

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 15, 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.

A moment of silence was observed for former Ohio Congressman Steven LaTourette, who passed away last week. The President said, "He was a champion for Ashtabula and did many things for our community".

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | 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) |
| | Mrs. Josephine Misener | (Ward 4 Councilor) |
| | Mr. Christopher J. McClure | (Vice President) |
| | Mr. J. P. Ducro IV | (President) |

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: None

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| 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 Council President presented the following resolution to three Cristal Global staff members:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-113

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
TO
CRISTAL GLOBAL**

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, *Cristal Global, located at 2900 Middle Road, in Ashtabula, OH, recently chose Walnut Beach as their project for its Annual Community Day; and,*

WHEREAS, *Cristal Global has a strong belief in "giving back" through charitable donations of their time and financial support in the communities in which they do business; and*

WHEREAS, *in the spring of 2016, Cristal Global reached out to the City leaders to nominate a project for their Community Day and Walnut Beach was chosen. Led by the Community Day Committee which included Christopher Morrison, Sherry Wilbur, Heath Litt, Jose Rodriguez and Steve Dibacco, approximately 45 employees and family members volunteered their time on Saturday July 23, 2016 to landscape the Walnut Beach Concession Stand. Over 60 plants, new beds and 9 tons of river rock were installed. In addition, areas of the building were freshly painted including the hand rails along the patio and lower block wall of the facility.*

WHEREAS, *Cristal Global reached out to other area businesses such as Kelly's Gardens, Sabo Nursery, Gilson's Gardens, Simak Trucking and Tricia Stranman from Lowe's who were all instrumental in finding the plants needed for the project and offering materials as a donation or at a discounted rate; thereby once again being the textbook model of a corporation that has the community's best interest at heart and that seeks to forge 'private / public partnerships' for the betterment of communities;*

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 Cristal Global, their partners and their volunteers for the new landscaping at Walnut Beach and for their unwavering commitment to and support of the enhancement of the Ashtabula City community.*

THANK YOU for Believing In Ashtabula!

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST: _____

J.P. Ducro IV
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

Christopher J. McClure
VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

John S. Roskovics
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

Dana P. Pinkert
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Comments: One of the participants spoke on behalf of the project team. She thanked the City for their support and Council for the recognition. She said they went to all the gardens and nurseries in Ashtabula and Lake Counties collecting every native species for planting at Walnut Beach. She said the experience was interesting, educational and challenging.

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.

MEETING MINUTES READING & DISPOSAL

None

LEGISLATION AGENDA

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

The Clerk of Council presented the August 1, 20167 Regular Meeting Minutes for Council's disposal. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the minutes. The Ward 1 Councilor asked which minutes are being approved; the President responded, August 1. The Councilor noted that the reference to Ward 2, on page 9, should be Ward 1. Hearing no further comments, the motion CARRIED, and the minutes were approved as presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **2016-2017 Liability Insurance Agreement**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with USI Insurance Services of 10100 Innovation Drive, Suite 220, Dayton, OH 45342, as best and most responsive bid to provide Liability Insurance, for one year, beginning August 21, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$189,902.00. The premium will be paid in two equal amounts of \$94,951.00; one due in 2016 and the other due in 2017. Funding for this expense will be paid out of General Fund 101. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to approve the City Manager's request.

Discussion: The President asked if the insurance is for calendar year 2017. The Manager reported coverage is for August 21, 2016 through August 20, 2017.

The motion CARRIED.

Comment: The Manager reported the amount is a decrease from last year's expenditure. He said we are changing insurance companies because our current carrier was the highest of the three bids that were received.

- **Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) – Supplemental Loan Application**

The City Manager requested a resolution authorizing him to file an application and execute documents for a WPCLF Supplemental Loan as part of the original allocated funds. The supplemental loan will cover Change Order No. 2 with Nerone & Sons, Contract B; Change Order No. 1 with Nerone & Sons, Contract C; and Change Order No. 1 with GPD Group for additional construction administration and inspection as it pertains to the projects at the Water Pollution Control Plant. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to approve the City Manager's request.

Discussion: The City Manager reported that although the resolution is called a "Supplemental Loan Application", no additional funds will be added to the \$8 million approved loan for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project. He said the resolution was requested by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), our funding agency, but that we are not borrowing any additional funds. "We are unclear why they termed it as such, but they need the resolution and we need to give it to them." The President asked if the \$8 million has already been borrowed and secured, or if it is what has been approved. The Manager said we have been approved to borrow up to \$8 million and we might be able to borrow more. \$8 million is what we were comfortable with based on how we are scheduled to repay it. As each contract is awarded, the EPA provides that amount in the form of a loan. The President sought confirmation that we are not paying interest on money we have not yet used. The Manager responded, "That's correct". He said one more contract has to be let for the Digesters. "As we start making sure no additional funds, of the \$8 million, are going to be needed for these current contracts we have out, we will know exactly how much we have remaining to spend on the Digesters, and the amount of work we can do."

