

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2016

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

The Ward 4 Councilor offered the opening prayer; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	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

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(S): None

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

PRESENTATION(S): The President presented the following resolution to Laurie and Karen Maki and staff:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-75

**A RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION
TO
HILMAK SEAFOOD MARKET**

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, Mr. Tauno & Mrs. Mamie Maki, did on May 6, 1966, purchase McMorris Dairy, located at 1619 West 5th Street, in Ashtabula Harbor, and opened Hilmak Seafood Market, a family owned and operated business; and,

WHEREAS, Tauno & Mamie Maki's son, Lauri, worked in the family business until 1967 when he left to serve in the United States Navy; returning in September 1971, which is when he took ownership of the family business along with his wife Karen, who also worked alongside Tauno & Mamie Maki; and,

WHEREAS, Lauri and Karen Maki are natives of Ashtabula City and are both graduates of Harbor High School; and,

WHEREAS, Hilmak Seafood Market specializes in a wide variety of fresh fish and seafood for sale and preparation off premise or to have fried, to order, on sight; and,

WHEREAS, Hilmak Seafood Market employees have been very loyal to this family business, some serving 15, 20, and 30 plus years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, do hereby extend our sincere **CONGRATULATIONS** to Hilmak Seafood Market's original owners Tauno & Mamie Maki, current owners Lauri & Karen Maki, and their dedicated staff on this their 50th Anniversary in business at the very same location, where locals and visitors, alike, have come to enjoy the finest in fresh fish and seafood. We **APPRECIATE** and **COMMEND** Hilmak Seafood Market for their dedication and commitment to the City of Ashtabula and the Ashtabula Harbor business community.

THANK YOU for Believing In Ashtabula!

Mr. Maki issued a heartfelt, THANK YOU! The following staff members commented and joined the Maki's during the presentation:

Staff Name	Service Time
Mike (this is my first real job)	11 years
Marianne	28 years
Marissa Hamilton	5 years
Angela Getce	3 months
Samantha Miller	3 years
Jamie Wolf	15 years
Sally V.	20 years
Nicole	18 years
Patsy Nordquest	38 years

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

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

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES READING & DISPOSAL

The President entertained a motion to remove the reading of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes from the agenda. Mrs. Cook moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded; motion CARRIED. They will be presented upon the completion of transcription.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Water Pollution Control Primary Tank Project – A.P. O'Horo Change Order No. 1**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 1 with A.P. O'Horo of 3130 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44505 for the purpose of non-performance or reduction of select items in the contract for the Primary Settling Tank project in the amount of \$375,000.00 as indicated on the change order; therefore reducing the contract amount for A.P. O'Horo to \$2,299,075.00. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request; motion CARRIED.

- **Repeal Ordinance 2015-10 – GPD Group**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2015-10 for the purpose of correcting the description of services. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request; motion CARRIED.

- **GPD Group - Construction Administration & Inspection Contract Change Order No. 1**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 1 with GPD Group, Inc. of 100 Federal Plaza East, Suite 200, Youngstown, OH 44503 for the purpose of addressing various unforeseen conditions that came up during the current construction process at the Water Pollution Control Plant in the amount not to exceed \$233,000.00, for a new contract price of \$458,000.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the Water Pollution Control Capital Fund. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request.

Discussion: The Ward 2 Councilor asked the Manager to provide explanation. The City Manager reported when repairs are made to an old structure other things are discovered that are worse than the initial scheduled repairs, which then have to be addressed.

This change order has led to an increase in the construction administration and inspection contract. The President noted the change almost doubles the original estimate; the Manager confirmed this to be true.

