

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2016

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

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

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Mr. Anthony (Tony) Tulino. Tony served 30 years as an employee of the City of Ashtabula. His two sons are dedicated Ashtabula City Police Officers. He put in many years and hard work in the Ashtabula sports world, most notably Ashtabula Little League. One of the fields located at Cedarquist Park bears his name.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. John S. Roskovics	(Ward 1 Councilor)
	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. Christopher J. McClure	(Vice President)

MEMBER(S) ABSENT:	Mr. J. P. Ducro IV	(President)
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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
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EXCUSED ABSENCE(S):	<u>Mrs. Misener moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to excuse the President from this meeting; motion CARRIED.</u>
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SUNSHINE LAW:	The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.
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PRESENTATION(S):	The Vice President presented the following resolutions, noting that he knows, without a doubt, that President Ducro wanted to be present to make these presentations:
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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-153

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
TO
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL RAAB**

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, Christopher Michael Raab, pseudonym ("The Raabit"), and known to us and the Ashtabula community as Chris Raab, is an integral part of the Ashtabula City art scene; and,

WHEREAS, Chris Raab has a "deep pride" for the place he has called home for eleven years; and,

WHEREAS, Chris Raab has shown his pride for his hometown by sharing his art talents, with the community, some of which are: the donation of a seventy-two foot mural to the City of Ashtabula at Smith Field, chairing the 2016 T.A.B.S. (The Arts on Bridge Street) event, organizing 'pop-up group' art shows, the hosting of a July 2016 Ashtabula Arts Center solo art show titled, "Chris Raab's Quarter Mile, the art for which was taken within a quarter mile of his residence, donated a small mural to an Ashtabula church, multiple community artwork installs, and managing the "Artist Walls" at Briquettes Smokehouse, member of the A-Tech Graphic Arts Advisory Board, and current member and past Vice President of Lakeshore Artists;

WHEREAS, Chris Raab's photography art is exclusively of places in Ashtabula City and Ashtabula County, which work has, on numerous occasions, aired on Cleveland, Ohio news stations and been displayed in the Cleveland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and his published book, due to be released this month, are all scenes of Ashtabula, the proceeds from which will be donated to Project Hope for the Homeless;

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 citizen artist, Chris Raab, for enhancing our community art scene with his passion for art and his love for our community, which is shown forth by the many scenes of Ashtabeautiful he has captured.

Chris, 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 D. Pinkert
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Comment: Mr. Raab thanked the dais and the City for believing in something that has been proven to progress the City. "You guys have a deep belief in art and it's an amazing thing."

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-154

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
TO
LARRY S. FARGO
AND
FARGO MACHINE COMPANY**

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, Larry S. Fargo, affectionately known to the Ashtabula Downtown community as Larry Fargo, and a citizen with a desire to play an active role in contributing to the revitalization of the Downtown Ashtabula area, is to be commended for seeing a community landmark in need of much attention, and for stepping up to plan, chair and oversee the restoration of that community landmark to its former glory with the assistance of volunteers and businesses alike; and,

WHEREAS, Larry Fargo, a 69 year Ashtabula County resident and a member of the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA), and the Chair of the ADDA Membership Drive and the Project Chair of the efforts to install security cameras along Main Avenue, unselfishly volunteered his time, talents and monetary resources to restore the community landmark known as Topky Fountain, located in Downtown Ashtabula in LCpl Kevin M. Cornelius Memorial Park; and,

WHEREAS, Fargo Machine Company, owned and operated by Larry Fargo, fabricated and donated new spray pipes and various other pieces, parts, and labor to make the Topky Fountain landmark operational and beautiful again; and

WHEREAS, Fargo Machine Company also donated 40 wooden and 20 plastic easels for Ashtabula Downtown Development Association's 2016 inaugural event titled, "Art in the Alley", held in Downtown Ashtabula and which showcased, for purchase, art mediums of all types; and,

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 citizen extraordinaire, Larry Fargo and Fargo Machine Company for caring enough to get involved in the movement to make Ashtabeautiful.

Larry, 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

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Comment: Mr. Fargo thanked Council and said, "As I've been working on these projects I've come to find out there's a lot of people in Ashtabula that want to help and volunteer. Most of the time all you have to do is just ask them and they will come forward. So, we've got a good City, we've got a good group, and I enjoy this; thank you."