The motion CARRIED.

- **Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Waiver**

The City Manager asked for an ordinance to request an Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Waiver through the Ohio Development Services Agency, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, to be used for the initial set up for security cameras on Bridge Street. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request.

Discussion: The City Manager said the Lift Bridge Community Association (LBCA), along with other Bridge Street businesses have requested the installation of security cameras for many years – going back before his time as City Manager (*December 2011*). They will cover sidewalks and street areas. It is believed that six cameras will be sufficient. Placement will begin at the new municipal parking lot and head east towards the Bascule Lift Bridge (Bridge). Included in the bid specifications will be the ability to add cameras if business owners want a more accurate, pin-pointed camera focused on their business entrance or sidewalks. They would be able to “tap into and be added to our security system and have access to their individual cameras for their companies.” The cameras will be able to be accessed over the internet. The system will work like a Digital Video Recorder (DVR) in that it will record so many hours and is rewritten as the material is no longer needed. The software will also be able to capture “certain portions”, if needed.

The City Solicitor said he read the proposal and drafted the legislation and sought to make it clear that they are not traffic cameras. They are not intended for, adapted for, or usable for enforcement of any traffic offenses. They are “security and public safety cameras”.

The Ward 2 Councilor asked if the Bridge could also be covered. The Manager said he believes there are some cameras on the Bridge that are controlled by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) or Ashtabula County. He will look into it; but his hope is that Ashtabula City Port Authority will purchase cameras for the Transient Dock, and that if they do have those cameras cover some of the Bridge area, as well. He said, “Based on where the DVR would have to be and the range you can run cable that will still effectively work back to the DVR, we can see if any of that would be covered with the cameras.” The President asked the Ward 2 Councilor if vandalism was the reason he wants cameras to cover the Bridge. The Councilor said if we are going to go as far as the Bridge, it should be covered.

The motion CARRIED.

- **1023 Bridge Street Building Renovation**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Pigeon's Landing LLC and Superior Interiors, LLC both of Youngstown, OH, for the purpose of rehabilitating the historic structure located at 1023 Bridge Street. Funding for this project will be paid in part through the Ohio Development Services Agency's "Targets of Opportunity Discretionary Grant", in the amount not to exceed \$175,000.00. Pigeon's Landing will also contribute \$175,000, for a total contract price of \$350,000.00. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request.

Discussion: The City Manager said this is the much anticipated remodeling and construction of the interior of 1023 Bridge Street.

It will become Fitzgerald's Wine Bar, a new business that has been discussed for some time. He said the company approached the City about this grant opportunity; the City applied for it, on their behalf, and it was awarded. He said this may be the last Bridge Street building in need of rehabilitation in order to be occupied. He said right now it is just a shell, complete with a dirt floor and roof rafters. The Manager said they have building plans, he wishes them much success, and their goal is to be completed by winter.

The motion CARRIED.

- **Police Interceptors SUVs – State Purchasing**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Statewide Ford of Van Wert, OH, for the purchase of two 2016 Ford Interceptor SUVs, in the amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Permanent Improvement Fund 412. Mr. Roskovics moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

- **Bands-on-the-Beach**

The City Manager announced the Tony Esposito Band will be the last band for the 2016 season. They are scheduled for Sunday, August 21, at 4:00 p.m. He thanked Ashtabula County Medical Center for funding this year's event and for their much appreciated support. Attendance was

- **Wine & Walleye Festival**

The City Manager issued a reminder that the Festival is scheduled for next weekend. He said, "Although some of the Festival is taking place at Lakeshore Park, there will be plenty of family and kid friendly activities on Bridge Street, Saturday and Sunday. Of course the lighted boat parade and the 5K Run will take place on Saturday."

- **Back to School**

The City Manager announced that next week students return to school. He asked motorists to obey the speed limit, school zone areas and to watch for children who will be out and about.

- **Legislation Request**

The City Manager made a formal request for legislation to authorize an agreement to amend the Joint Economic Development District Contract (JEDD) II, with Saybrook Township. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

Questions / Comments for City Manager

- **Curbside Recycling Update:** At the President's request the City Manager reported that this morning we met with Ashtabula County Solid Waste District (ACSWD). They hope to let the hauler contract bid this week. Our target startup date is sometime late this fall.