At the request of the Ward 5 Councilor the City Manager provided a brief history of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, as follows: "The original plant was built in 1924 and has gone through renovations all along the way. When I first came into office we were finishing up about a \$300,000 project on the Chemical Feed Building, which now, going to chlorine, makes that building obsolete. So the technology is ever changing and a lot of work needed to be done. The two Final Tanks we just finished restoring were actually installed in the 1950s. Those mechanisms finally gave way and the tanks had to be replaced. The first project was \$1.7 million. I think our guys have done a tremendous job in keeping her going. But, we've been keeping it going with a lot of bubble gum and duck tape. Now, unfortunately, it's time to fix it the right way. As we're fixing it the right way, and taking parts of the Plant down to make the repairs, we're finding that certain valves and gates and everything, where the water flows to, are bad and need to be worked on in order to isolate those different parts of the plant." The motion CARRIED.

- **Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield Health Insurance renewal**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield for the purpose of providing employee Health, Dental and Vision Insurance coverage from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, in accordance with the proposal. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Fund 602. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request.

Discussion: The Manager reported the fixed insurance cost, which are the administrative cost and cost of doing business with Anthem, increased about 11% this year, which equates to about \$40,000. But, what Anthem is predicting is that our expected claims have gone down. This is a number that's hard to put into words at this meeting. But, what we know, and what we know we are going to have to pay, is that fixed cost, which has gone up about 11%. When we say our expected claims have decreased – because we are self-insured we pay out all our claims. So it is just a matter of how healthy our workforce is, how many accidents there could be in a year and how often employees use our health care, will dictate how those expected claims can be. In the past we have had some pretty good years which kept the fixed costs down. Last year was a little blip on the radar, but is hoping to get back on track and have another good year.

The motion CARRIED.

- **VSP Vision Care – Vision Insurance**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with VSP Vision Care, Signature Plan for the purpose of providing vision care for city employees in accordance with the proposal presented, retroactive to January 1, 2016, for a two year period. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Fund 602. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request.

Discussion: The Manager explained the reason for two vision plans is because some Ashtabula County eye doctors and facilities do not accept Anthem and some do not accept VSP.

Our union contracts requires only one plan to be offered, therefore employees cover the premium cost if they select the VSP plan. The motion CARRIED.

- **ODOT Consent Legislation - Upgrade signs - SR 531**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into consent legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purpose of replacing and/or upgrading signs on State Route 531 from the western corporate limit to the eastern corporate limits in the City of Ashtabula. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request.

Discussion: The Manager reported the Ohio Department of Transportation will replace all the directional, speed limit and stop signs, from West 9th Street to just right past Route 11 at Minnesota Avenue, at no cost to us. The motion CARRIED.

- **Nerone & Sons, Inc. - Change Order (CO) No. 2 Contract B, Electrical - Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute CO No. 2 with Nerone & Sons, Inc. of 19501 South Miles Road, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128 for the purpose of addressing unforeseen, additional work (additional check valves, plug valves for pumps, replace slide gate) at the WPC Plant under Contract B in the amount not to exceed \$34,164.01, for a total contract price of \$473,415.16. Funding for this expenditure will come from an amendment from the OWDA loan through the WPC Capital Fund. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request; motion CARRIED.

- **Nerone & Sons, Inc. - Change Order (CO) No. 3 Contract B, Electrical - Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute CO No. 3 with Nerone & Sons, Inc. of 19501 South Miles Road, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128 for the purpose of addressing unforeseen, additional work (sludge pump change out, Replace MCC center for pump, transfer for MCC) at the WPC Plant under Contract B in the amount not to exceed \$25,293.11, for a total contract price of \$498,708.27. Funding for this expenditure will come from an amendment from the OWDA loan through the WPC Capital Fund. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request; motion CARRIED.

- **Nerone & Sons, Inc. - Change Order (CO) No. 4 Contract B, Electrical - Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute CO No. 4 with Nerone & Sons, Inc. of 19501 South Miles Road, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128 for the purpose of addressing unforeseen additional work (purchase & install Butterfly Valve) at the WPC Plant under Contract B in the amount not to exceed \$5,774.73, for a total contract price of \$504,483.00. Funding for this expenditure will come from an amendment from the OWDA loan through the WPC Capital Fund. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request; motion CARRIED.