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-155

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
TO
GREGORY R. HAZELTINE**

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, Gregory R. Hazeltine (known to us as Greg), is owner of "O Photo" (www.o-pics.com), a company whose focus is art, exploration, positive interaction, as well as personal and commercial photography; and,

WHEREAS, Greg is also a 2003 graduate of Lakeside High School and long time community art activist who sought ways to give back to the City of Ashtabula after living out of State from 2003 through 2008; when he returned he saw with 'fresh eyes' the treasures Ashtabula has to offer; and,

WHEREAS, with 'fresh eyes' wide open, Greg said yes to the invitation of Ashtabula Downtown revitalization supporter, Larry Fargo, to chair a new event that was being proposed for Downtown Ashtabula; and,

WHEREAS, Greg knew the invitation fell right in line with encouragement he received in 2012, from Council President J.P. Ducro IV, to meet with community artist Chris Raab to learn more about doing what he was passionate about but on a larger scale; and,

WHEREAS, Greg, without hesitation, willingly accepted the invitation and took on a leadership role by becoming Chair of the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association's (ADDA) 2016 inaugural "Art in the Alley" festival; and,

WHEREAS, Greg's commitment to his love for art and community was evident in the highly successful "Art in the Alley" event; which success he attributes to great team work and the tireless help of volunteers such as Larry Fargo, Ward 4 Councilor Josephine Misener, ADDA Vice President Marty Cephas, fellow community artist Ralph Bacon and Timothy Dorman; and,

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 Greg Hazeltine for putting his heart, his soul, and his passion into making the first ever Downtown Ashtabula "Art in the Alley" festival a moment to remember and an event that will bring joy to residents who live in and visitors to our small corner in the world.

Greg, 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
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Comment: Mr. Hazeltine said: "I just wanted to point out the army it took to make that event happen. It's just an army of love; the artist and the passion for what they do and their craft. The ADDA and other volunteers and all the effort and time they've put into City government. Without the love that the City government has for its people, for its community, and for striving to improve, that wouldn't have happened. There was easier an army of over 50 people to make that happen. Without any one of them it wouldn't have been anywhere near where it was. So, thanks to everybody."

Resolution Adoption: Mr. Roskovics moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to adopt the resolutions; motion CARRIED.

The Vice President said, "Those three were connected, but it just shows that selfless service and seeing something that needs fixed can breed a festival and the passion of doing a couple of murals and being relevant in the community - it does have a snowball effect. It's no mistake that those resolutions were all connected. So, we really do appreciate your efforts; all three of you."

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is a means whereby Council is able to efficiently conduct business by grouping routine items for consideration and disposal by one motion, one second and one vote.

MEETING MINUTES READING & DISPOSAL - None

LEGISLATION AGENDA - None

REGULAR BUSINESS

MEETING MINUTES READING & DISPOSAL - None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 3 with Nerone & Sons, Inc. of 19501 South Miles Road, Warrensville Heights, OH 44128, for the purpose of unforeseen additional work (replace slide gates, remove cast iron gates, etc.) at the WPC Plant under Contract B, in the amount not to exceed \$78,876.85, for a total contract price of \$663,479.85. Funding for this expenditure will come from an amendment to the OWDA (Ohio Water Development Authority) loan through the WPC Capital Fund. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

- **Workers' Compensation Consultant**

The City Manager requested permission to enter into an agreement with CareWorks Group of 5500 Glendon Court, Dublin, OH 43016, as most responsible bid for the Worker's Compensation Consultant for the City of Ashtabula, for a period of three years in the amount not to exceed \$6,400.00 for year one, \$6,600.00 for year two and \$6,800 for year three of the agreement. This expense will be taken from Workers Compensation Fund 622. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

- **Fire Department Equipment – Warren Fire Equipment, Inc.**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Warren Fire Equipment, Inc. of 6880 Tod Avenue, Warren, OH 44481, for the purchase of an infrared camera and commercial bracket in the amount not to exceed \$13,160.00. This expense will be taken from Permanent Improvement, Fund 412. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the City Manager's request. Discussion: The Manager reported one camera and 4 face pieces, which act as their own camera, will be purchased. Two face pieces will be put on Engine 1 and two on the

ladder truck. Engine 1's thermo camera is 8 years old; the ladder trucks thermo camera is 15 years old. They are obsolete and will be disposed of in the proper manner. The motion CARRIED.

Ashtabula County Animal Protective League 2017 Agreement

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County Animal Protective League of 5970 Green Road, Kingsville, OH 44048, for animal in-take services in the amount of \$85.00 per dog in accordance with the agreement. This expense will be taken from General Fund 101. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request.

Discussion: The President announced that at this evening' Pre-Council meeting the Manager reported there were no changes to the contract. The motion CARRIED.

• **Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds (RLF)**

The City Manager requested an ordinance for authorization from the Ohio Department of Development Services Agency, to utilize Revolving Loan funds for up to \$6,000.00 for a hotel feasibility study. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the City Manager's request.

