission to the committee for discussion.
- **Parks & Recreation Board:** The Board will meet tomorrow in Pre-Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Questions / Comments for CD/ED/P&R Committee**

- **ADDA Master Plan:** The Clerk of Council reported receiving an email copy of the Plan, today, with a few updates; which was then emailed to the full Council. ADDA will bring hardcopies to tomorrow's committee meeting.
- **Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS):** The Ward 2 Councilor asked for an update on the SRTS grant that will be used to install sidewalks in the vicinity of the elementary school campus. The Manager responded the City has been working with Smolen Engineering, and construction is still scheduled for 2017.
- **Route 20 Paving Project:** The President asked if 2017 is the same schedule for the start of this Project. The Manager said he believes it is 2017, but that he is trying to get the Ohio Department of Transportation to move it up. He does not believe they will perform any work this year, but is hopeful for 2017. He reported some survey, easement, and design work has begun.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL (F&P)** - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mr. Pugliese) - The Chair announced the committee will meet on Friday, March 11, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES/CABLE/SCHOOLS (PW/PU/C/S)** - (Mr. Pugliese/Mr. McClure)  
The Chair reported the committee will meet on Friday, April 1, at 8:00 a.m., if there is a need.

#### **Questions / Comments for PW/PU/C/S Committee**

- **Stop Sign Request - East 44<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Streets and Valleyview Boulevard:** The Clerk reported that, this evening, this committee chair and the Ward 4 Councilor were given a hard copy of an email conversation regarding this request. The Clerk asked what the councilor's pleasure is moving forward. The Ward 4 Councilor, whose ward the request is in, asked that the request be forwarded to this committee's chair. A brief discussion took place about the request, at which time the Ward 4 Councilor said she does not believe signage is the answer, but rather believes the answer is what the

Manager alluded to in his email response – if citations were issued it might help decrease speeding that is common

all over town. She said if more traffic stops were made it would go a long way in showing motorists traffic laws must be obeyed in our City. The committee chair asked the Manager to comment. The Manager said the request was for a stop sign at East 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Valleyview Boulevard, and that it has been stated that stop signs may not be used to limit speeding or change driving behaviors. He said he also believes placing a stop sign in the area, given the parking set up on Valleyview, will make matters worse. He said he would not recommend installing a stop sign, but the decision is up to Council, and offered to have Police Chief Robert Stell look into it further. The committee chair asked the Manager to have the Chief review it and make a recommendation to this committee.

- **Speeding on Wade Avenue:** The Ward 2 Councilor reported speeding is common place on Wade Avenue in the vicinity of the elementary school campus; and that a couple weeks ago the state highway patrol was in the area. He asked residents to slow down in the school zone. The Vice President, who travels home on this road, said it is a long school zone (Superior Elementary to Ohio Avenue). About 1500 feet after Ohio Avenue near the western entrance of the campus is where motorist pick up speed. The Clerk of Council recalled this conversation some months ago, at which time it was noted there is no “School Zone” sign going in one direction. The Vice President reported the school flashing sign faces west and there is no End School Zone sign facing east. The Clerk reported the stretch of road on which the school sits is long and that there is no “School Zone” sign between the Ohio Avenue entrance and the end of the school zone at Superior Elementary. The Manager said a portion of the road is in Saybrook Township, but that the City will probably take care of the signage.

**SAFETY FORCES (SF)** - (Mr. Hamrick/Mrs. Misener)

The Chair announced the committee will meet on March 28, 8:00 a.m.

**WORK SESSION:** The President provided the following recap of the Monday, February 29, work session – the focus of which was possible Municipal Charter changes, and said comments or proposed changes are welcome:

- **Section 11 “Penalty for Absence:** Discussed clarifying the language. The Clerk of Council will conduct a review of other communities.
- **Section 7 “Salary”:** Discussed modifying to remove council’s health benefit for the option of increasing council’s pay, which would be a cost savings to the City.
- **Non-Partisan vs. Partisan:** Move from partisan to non-partisan elections. The Clerk of Council will conduct a review of other communities.
- **Section 10 “Times of Meetings; Rules; Journal”:** Discussed removing the definitive timeframes listed in the Charter for more flexibility where the law permits.

- **Section 33 “City Auditor”:** References to the position of City Auditor remain in the Charter and Codified Ordinances where the electorate voted to combine the positions of City Treasurer and City Auditor into the position of “Director of Finance”. How to go about removing the obsolete titles was discussed.
- **Section 69 “Free Carriage of Policemen and Firemen”:** Discussed removing this obsolete provision.
- Discussed the term “Administrative Officers”, the reference to “Administrative Officers and Departments”, and the layout of various sections pertaining to these titles.

The President said the goal is to address Charter items that do not seriously impact the City’s day-to-day operations, but are things which need to be cleaned up.