The Manager presented the next 5 change orders as a group:

- **Nerone & Sons, Inc. - Change Order (CO) No. 1 Contract C, UV - Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute CO No. 1 with Nerone & Sons, Inc. of 19501 South Miles Road, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128 for the purpose of addressing unforeseen additional work (exploratory excavation of discharge line) at the WPC Plant under Contract C in the amount not to exceed \$9,783.57, for a total contract price of \$1,525,683.57. Funding for this expenditure will come from an amendment from the OWDA loan through the WPC Capital Fund.

- **Nerone & Sons, Inc. - Change Order (CO) No. 2 Contract C, UV - Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute CO No. 2 with Nerone & Sons, Inc. of 19501 South Miles Road, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128 for the purpose of addressing unforeseen additional work (modify sluice gate) at the WPC Plant under Contract C in the amount not to exceed \$2,245.57, for a total contract price of \$1,527,929.14. Funding for this expenditure will come from an amendment from the OWDA loan through the WPC Capital Fund.

- **Nerone & Sons, Inc. - Change Order (CO) No. 3 Contract C, UV - Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute CO No. 3 with Nerone & Sons, Inc. of 19501 South Miles Road, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128 for the purpose of addressing unforeseen additional work (gas line relocation) at the WPC Plant under Contract C in the amount not to exceed \$4,803.93, for a total contract price of \$1,546,964.54. Funding for this expenditure will come from an amendment from the OWDA loan through the WPC Capital Fund.

- **Nerone & Sons, Inc. - Change Order (CO) No. 4 Contract C, UV - Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute CO No. 4 with Nerone & Sons, Inc. of 19501 South Miles Road, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128 for the purpose of addressing unforeseen additional work (storm sewer line, Force Main) at the WPC Plant under Contract C in the amount not to exceed \$21,951.88, for a total contract price of \$1,568,922.00. Funding for this expenditure will come from an amendment from the OWDA loan through the WPC Capital Fund.

- **Nerone & Sons, Inc. - Change Order (CO) No. 5 Contract C, UV - Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute CO No. 5 with Nerone & Sons, Inc. of 19501 South Miles Road, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128 for the purpose of addressing unforeseen additional work (pressure test Force Main) at the WPC Plant under Contract C in the amount not to exceed \$979.80, for a total contract price of \$1,569,902.22. Funding for this expenditure will come from an amendment from the OWDA loan through the WPC Capital Fund.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the requests.

Discussion: The Manager explained the change orders cover exploratory excavation for a discharge line, modifying gates and relocating a gas line. Also the EPA decided our storm sewer line that is now on the property needs to be treated rather than go out to Lake Erie as all storm lines do. That work will cost \$21,951. We basically had to install a forced main from the bottom to the top of the plant that pumps storm water, so when it rains or when any water that is on the property pumps into it, all that water is treated. The cost to pressure test the main line was \$979. These are some of the items we have run into as the project progresses. The Manager said he believes the USEPA and OEPA are moving towards a time where all of our storm drains throughout the City (not just ours) will be treated. I don't know how in the world that's going to get accomplished. We certainly could not do it with the size of our plant; and I don't know many communities that could. This was due to a permit to install we applied for. And, as they were reviewing our plant they decided – "well, maybe your storm water should be treated, so add that on to your list. And, so now from the bottom of the plant to the top of the plant we have a forced main and a pump station that treats the water when it rains."

The Ward 2 Councilor asked if the matter with the pump station on West 19th Street, in Saybrook Township, is settled. The Manager said, "Yes, the Carpenter Road Pump Station has been turned over to the County. And, I believe they are working with CT Consultants on rebuilding the whole thing." The motion CARRIED.