Discussion: The Manager reported the City has been approached by various hotel chains about placing a hotel in the City and in other area throughout the County. Each time this happens we are asked for the City's hotel or feasibility study. We do not have such a study but would be a good investment due to the interest being generated. Because the study is considered an economic development tool, RLFs may be used. He said he also reached out to the NEO Fund, operated by Tim McCarthy. The NEO Fund has agreed to half the cost of the study. Proposals received range from \$10,000 to \$12,000. The Vice President asked if the study will work in conjunction with Harbor historical guidelines. The Manager said, no, that the study will note how many rooms the area is able to support and what type amenities the hotel can support. The developer and City would determine site location. The Ward 2 Councilor said if someone wants to bring a store to town we already have studies that tell the percentage of people working, etc. He then asked if the hotel feasibility study is more specific to the 'hotel industry'. The Manager said yes. They will dive into travel trends, survey county hotels and find out the number of visitors. He said when you're talking about hotels you're not talking about residents, but rather those who are being attracted to the area. Therefore, it will be based on what we're already experiencing, as well as shortages in available rooms. An example of a final product could say, "Your city can support a 55 room hotel that has a conference center that holds 200 people. It should have an indoor/outdoor pool and should have a workout room. It could say our community could support two of those or more." The motion CARRIED.

• **Obsolete Equipment**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to deem the following list of computers obsolete: 105781971, 105747591, H8M1591, H5RXGC1, 9SJ5581, 2UA91601BY, 284711313048091, F2VZ0C1, 185695001, G0DQ971, MXL9220B11, C677N81, 33W40C1, D32YR91, 105298797, 2UA8151G0B. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the Manager's request.

Discussion: At the request of the Ward 5 Councilor the City Manager explained that anytime the City disposes of a computer we have to pull the hard drives out and follow our records retention procedure. So, those hard drives sit on a shelf until they're deemed 'no longer necessary or of administrative value', in conjunction with our record's retention laws. Therefore, the disposal will

be of the case, the mother board and all the parts that do not hold sensitive data. The motion CARRIED.

- **Yard Waste Bag Pick-up**

The City Manager announced this will be the last week City crews will pick up yard waste bags. The Harbor was picked up last week; this week crews are in the Wards. He asked that leaves are bagged prior to the snow fall. He reported bags may be personally delivered to Public Works on West 24th Street, during off-season bag pick-up.

- **Snow Ban**

The City Manager issued a reminder that a parking ban automatically goes into effect when snow fall exceeds three inches. During the ban parking is prohibited to aid in clearing the roads. He said the Snow Removal Program is located on the City's website at www.cityofashtabula.com. Critical/ main roads like Route 20, Lake Avenue, West Avenue), will be plowed first, next will be secondary feeder roads such as West 9th Street, West 58th Street, and then crews work their way into the neighborhoods. He said the goal is to make sure to plow all of our roads within 24 hours of the last snow fall and continue accordingly.

- **Road Salt**

The City Manager announced salt is in stock, trucks have been readied to go, and we are prepared. He asked that patience is exercised and welcomes calls to his office "if you think we're not moving fast enough".

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- No Report

Questions/Comments for City Solicitor

The Ward 1 Councilor announced that Kent State University at Ashtabula has a beautiful new entrance. The Councilor said he wanted to pen Dean Stocker a letter and asked if he was permitted to do so as a Ward Councilor or should he do so as a private citizen. The Solicitor said as a Ward Councilor is permissible.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Drive up Air Vacuum Tube**

The Finance Director reported the tube is inoperable and will be replaced as soon as possible.

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:

- **Meetings:** The committee will meet on Tuesday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m., in the 2nd floor conference room. The outstanding agenda items will be reviewed, one of which is the next step for the Wine and Walleye Festival. The Chair said she would like the committee to look at what they want to focus on in 2017, to help promote economic development in the City. The Chair reported the Clerk of Council has reached out to the County Commissioner's office to enlist their help, and that of the County's Commercial Building Inspector, to develop a "What you need to know to open up a business" manual. She said it can get so frustrating without such a guide.
The Parks & Recreation Board will meet on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the Pre-Council Chambers, for the first time since the passage of the Parks & Recreation Levy. She said the timing of the Levy's passage is great because the City is financially strapped. When funds are lacking the first thing to suffer would be the parks. But, "we have our own budget now and I'm looking forward to spring."

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

- **Wine and Walleye Festival:** The Ward 2 Councilor announced, "We'd like to put out a request to any corporations or any individuals that would like to help subsidize the Wine and Walleye this year. The help would be appreciated. Just like the three volunteers who received resolutions tonight – they volunteered to do something and what they did was very nice helping the City out. So, if there are any corporations... I would rather have a corporation... if they could possibly help out a little bit with that Wine and Walleye this summer, we sure could use your help because it's going to be a big project for the City and LBCA to put together. And, also, we need a lot volunteers. So, if anybody would like to volunteer – you could give me a call (993-4363) and I'll relay your name to the proper people."