#### **Questions/Comments re: Work Session**

- **Partisan vs. Non-Partisan Elections:** The Ward 1 Councilor did not remember discussing non-partisan elections. The Clerk of Council reported it was not discussed. She did present the question, and others, to her municipal clerk colleagues so this Council could compare their operations to that of others. The Vice President recalled non-partisan being briefly discussed, along with the consideration of moving away from a ward system to all council members being at-large, in order to be “more representative”.

The President said non-partisan and at-large versus a ward system are worthy of discussion given times have changed. However, he would like to place changes before the electorate that are more elementary to the document, such as free carriage rides for safety forces, prior to making changes on how we operate as a municipal government. He said items pertaining to salaries would be something to consider and might be a cost savings to the City.

- **Council Salary/Benefits:** The Clerk of Council reported members of Council (whether present or past, she could not recall), suggested Council not be offered insurance benefits but a salary only. She reported that presently Council receives a salary and health insurance benefits, if they elect to participate in the City’s insurance plan. She also reported the suggestion was also made because council’s salary, for years, has been less than the minimum required for them to receive a full PERS service credit per year. Therefore, it is difficult for them to become vested in the PERS program.
- **Section 33 City Auditor:** The Clerk of Council reported she made inquiry to our codifier (The Walter H. Drane Company) regarding Section 33 “City Auditor”.



She was told the hard copy of our code reads correctly as Section 33 "Director of Finance", but that the online version did not, and has since been changed. This section no longer needs to be addressed.

The Clerk of Council reported she set the Work Session agenda; noting there were no other suggestions submitted. She asked that other items of 'an administrative nature' be forwarded to her for the next agenda.

#### LEGISLATION AGENDA

- **Formal Legislation Requests** - None
- **Legislation Review:** The President provided an overview of the Legislation Reading.
- **Public Discussion** (Legislation Only) - None
- **Consent Agenda Format:** The President entertained a motion to dispose of the Legislation Reading in a Consent Agenda Format for items that will be placed on a first reading and those requiring only one reading, respectively. Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded the request for first readings to be presented in consent agenda format; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to present the legislation for one reading only in consent agenda format; motion CARRIED.
- **Legislation Reading:** The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for Council's consideration:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Readings

##### ORDINANCE

2016-41 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 937.02(g) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDING THE CAPITAL CHARGE FOR PAYMENT OF THE EQUALIZATION BASIN INDEBTEDNESS, AND IMPOSING A CAPITAL CHARGE FOR PAYMENT OF LONG TERM DEBT SERVICE, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016.  
(City Manager)

##### ORDINANCE

2016-42 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 937.02(g) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF LONG-TERM DEBT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.  
(City Manager)

##### ORDINANCE

2016-44 AN ORDINANCE AMDENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO REMOVE THE 90-MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTION ON THE EAST SIDE OF PARK AVENUE BETWEEN PARK PLACE AND WEST 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET. (City Manager)

Mr. Roskovics moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED. The items were placed on their first reading.

**One Reading Only**

ORDINANCE

2016-38 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 933.03 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PORTIONS OF PRIVATE SEWERS CONNECTED TO THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-39 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 933.03 ENTITLED MAINTENANCE OF SEWER SYSTEMS. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-40 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-37, ENACTED ON FEBRUARY 29, 2016, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING IT WITH A CORRECTED ORDINANCE. (City Manager)

RESOLUTION

2016-43 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ADVANCE OF \$200,000.00 ON THE 2015 PROPERTY TAX SETTLEMENT FROM THE ASHTABULA COUNTY AUDITOR. (Finance Director)

ORDINANCE

2016-45 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 909.06 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING AND UPDATING THE CITY'S SIDEWALK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-46 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 909.06 ENTITLED SIDEWALK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. (City Manager)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED.  
Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. McClure seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings.

Discussion: At the request of the President, the City Manager expounded on the following:

- **Sewer Maintenance - Ordinance Nos. 2016-38 and 2016-39:** "There is no change in responsibility. The City is still responsible from the curb face to the main, which is very different than other areas/municipalities. Most municipalities require the entire lateral be the homeowner's responsibility. We require it from the curb face to the main as our responsibility;

and from that curb face to the connection at the building is the responsibility of the homeowner. We just clarified it a little bit better and changed the language to make sure it is very, very clear for anybody reading this section of the code.