- **2016 Downtown Revitalization Grant**

The City Manager requested an ordinance requesting that the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation be applicable to the Main Avenue target area for the purpose of applying for the 2016 Downtown Revitalization Grant. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the request; motion CARRIED. At the request of the President the City Manager reported the application deadline is June, the outcome is usually determined in August, and documents are signed in September. He also said we will apply for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant for the area around Clifford Kadon Presidential Park, as well.

- **Permission for Lift Bridge Community Association (LBCA) to use Wine & Walleye Festival Trademarked Names**

The City Manager requested an ordinance granting permission to the LBCA for non-exclusive use of the registered trade names Ashtabula Wine & Walleye Festival and Wine & Walleye Festival, for promotional and organization purposes at and for events which may be scheduled to be held in the City of Ashtabula in August 2016. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the request. At the request of the President the City Manager issued the following clarification: The LBCA has asked for this permission since the names are now trademarked with the City. They will use it for things associated with LBCA materials and events in conjunction with the Festival which will be held at Lakeshore Park this year. LBCA has reached out to After School Discovery to provide family oriented and fun events on Bridge Street. The Greater Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce has announced they will have a shuttle going back and forth from the Festival to Bridge Street. The President reported previous permission to use the trademarked names was granted to the Chamber; LBCA is seeking that same permission. The motion CARRIED.

- **High Grass**

The City Manager announced the time for growing grass is here and asked that lawns are mowed. Persons whose neighbors are not complying with the high grass/weed law may call the Planning and Community Development Department @ 992.7118, so notices of compliance may be issued. Every year the City hires one seasonal person (hopefully by next week) to mow vacant and high grass properties that are in violation of the law. He said It is unacceptable to blow or place grass in the road; it creates clogged storm drains.

- **Yard Waste Bags**

The City Manager reported the company that accepts our yard waste bags (for compost) said they are receiving an inordinate amount of debris in the bags that is not considered compost, such as, but not limited to trash, carpet remnants, glass, aluminum, plastic. These materials are not good for the machines. He asked that the free service not be abused. We have been notified that if this continues we could be charged to dispose of the bags or could have no place to take them, period.

Questions / Comments for City Manager

- **High Grass:** The Ward 1 Councilor thanked the Manager for making the above announcements. He asked if the violation grass/weed height starts at eight inches, and if the violation pertains to the front and back yards. The Manager responded, "Yes, that's correct". The President also said blowing the grass in the road and leaving it there is illegal, a misdemeanor, and is subject to fine, if cited.
- **Strong Avenue:** The Ward 2 Councilor reported that Strong Avenue between Prospect Road and West 47th Street (from the angle to West 47th Street) needs immediate attention due to "potholes that may cause you to lose your vehicle if it is hit right".
- **Potholes:** The Ward 4 Councilor thanked the City Manager for filling potholes in the alleys off East 45th and 46th Streets. She reported the alleyway next to Federated Auto, which is the business' main exit, requires pothole fillings.
- **Stark Avenue (Perryville Place to Route 20) Road Condition:** The Ward 5 Councilor reported the road is so bad you almost need a 4-wheeler to drive on it.
- **Valleyview Boulevard:** The Ward 5 Councilor reported right at the turn heading east (by the yellow brick wall) is a "monster hole".
- **West 44th Street Potholes:** The Clerk of Council reported there are two potholes on West 44th Street (turning right on to the road from Park Avenue).
- **Pothole Hotline:** The Ward 2 Councilor issued a reminder for citizens to call the pothole hotline at 992.7100. He said crews are trying to do a good job.
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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 highlighted the committee’s Tuesday, May 10, meeting, as follows:

