

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, October 3, 2016**

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

The Reverend Christopher McCain of Second Congregational Church offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Mr. August A. Pugliese	(Ward 2 Councilor)
	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. 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):**

President Ducro IV announced the appointment of Mr. George A. Toth to the Ashtabula City Planning Commission effective immediately with a term to expire on October 3, 2019. Mr. Toth thanked the President for the opportunity to service. He said his interest in serving is because he firmly believes in giving back to the community in which he lives, in order to try and improve it. He said he was born in Cleveland and raised in Plymouth Township, so Ashtabula has been his home, minus his military time. He has two sons that graduated from Ashtabula High School. He retired from University Hospital after serving 30 years, sat on the University Hospital's Budget and Buying Committee for 15 years, and retired from the United States military. He currently serves on the Ashtabula County Airport Authority, works with United Way disbursements, is a former member of the Ashtabula County Commissioners Budget and Advisory Panel, a LEADERship Ashtabula County graduate, past LEADERship Board Member and past Vice President of the Board; therefore has a wide variety of expertise.

**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**

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

The Clerk of Council presented the September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes for Council's disposal. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

The City Manager reported the following:

##### **Halloween Activities**

- **Signature Health Trunk or Treat:** Friday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in their Main Avenue parking lot
- **Clifford Kadon President Park's Trunk or Treat:** Saturday, October 29, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **The City of Ashtabula's Halloween Trick or Treat:** Saturday, October 29, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

##### **Yard Waste Bags**

- Pick up is scheduled for the Harbor this week.

##### **Crack Sealing of Roads**

- Work started late last week. Be mindful that the tar does not dry fast so where there are crews, there will be tar.

##### **West 36<sup>th</sup> Street Signalization**

- The signalization at West 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Lake Avenue has been on flashing for awhile. Parts from controller boxes that were removed during the City's Traffic Signalization Project were used to repair the traffic light and full signalization could be restored as soon as tomorrow. Crews were instructed to erect signs announcing the change in the light prior to the change taking place, thus giving motorist advance warning. If new signalization is required it will cost a minimum of \$85,000.

### Questions / Comments for City Manager

- **Crack Sealing:** The President asked for a list of the roads that were cracked sealed. The Manager said work began on Ohio Avenue Extension and that Public Services Superintendent Larry Meaney has a list of the roads he would like to get done.
- **Road Plate:** The Ward 2 Councilor asked who the “plate” belongs to that has been in the road for months on Ohio Avenue just west of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. The Manager said it belongs to the City. It is either a sewer or storm plate and repairs will be made.
- **West 9<sup>th</sup> Street & Lake Avenue Water Leak:** The Ward 2 Councilor asked if Aqua Ohio has checked this leak. The Manager said they are going to perform a “leak test” at night when traffic is reduced. They are not sure if the water is originating from this very location or seeping from another location to there. He said there are a couple hot spots on main thoroughfares where they also want to perform a leak detection test before they dig. He said Aqua has been instructed that the work needs to be performed before winter.
- **Lake Avenue/Main Avenue/Route 20 Traffic Concern:** The Ward 4 Councilor asked if anything was determined regarding a Main Avenue merchant’s concern with the lack of traffic signalization at this intersection. The Manager said the signage that is in place right now is small. Erecting larger signs may work “for the time being”, but he has to speak with the Traffic Department to see if the existing wire will hold larger signs. He said he and the Councilor discussed the possibility of a traffic light being installed, which he believes would impede traffic. The Councilor agreed and said better signage might help.
- **Mowing Clifford Kadon President Park:** The Ward 4 Councilor asked for the Park to be moved prior to the October 29 Trunk or Treat event.
- **Washington Avenue (south of West 58<sup>th</sup> Street) Water Leak:** The Ward 5 Councilor asked for an update on the leak, which is now undermined and cracked. The Manager said it was turned over to Aqua Ohio’s Field Supervisor Bob Mannion and will follow up with him. The Councilor’s concern is that winter is approaching and the first freeze and plow will take out much of the asphalt.