The President asked if the containers will be disbursed after the hauler is approved.

The Manager responded, "Yes, once we know everything is going to be in place the container delivery will begin, and educational pieces will be included." He said it is going to take a while to complete delivery. At this point, City personnel will make the deliveries and will solicit additional manpower, if required.

At the asking of the Ward 2 Councilor, the Manager announced the first residents to receive containers will be those with Monday and Friday sanitation pick-ups, which is mostly Ward 1 and Ward 2.

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 on the August 9, committee meeting, noting that most of the Ashtabula City Parks & Recreation Board members attended:

- **YMCA:** Trevor Sprague, CEO, spoke to how the City and YMCA are able to better partner. The City Manager pledged City parks for use by the Y. Mr. Sprague listed some activities the Y could implement that might generate adult interest, such as: softball league, men's baseball or hardball, basketball league to play at newly renovated West 47th Street courts, men's flag football, beach workouts, running and bicycle groups who could meet weekly, winter sport activity at Walnut Beach, hiking on Indian Trails and kayaking or canoeing on Ashtabula River. Mr. Sprague said the Y has formed a Program Committee, and that the City Manager volunteered to be member. Mr. Sprague encourages City residents to serve on the committee, as well. One of the Program Committee's tasks is spread the word that the YMCA is here to serve all residents. He will give the CD/ED/P&R Chair the next Program Committee meeting date.
- **"Boys to Men" Event:** Mrs. Octavia Yates, Founder of Gemstones, has organized an event titled, "Boys to Men", for grades 9 to 12, at the YMCA on Saturday, October 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Facilitators will hold workshops to help teach values and "introduce them to the things that they should know." The registration is \$25.
- **Parks and Recreation Board:** The Board met on August 9, at 6:30 p.m., at Clifford Kadon President Park (CKPP). Ms. Tiffany Reid provided an update on My Neighborhood Group's activity. This is their community garden's 3rd year, and they will have a great crop again.

“This is another example how City parks are being used for the benefit of our citizens.” Last year they gathered enough vegetables to provide them to the area, including G.O. Ministries and the food pantry. Ms. Reid reported the Group continues to research the idea of beginning a Veteran’s Therapy Garden. The remainder of the Board meeting was devoted to organizing a committee to help pass a Parks and Recreation Levy (Levy) in November. The levy committee will be called “Citizens for a Better Ashtabula”. Ward 4 Councilor Misener is the Chair, Mr. Earl Tucker volunteered to serve as Treasurer and Clerk of Council Hennigan volunteered to serve as Secretary. The Board is serious about getting the Levy passed. The necessary paperwork for the committee was filed in Jefferson. How to get the word out about the Levy, how to explain why our parks are so important and how City parks are not funded, was discussed. Ms. Suzanne Westlake, P & R Board member, has designed the levy yard signs; the Levy committee awaits the assignment of an Issue Number by the Board of Elections. The Levy committee will meet every Wednesday, in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room, at 5:00 p.m., to work on the Parks and Recreation campaign. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 17, and citizens are welcome to attend and assist.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL (F&P) - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mr. Pugliese) - The President reported on the committee’s Friday, August 12, 8:00 a.m., meeting, as follows:

- **Year-to-Date Financials:** The Finance Director reported income tax collections are a bit ahead of budget, that income tax collections were budgeted conservatively and that most of the collections are attributed to withholdings. We are coming into the end of the year. Departments are watching their budgets to ensure they are on target at year end. Departments have been issued the 2017 Budget packets in preparation of budget talks.
- **Vacant Property Trash Fees (Codified Ordinance Section 951.08 (d)):** The section was reviewed and will continue to be reviewed to determine how to handle future reductions for specific instances where trash may not be collected (e.g., snowbird properties).
- **Sewer Bill Adjustments – Procedural Recommendations (Codified Ordinance Section 933.16 (h) and (k)):** We discussed how to provide sewer bill credits for water usage that could actually be determined did not go into the waste water collection system. The committee will work on a form that could be submitted to the WWTP Superintendent or the City Manager, to enact a more formalized procedure to address sewer bill credit requests currently being submitted to the Finance Department.
- **Pool Fills and Credits:** The committee discussed how to address this issue. The Chair moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to have the City Solicitor draft legislation to address providing residents with a pool fill credit. The Clerk of Council sought clarification. The Chair reported the legislation would address whether it would be a one-time credit for the life of the pool, the amount of the credit as determined by the size of the pool, including a chart to that effect, and enacting a pool permit in order to be eligible for the credit. The permit would also provide the City with a record of pools and reveal if proper fencing is in place. The Clerk asked if the committee has a guideline the City Solicitor is to work from, or is he to draft the legislation as he deems best.