- **Ashtabula Area Chamber of Commerce:** Executive Director Julie Sundquist and Member Services Manager Lori Johnston reported membership is holding steady at 350, including 14 new members from February and March. The Chamber represents the City of Ashtabula and surrounding townships. They provide various services including savings on business expense, such as payroll processing, office supply, FedEx, utility energy choices, recycling rewards program, and insurance. They provide referrals for member services, sponsor events, workshops and seminars. Their next promotional event is Wednesday, June 8, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. It is a wine tour with visits to Park Avenue, Laurello’s, Lakehouse and Ferrante Wineries). The cost is \$65. “Joining the Chamber members can accomplish collectively what they can’t do individually.”
- **Kent State University @ Ashtabula:** Dean Susan Stocker provided statistics; one interesting one being enrollment at 2200, which is more than last year at this time (The peak enrollment number was 2600 a few years ago) Females make up 61% and males 39% of the student body. Park-time students make up the majority at 77%; full-time at 23%. Full-time equates to 12 or more credit hours. The age is split almost 50/50 (25 years of age - under/over). Last year 395 Associate and 106 Bachelor degrees were awarded. The Ashtabula Campus pays a \$1 million franchise fee to Kent, OH Campus to receive human resources and legal services. The Ashtabula campus has its own budget. The Dean has to prioritize campus needs. Programs that are needed at a time when the budget is not available have to wait for funding sources. This year’s capital improvement project was to move the driveway over. The campus receives annual state funding, which is constantly reduced; the present amount is \$300,000 from \$2 million. Kent is always looking for opportunities to increase their enrollment including high school assemblies, college fairs and recruiting. There is an increase in high school students taking college courses, beginning as earlier as Grade 7. A nineteen year old male took advantage of the free college courses Kent offers to high school students. He just graduated with his bachelors. The Chair encouraged parents with college bound students to make inquire to and visit Kent Ashtabula.
- **Clean ups:** This past weekend, in inclement weather, clean-ups were performed at South Park, Cornelius Park, and on Main Avenue. Last week the East 45th Street clean-up was successful. Fliers explaining what would take place on the scheduled clean-up date were distributed a couple weeks prior. The neighborhoods showed up; some did so after the flyer was distributed and prior to the scheduled event. The Clerk of Council was thanked for her participation. Eddie Kirk, a volunteer, weed wacked the whole alley and up and down the street removing overgrowth by trees. The Chair said she was pleased with the turnout. “We might have to do that again”.
- **Arts in the Alley:** An event scheduled to take place in August. More details to come.

- **Parks & Recreation Board:** The Chair reported the Board met at 6:30 p.m., on June 10.
 - **Clifford Kadon Presidential Park (CKPP):** The My Neighborhood (MN) group reported the community garden planting beds are ready. Last year's garden was so successful items had to be given away. The commencement of the Pavilion construction waits for good weather; volunteers are needed. The MN group completed their portion of the Revitalization grant application and has submitted it to the City. New signs were made and materials donated by Lake Erie Correctional Institute inmates; the signs were installed. One is at the entrance way and one is a "No parking beyond this point" sign. Their clean-up took place on April 30.
 - **Lifeguard Equipment:** YMCA Director Trevor Sprague received equipment the City purchased. Lifeguards will be ready to be present at Walnut Beach by Memorial Day.
 - **Proposed Parks Levy:** We are working on language. The next CD/ED/P&R Committee meeting will be devoted to this issue.
 - **Graffiti:** Our town has been sprinkled with various visible forms of graffiti. The same initials have been seen in Geneva and Madison. Tiffany Reid, with My Neighborhood, said there are cities, including Philadelphia that creates "Graffiti Walls", also known as "Tag Walls". Contests are held and tours are sponsored to see the walls. "Taking something bad and turning it to good might not get rid of it all, but it's an outlet. It might be something the City wants to consider."
 - Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 14, at Smith Field.

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

The President thanked the Chair for leading the May 7, clean-up in her Ward. He said his schedule did not permit his presence. He thanked those who came out to all the clean-ups, including the 212 Club. He also said clean-ups have taken place at Cedarquist Park and Walnut Beach. "A lot of people are taking an interest in trying to make the City look better." The Manager reported Smith Field Dog Park Association's clean-up was schedule for this weekend; however will be rescheduled for a later date.