### CITY SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- No Report

### Questions / Comments for City Solicitor

- **Yard Signs:** The Ward 1 Councilor issued a reminder that yard signs are prohibited in treelawns and on City property. The Solicitor not only confirmed this to be true, but reported there is a law prohibiting temporary signs, including political and yard sales signs, from being placed on treelawns, City property (unless prior written permission is obtained from the City Manager), and telephone poles.

### 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 announced:

- The October committee meeting has been cancelled
- The Parks & Recreation Board meeting scheduled for October 11, at 6:30 p.m. has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 13, at 5:30 p.m., at 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church located at 319 Lake Avenue
- The second Parks & Recreation Levy Campaign Town Hall meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., at 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church located at 319 Lake Avenue, and
- The third Parks & Recreation Levy Campaign Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, on Main Avenue, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL (F&P) - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mr. Pugliese) - The President announced:**

- The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 14, at 8:00 a.m., and
- The November committee meeting is rescheduled from the 11<sup>th</sup>, which is Veteran's Day, to Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES/CABLE/SCHOOLS (PW/PU/C/S) - (Mr. Pugliese/Mr. McClure)**  
The Chair announced the committee's October 7, meeting is cancelled and that he had no report.

**SAFETY FORCES (SF) - (Mr. Hamrick/Mrs. Misener) - The Chair announced there to be no report,**  
and that the committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on Monday, October 24, at 8:0 a.m.

**LEGISLATION AGENDA**

- **Formal Legislation Request(s)**  
Mr. Ducro IV moved, Mr. McClure seconded to formally request RESOLUTION NO. 2016-135, A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO FIRST RESPONDERS. (Ashtabula Elks Lodge #208 & City Officials). The Ward 1 Councilor asked if the acknowledgment is for police and fire. The President said it includes Ashtabula City Police and Fire, Ashtabula Township Fire, Saybrook Township Fire, the Sherriff's Department, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. These are the safety forces who serve the districts of Ashtabula City, Saybrook Township and Ashtabula Township. The Vice President said there typically is a "Blue Mass" this time of year and asked if it will be occurring. It was noted that it has not taken place in awhile and no announcement has been received that it will take place this year. The motion CARRIED. The President announced the resolution will be presented at an

upcoming Elk's Lodge function honoring those mentioned above. They requested that a copy of the resolution be emailed to them earlier than the actual event for placement in their event program.

- **Public Discussion**

None

- **Consent Agenda Format**

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick 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

2016-132 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE FITNESS/EXERCISE EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED IN THE CITY FIRE DIVISION.  
(City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-133 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,850 WITH TALLMADGE ROOFING FOR ROOF REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY FIRE STATION AT 4326 MAIN AVENUE.  
(City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-134 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR A NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL GRANT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COST OF REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE STATION ROOF.  
(City Manager)

RESOLUTION

2016-135 A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO FIRST RESPONDERS.  
(Ashtabula Elks Lodge #208 & City Officials)

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: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Misener, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Misener, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- **Halloween Activities:** The President reiterated the events, dates, and times that were announced during the City Manager's Report.
- **Funding for Additional Police Officers:** The Ward 2 Councilor reported hearing about the possibility of there being additional funding for the hiring of more police officers. The Manager said it is through the Department of Justice and targets large cities.

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None

**CLOSING REMARKS**

The President announced and/or reiterated the following:

- **Parks & Recreation Levy Campaign Town Hall**  
Thursday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church, 319 Lake Avenue  
(Refreshments will be served)
- **Regular Meeting**  
Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.; Pre-Council at 6:00 p.m.
- **Smolen Covered Pedestrian Bridge Dedication**  
Tuesday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m.

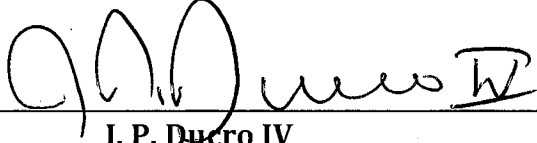
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President issued a reminder to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", and adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: October 17, 2016

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

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