- **Sidewalk Repair & Replacement Program - Ordinance Nos. 2016-45 and 2016-47:** We have increased the reimbursement to residents from \$2.50 per square foot, for the concrete material, to \$2.75 per square foot. We have decreased the reimbursement for commercial projects to \$1.50 per square foot, with a not to exceed reimbursement amount of \$1,000.
- **Ordinance No. 2016-40 (Corrects Language in Ordinance 2016-37):** The Clerk of Council reported Ordinance 2016-37 should have been presented for two readings, but was enacted with one reading at the, February 29, Special Meeting. The Exhibit attached to 2016-37 displayed the year 2015 and should be 2016. Ordinance. 2016-40 is presented this evening to correct these items. The Clerk reported the City Solicitor believed these changes were significant enough to warrant repeal and replacement legislation because it is required by the City/County Sewer Agreement, to go to the Ashtabula County Commissioners for approval prior to being enacted.

On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings on the legislation requiring one reading only: Mrs. Misener, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mrs. Misener, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Appointment:** The President presented Ms. Kathy Eames for membership on the Architectural & Restoration Review Board, with a term to commence immediately, and expire on March 7, 2018. Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded. The Ward 1 Councilor commented that Ms. Eames is a very good choice and will work to maintain the integrity of the Harbor Historical District. The President commented that the Ward 1 Councilor worked hard as a member of this board, but had to relinquish his position when he was elected to City Council. The motion CARRIED.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- **Police Ride-a-long:** The Vice President reported his wife garnered a real appreciation for the police during her ride-a-long experience with Patrolman Martin, one of our new officers. This is an experience LEADERship Ashtabula County participants get to experience with safety services throughout Ashtabula County. The President reported a member of his staff was on ride-a-long today. He said he is glad our City's safety forces participate. He said he has also participated and that the experience is very "eye-opening".

- **Former City Patrolman Passed:** The President acknowledged the passing of former Patrolman James (Jim) Rantamaki on Saturday. He served the City for 25 years, and extended the City's condolences.
- **Nancy Reagan:** The President acknowledged the passing of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan's wife, whom he said tirelessly worked to better our country, particularly in the area of our youth and the fight on illegal drugs.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- **Mr. Michael Wagner, Spencer Avenue**

Mr. Wagner said the land on Todd Avenue where a church was razed has not been seeded. He said the land is muddy, and that people are walking through it and getting mud everywhere. The Manager reported no greening was performed in December, but will be done when the weather breaks.

Mr. Wagner asked if a stop sign could be installed in the north and south directions at the intersection of West 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue, for pedestrian safety. The Manager said the signs that are order alert motorists to be cautious of pedestrians in the crosswalk when making a right hand turn from West 44<sup>th</sup> Street onto Park Avenue. He said a similar sign is on Lake Avenue at the Route 20 intersection, traveling south.

Mr. Wagner reported Spencer Avenue, especially by Ashtabula Metropolitan Housing Authority, is bad and looks like the beginning of a pothole. The Manger said he will look at it.

- **Mrs. Patricia Blum, 1540 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mrs. Blum reported she is pleased that vehicles have stopped parking on West 17<sup>th</sup> Street in the prohibited area.

Mrs. Blum asked what law exist that stopped tickets from being issued to motorists who parked on the West 17<sup>th</sup> Street during snow bans. The Manager said now motorists are prohibited from parking on a certain portion of West 17<sup>th</sup> Street regardless of snow.

Mrs. Blum asked the Manager if he spoke with The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company about the installation of a street light on West 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The Manager said yes, but has not received a response from their engineering department. He said he would follow up.

- **Station Avenue/Route 20 Telephone Pole**

The President reported there is a leaning telephone pole at this intersection which looks damaged. The Manager reported the pole was struck by a vehicle and will be removed tomorrow. The President said he was told it is Windstream's responsibility. The Manager said the pole belongs to the City.

The President reported there is three to four street lights out, going north and south on Station Avenue and east on Route 20.

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He thought they might be connected with the condition of the pole; therefore sent a note to Ms. Wendy Zele at First Energy today. The Manager said there was no equipment on the pole when it was hit; and that the equipment that was there was abandoned last year when new traffic signalization was installed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- None

**CLOSING REMARKS**

- The President acknowledged this evening being the first time he can remember resolution recipients remaining at a Council meeting after their presentation concluded. He told them he appreciated them remaining and hearing a little about what is going on in our community.
- The President announced the next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m.; Pre-Council at 6:00 p.m.
- The President announced City Council will meet in a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m., to hear comments and suggestions regarding the request for a 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Ashtabula Township Joint Economic Development District (J.E.D.D.) - (construction of an Erie Bank branch on State Road near Route 20).
- The President asked what is happening near the former Mike's Farm Market property located near Route 20 and State Road and on the property to its immediate east. The Manager said many rumors have circulated, such as a possible gas station. He believes Ashtabula Township held a public hearing/town hall meeting, but that the City has not received notice of the project. He said whatever goes there will have to be part of a J.E.D.D.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hearing no further business to come before the Council, the President extended a reminder to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", and announced the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: March 21, 2016

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

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