The Chair said a clean-up is desperately needed on West 53rd Street where the road "t's" into Chestnut Avenue. She will get with the City Manager to discuss the street's deplorable conditions.

Next Meeting: This month the committee will meet on the third Tuesday, June 21, at 3:00 p.m.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL (F&P) - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mr. Pugliese) - The Chair announced the committee will meet on Friday, May 20; a week later than the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES/CABLE/SCHOOLS (PW/PU/C/S) - (Mr. Pugliese/Mr. McClure)
Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to allow for a vehicle registration permissive tax – a \$5.00 fee on the license tax – right now we're paying \$15 annually – we will be \$20 annually if passes. Most of the communities around the Ashtabula area currently pay \$20 annually. It is something that is definitely needed to bring more funds into Public Works.

The Vice President said when this increase was discussed several months ago it was said the funds would be earmarked for street improvement, signage, personnel, etc. The Finance Director said because the tax is a designated Auto License Tax the proceeds have to go towards a street function – the revenue gets receipted into Public Works and expensed the same way. The increase would result in \$60,000 of new revenue, by year. The President's desire is to tie the funds to something the public can see. The Ward 2 Councilor reported the thought was to provide an additional Public Works employee to help keep up with road maintenance. Plus \$60,000 will not pave much. The President reported the fee is generated when motorist purchase a vehicle registration. The motion CARRIED.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 3, at 8:00 a.m.

Questions / Comments for PW/PU/Cable/Schools Committee

- **2016 Paving Funds:** The Ward 4 Councilor inquired about the Chair's desire to look at the City's 2016 paving budget. The Chair said he waits to hear from the City Manager – and hopefully something can be addressed at the committee's June 3 meeting. The City Manager reported GPD provided him with a few quotes today. The Manager said, "We talked about doing alleys. The following four eastside alleys are roughly estimated at \$56,000 to 57,000: between East 48th and East 47th Streets; East 47th and East 46th Streets; East 46th and East 45th Streets; East 45th and East 44th Streets. Some roads were also included, to the tune of about \$328,000, which is not doable this year. We are going to do some paving in the Ward 5 area, hopefully with the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. We are trying to identify the worst or the worst. We have received several calls about Ogden and Hamlin and some other ones. We're also going to try to do some patching of roads where we know there are sections that have fallen in, but the rest of the road seems okay. And, also Public Services Superintendent Larry Meaney has requested quotes from crack sealing distributors. We'd like to put about \$25,000 into crack sealing. Our crews can perform this work. One of the vendors we located allows you to use the crack sealing equipment as long as the material is purchased from them. Crack sealing will be performed specifically on the newer paved streets and working backwards to make sure the newly paved ones are kept in good condition. The Chair asked the Manager not to forget about East 17th Street, East 18th Street and East 19th Street alleys; "they definitely need attention". The Manager said what he reported is what was put together "off the cuff". The Vice President said alleys, in general, need attention. He said Bunkerhill alleys are shorter but there are four of them. The City Manager said the estimated cost to pave the eastside alleys covers 2435 feet. The Ward 4 Councilor said West 44th Street, by the Ashtabula County District Library, needs attention; especially given the library is currently being expanded and will look really nice. The Manager said he would like to do the entire road once the project is completed, but would have to secure estimates.
- **SAFETY FORCES (SF)** - (Mr. Hamrick/Mrs. Misener) - The Vice Chair reported the committee's Monday, May 23 meeting is cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is on Monday, June 27, at 8:00 a.m.