The Chair said he believes it to be a combination of the two; that the committee would appreciate the Solicitor's insight and suggestions, but that the committee discussed things they felt would be important to include, which may already be things the Solicitor would consider. The Manager said he will share, with the Solicitor, the information discussed at the meeting, and include the Finance Director in the process, and will find out if there is anything needed from Waste Water, in order to come up with ideas on how the credit would work. The Clerk asked if there is something she is to provide. The Manager asked that an electronic copy of the chart the committee reviewed be sent to him.

- **Promotional Examinations:** The Manager told the committee Police Lieutenant and entrance exams are needed; the entrance list is set to expire August 19.
- **Crack Sealing and Paving:** The Manager discussed the availability of funds for crack sealing work. He is also trying to make final determinations about what may happen with any paving and/or chip sealing. Nothing final has been determined.
- **Staffing:** Bumping throughout some departments continues, due to staff losses.

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES/CABLE/SCHOOLS (PW/PU/C/S) - (Mr. Pugliese/Mr. McClure)

The Chair announced the committee did not meet this month. They are scheduled to meet with Aqua Ohio representatives on Friday, September 2, at 8:00 a.m.

SAFETY FORCES (SF) - (Mr. Hamrick/Mrs. Misener) - The Chair announced the committee has not met in a couple months. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 22, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room. The President asked that the Clerk is given agenda items, for which there are none, at present.

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- **Formal Legislation Request** – None
- **Legislation Agenda Recap:** The President provided a brief overview.
- **Public Discussion**

Mr. Edward Drum, 5025 Dunsmore Avenue: said if the City permits businesses to tap into the proposed security camera system, it will then not be secure for law enforcement. He said it is his understanding that the cameras are for public safety and security only, which means law enforcement use. He does not believe businesses should be permitted to tap into the system. He said if they want to be tied in, then a second DVR should be installed and let them access it through that DVR not the one law enforcement would use.

The City Solicitor said, "Since these are cameras covering areas of a public street, not covering any private spaces, I'm not sure how we would prohibit access by anyone to this information. These would be images, that if they are in our possession we're going to have to disclose anyway. I don't think we can call them privileged or... there might be a limited situation where a serious crime is being actively investigated and, for some reason or another, the identities of all persons on the camera can't be disclosed for their safety, or something like that. But, aside from those limited issues I don't know how we keep an image of a public street secret or hidden from members of the public."

Mr. Drum said the City of Cleveland has security cameras for law enforcement purposes, only. They are in public areas like Public Square and neighborhood, are only accessible to law enforcement - not to the public and has been approved by the Supreme Court.

The Solicitor reported he consistently follows the Supreme Court rulings and would like to see the citation. He said there is current litigation over the issue of body cameras - whether those images can be withheld. So, far there is a mixture of rulings. It appears the national wide trend is to allow police departments to withhold body cameras. But, we are talking about cameras that are looking at a street corner in its public place. The Solicitor said he does not know on what basis we could withhold that from the public for more than a very short period of time.

The President asked if Mr. Drum if his comment was more about businesses being able to add their security camera to the same recording system and then being able to see all images recorded on that system.

Mr. Drum explained that businesses could have a separate DVR and have access to the information recorded on that particular system, which would be separate from the one law enforcement would have. One DVR would cover public areas; the other would cover business entrances, exits and whatever else they want. If they are separate one cannot be hacked to get to the other, and then make changes.

The Manager said the "stream" would not be made assessable to the public 24/7. The systems we are looking at would permit business owners to only be able to log into their individual camera, not into the entire network. He said it would all be recorded on the same DVR, but business owners would have access to only view their camera footage.

The Manager said the search has been preliminary, but that the things he mentioned will be a part of the project's bid specification scope.

- **Consent Agenda Format:** Mrs. Cook moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to dispose of the Regular Legislation Agenda in consent agenda format; motion CARRIED.