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- **Formal Legislation Request(s)** - 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. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded the President's request; motion CARRIED.
- **Legislation Reading:** The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE

2016-74 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS, BLUE SHIELD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2016 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-76 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-10, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING THE DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED IN A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-77 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000 WITH GPD GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION & INSPECTION SERVICES ON THE VARIOUS REHABILITATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT THE CITY'S WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-78 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO A CONTRACT WITH A.P. O'HORO COMPANY, FOR A REDUCTION OF \$375,000.00, DUE TO SUBSTITUTED MATERIALS AND CHANGE IN DESIGN. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-79 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$233,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION & INSPECTION SERVICES.
(City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-80 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LIFT BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE REGISTERED TRADE NAMES "ASHTABULA WINE & WALLEYE FESTIVAL" AND "WINE & WALLEYE FESTIVAL" FOR PROMOTIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES AT AND FOR EVENTS WHICH MAY BE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA IN AUGUST, 2016. (City Manager)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; 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. 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 - None

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Recycling Project Update:** At the Ward 2 Councilor's request the City Manager provided the following update: The Ashtabula County Solid Waste District (ACSWD) is installing the compactor, conveyor belts, and other items needed to begin single-stream recycling at the City's facility. It has caused some confusion and rerouting of the Transfer Station drop-off points. The ACSWD asked us to start on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the equipment and for curbside recycling. The ACSWD has said they would have a hauler to transport the recycling from our facility to a facility for disposal, at ACSWD's cost. To date, it has not been put out to bid nor do they have anyone under contract. We cannot begin our curbside recycling program until a hauler is in place. He said his hope is that it would begin this fall and that it is still our goal, but we are over a one year delay right now. The President asked the City Manager if it is correct that we will not know what materials will be taken until the hauler bid is awarded. The City Manager said that is correct. He said we will be a drop off center for Ashtabula County to bring their recycling to. It does not have to be separated since single-streaming will be in place. Regarding haulers not under contract with ACSWD, he does not believe we are going to allow contractors that pick up garbage and recyclables to bring it to our facility. What all started this is ACSWD used to have containers and recycling drop off stations located throughout the county. They were severely abused and so had to be removed. Now that more communities like ours and Conneaut are going to curbside recycling, they will try to put bins back in remote locations. The contract that goes along with our Transfer Station will also include those other spots, so there will be enough material for those haulers to bid on.

- **Walnut Beach:** The City Manager reported some of the exploratory, archaeological digging began today (*tongue and cheek*) – because we have really jumped through a lot of hoops to avoid this. We are now digging trenches around the area where the actual construction will be performed. We have an archaeological consultant on sight today at \$50 per hour. It will continue tomorrow and possibly a third day. We dig a trench, he explores the material, we fill the trench, and continue to move around the park. We were able to avoid having the consultant present for the entire project. We have been cleared for the archaeological surveys performed for areas underneath the garbage cans, where the benches will be placed and where the playground will eventually be erected. When trenching is complete, we will have the clearance needed for the parking lot areas to be redone through the CDC grant, for the restoration to be done through the Great Lakes Restitution Initiative (GLRI) Grant, and an USEPA grant to mitigate storm water. They originally wanted us to have a four foot deep trench all the way around it. We were able to explain the project in the fact that we are stripping off not more than three inches of asphalt and not disturbing the underlying soil, except in the new parking lot where new bases will be laid. So we dug 2 to 2.5 foot. Also, the sewer and water lines were located.
- **Thank You Ken Misener:** The Ward 4 Councilor said she was remiss in not thanking her husband for all the work he did during the May 7, East 45th Street clean-up. She said, “He is there through thick and thin and he’s always helping me and I just want to publically say – THANKS KEN!”
- **Gemstone Project, Octavia Yates, Director:** The President announced that on Wednesday, May 18, at 5:00 p.m., at G.O. Community Development Corporation – G. O. Ministries, 3703 Station Avenue, Gemstone will host an opportunity to meet the Ashtabula Art Center (AAC) directors of dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. Information about each discipline will be presented. AAC class information will be distributed. Attendants will be invited as Gemstone and AAC’s guests to the AAC performance of “Without Walls” on Friday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. It is a FREE enrichment opportunity for our community’s youth who would, otherwise, not had the opportunity to be exposed to the AAC. There are youth scholarships to attend AAC programs.
- **Building Self Esteem Program – Octavia Yates, Coordinator:** The President read the following program description, “Teen girls face many challenges in today’s society. One main challenge is building and maintaining positive self esteem. The “Work That Out Girl” program is an eight (8) week program aiming to do just that through workbook and fitness activity for girls ages 13 to 18, Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., June 7 through July 25, at the Ashtabula County YMCA.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Edward Drum, 5025 Dunsmore: reported that in the last month and a half he has witness oversized and overloaded semi trucks rerouted off Interstate 90 up Route 45 to Route 20 and back onto Route 11. They are destroying the roads citizens pay for.

He asked if we are able to ask the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the responsible party, for assistance with winter plowing in exchange for the damage currently being done to City roads. The City Manager said anytime ODOT provides a detour for a federal aid route, which Route 90 is, they need to continue those onto other federal aid routes, which is what Route 20 is. Unlike the townships, the City of Ashtabula is responsible for all federal aid routes that run through the City, such as. Routes 531, 20, 84, because we receive Gasoline, Auto and License Tax revenues. We so have an agreement for ODOT to plow and mow Route 11 in exchange for truck wash at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. No, they will not work out some type of agreement for the wear and tear the trucks being detoured are creating. The Manager said, "Having said that, through the Small Cities funding and some other funding through ODOT, we will be replacing Route 20 from the viaduct to Seymour Drive - all the concrete will be replaced. And, I believe a few years after that, through Urban Paving Funds, Route 20 is expected to be paved from Seymour Drive through the City limits." Mr. Drum asked the Manager if he still would ask for plowing help for at least one year. The Manager said, "Will do".

Ruth Wolfgang, 4203 Ann Avenue: reported a problem next door and across the street from 1119 West 41st Street; a collapsed basement, which was previously reported, now there is a snack, possums, rats, and mice. She said the residents at 1119 West 41st Street are disabled, and suggested someone go to speak with them.

Mrs. Wolfgang thanked the City for placing something over the large hole on Ann Avenue.

Mrs. Wolfgang reported foul graffiti is located on the bridge by Park Place.

The President said he noticed extensive sidewalk repairs performed in front of the former Mr. Chicken restaurant. He asked Mrs. Wolfgang if this has been helpful. She said yes and saw a few other sidewalks replaced around town. The President noted that Mr. Wolfgang had reported there to be several commercial properties with poor sidewalks.

Reverend Kenneth Wolfgang, 4203 Ann Avenue: Reported on the deplorable condition of the former Bow Socket facility, located on Ann Avenue, across from his home, and that animals continue to set off the alarms. He asked that the structure be razed. He said he and others could have it removed, if given permission.

Mr. Wolfgang said he is only 45 years old, and he and his friend Mr. Gerald Cox, would like to know how long before the audible signals are fixed at "West Avenue and Route 20 and Woodman and 20, where you could cross both directions (north and south - which they already are for that person to be able to fill the vibrating thing, with the button). As well as east/west, which they are not. There's no button there to press and then fill the vibration for a deaf person that is deaf/blind, to fill it to cross like West Avenue to go across. There's nothing there. And, there's nothing at Woodman Avenue either - to cross Woodman going east and west".

Gerald Cox, Samuel Avenue: said he is tired of waiting for the audible traffic signals to function properly, said he is blind and 90% deaf and has been hit twice by automobiles and twice in the area of the hospital. He said it is not safe for him to cross the streets.

Mr. Cox also commented on the need for many sidewalks to be repaired. The President reported the City of Ashtabula is not responsible for sidewalks in front of properties not belonging to them, but that the property owner is. Mr. Cox asked the City to enforce the requirement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Next Regular Meeting:** The President announced the next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m.; Pre-Council is at 6:00 p.m.
- **TABS (The Arts on Bridge Street):** The President announced the event is scheduled to take place on Bridge Street, on Saturday, July 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 31, from 12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Chris Raab is the coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business to come before the Council, the President extended a reminder to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", and adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: July 5, 2016

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