- **Legislation Reading**

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

- ORDINANCE
2016-114 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,900 WITH ROCKY ROAD PAVING FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING A PORTION OF EAST 6TH STREET.
(City Manager)
- ORDINANCE
2016-115 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 951.081, ENTITLED ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE. (Finance Director)
- ORDINANCE
2016-116 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 951.081, ENTITLED ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE. (Finance Director)
- ORDINANCE
2016-117 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR WAIVER TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY IN ORDER TO USE \$10,000 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO INSTALL SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE HISTORIC HARBOR DISTRICT. (City Manager)
- ORDINANCE
2016-118 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT (JEDD II) WITH SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP, OHIO. (City Manager)
- ORDINANCE
2016-119 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES AND ARGONAUT INSURANCE COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$189,902 TO PROVIDE LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR ONE (1) YEAR.
(City Manager)
- ORDINANCE
2016-120 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PIGEON'S LANDING, LLC, AND SUPERIOR INTERIORS, LLC, FOR REHABILITATION OF AN HISTORIC STRUCTURE ON BRIDGE STREET IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$350,000, WITH THE CITY'S PORTION TO BE PAID THROUGH A TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY DISCRETIONARY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000. (City Manager)
- RESOLUTION
2016-121 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF

ASHTABULA FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF
WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED
REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN. (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. Cook, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Misener, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Misener, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Executive Session:** The President entertained a motion to adjourn into Executive Session after the regular business to discuss PERSONNEL (Employment and Compensation), with only City Council in attendance, at the start. Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to approve the President's request. On the roll all to adjourn into Executive Session, for the stated purpose: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Misener, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.
- **Liquor Permit Request - Stock Option Ownership Change:** Walgreens Co, dba Walgreens 09833, 318 Prospect Road, Ashtabula, OH 44004. The Ward 4 Councilor announced she had no objection to the request. Hearing no further comments, the President announced the Clerk of Council will notify the Liquor Control Board that no hearing is required.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bands-on-the-Beach: The Ward 4 Councilor announced Sunday is the last of this event for the year.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mrs. Patricia Blum, 1540 West 17th Street

- **1508 West 17th Street - Mold In House:** She said she will fight Daymark Trustee, LLC, from Jacksonville, FL, the owner of this property, for painting over mold and carpeting over damp floors. She said she is going to go over to the property and start watching the house to make sure she knows what is going on. She said, "You're destroying my property and everyone else on that street; and I'm disgusted."

- **Manholes:** She reported a manhole located in the middle of her road had a metal piece come off.
- **Street Cuts:** She said Aqua Ohio should do a better job of “plugging” their street cuts. The Vice President reiterated that Aqua is schedule to attend the PW/PU/Cable/Schools Committee meeting on Friday, September 2, at 8:00 a.m. He encouraged her attendance.
- **Deep Hole in the Road:** She reported a whole on West 8th Street as you turn onto Coyne Avenue.

Water Leak: The President announced there to be a continuous leak at the Jefferson Road and Bunkerhill Road intersection. There is another one next to the Professional Building located on Route 20 east of Station Avenue in front of the red house. The Manager said the last one is the property owner’s responsibility and he believes it has been addressed. The other one has been reported several times. He said he is meeting with Aqua Ohio tomorrow regarding an Ann Avenue issue, and will mention the Jefferson Road leak at that time.

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Meeting Announcements**
 - **Regular Meeting:** The President announced that due to the Labor Day Holiday the next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m.; Pre-Council is at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Public Hearing:** The President announced City Council will meet in a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 6, at 5:30 p.m., to hear comments and recommendations to a 5th Amendment to the City of Ashtabula and Ashtabula Township JEDD contract, and to hear public comments on a request to rezone parcels at the corner of West 10th Street and Michigan Avenue, from R-2 (Single Family Residence) to C-1 (General Commercial).
 - **Parcels:** The President asked the Manager if he found anything out about the parcels on West 30th or 29th Streets, noting that the Manager previously reported that City crews had mowed the front of the wooded area. The Manager said the front of the properties located on West 30th Street and Carso Avenue, were mowed by the City. They also mowed the Ashtabula Iron and Metal (A.I.M.) property while in the area. He said no discussions have taken place regarding these properties after giving his initial report.
 - **FOP Fish Fry:** The Ward 5 Councilor announced the annual Fraternal Order of Police Fish Fry is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., at the Elks Club on West 9th Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Convene:** At 7:55 p.m., the President announced that Council would now convene the Executive Session.
- **Reconvene Public Session:** At 8:45 p.m., the President announced the public portion of the meeting reconvened.
- **Action Resulting from Executive Session:** The President announced there was no action to take.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business to come before the Council, the President issued a reminder to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", and adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: September 6, 2016

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

ATTESTED BY: LaVette E. Hennigan
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Clerk of Council