FINANCE & PERSONNEL (F&P) - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mr. Pugliese)

- The Vice President announced this will be his committee once President Ducro resigns to become an Ashtabula County Commissioner, but that the President will preside over this meeting as chair, for the last time, on Monday, December 12, at 8:00 a.m.

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

- The Chair announced there is no meeting scheduled for December. Their next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 6, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

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

- The Chair announced the committee will not meet in December. Their next meeting is scheduled near the end of January 2017.

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- **Formal Legislation Request(s) - None**

- **Brief Review** - The Vice President announced the following legislation will be presented this evening for Council's consideration:

2nd Reading

ORDINANCE

2016-148 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST 3RD STREET BETWEEN HULBERT AVENUE AND FRANKLIN AVENUE. (City Manager)

One Reading

ORDINANCE

2016-151 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY METROPARKS CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE PORTION OF THE WESTERN RESERVE GREENWAY TRAIL OWNED BY THE CITY. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-152 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO "CONTRACT B" WITH NERONE & SONS, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,876.85 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR UNFORSEEN ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND MATERIALS AT THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT. (City Manager)

- **Public Discussion** (Legislation Only)

Mr. Larry Frimerman, Executive Director, Ashtabula County Metroparks commented on Ordinance No. 2016-151 – he said, "This is a great opportunity for the City of Ashtabula and Metroparks to partner on a project that will complete the Western Reserve Greenway; twenty-seven miles are already complete. It currently terminates at West 52nd Street. The idea is to connect the Greenway all the way to Ashtabula Harbor and then to come up and connect it to Walnut Beach, and then create, potentially, an alternative route, which would also be a scenic route or it could be a loop that would bring it back to Michigan Avenue. The route would essentially go from West 58th Street down West Avenue to Smith Field – come through Smith Field, go north on Michigan Avenue to West 8th Street and then basically go east or make a right and you cross Lake Avenue and head down to the Harbor at Goodwill Drive; and then basically head back to Bridge Street and then one can take it up the walkway, with the idea of taking a troth and being able to wheel ones bike up that very scenic drive where you have an overlook of both the Harbor and ultimately out to the Lake [*Point Park*]. And, this way you can take the Walnut Boulevard path to Walnut Beach, and then connect up. Metroparks would apply for funds at the beginning of the year by submitting a letter of funding request to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) that would be part of their Transportational Alternatives Project Funding. And, then secure enough funding to be able to construct the trail using a combination of federal and grant monies, thus placing the burden on Metroparks. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) would establish who would do what. Most of the paths would actually go on City roads, and would be considered a share the road for 90% of the route. If done this way it would require little local public expense. This project is exciting because it creates opportunity for tourism.

People I know from Cleveland and Columbus would be very excited to be able to go from Trumbull County, thirty miles plus, all the way to Lake Erie, and be able to connect up from Ashtabula to Cleveland, or ultimately to Erie, PA, because there is another path going across. I've only been here a few months but I've been involved in the creation of bike trails in southwest Ohio and using tourism as an economic development springboard in several other communities. And, this is an incredible chance for us at very little public expense, other than essentially the federal government, to be able to create a destination for Ashtabula Harbor." The Vice President reported this would finish the Greenway Trail, which just kind of dies off over by the former ODOT facility on West Avenue. This will also place some of the trail literally and figuratively on our roads, and allow bikers to get to our tourists areas in the Harbor. He said, "Our defacto Mayor of West 17th Street, Patricia Blum is here. The one portion that goes through Mrs. Blum's, will be sort of Michigan Avenue, that's not there, but that will be a paved trail. So, all the work you've done in kind of keeping it clean and keeping out the rift/raft - ultimately there will be a nice bike trail that goes through there."

Mrs. Patricia Blum, 1540 West 17th Street: She said she sees vehicles going back and forth to the City's Equalization Basin (EQ Basin) property. She said she does not know why that would be because she thought it was blocked off. The Manager said there is a gate on the property, which service trucks use. Mrs. Blum said they are not trucks - they are vehicles, and they traverse the property at night. The Manager said the North Shore Trail will cut right through the field off Michigan Avenue. Ms. Blum said, "I have no problem" with that.

The Ward 1 Councilor asked if the trail is well used. Director Frimerman said yes, it's very well used. He said it is still being used during, this, the first week into December. He expects with the extension there will be increased usage because "now people have another destination. You'll find that there's going to be more usage on the southern portions than there currently is in the City because now they'll have a place to go." The Manager said, this summer, he took the Trail almost to Trumbull County. While on it he saw people biking, running and walking with or without animals; and in the winter the Trail is used for cross-country skiing. The Vice President said this lines up very well with the November 8, passage of the Parks & Recreation Levy and the completion of the new Smolen Gulf Pedestrian Bridge. He said, "I would be remiss if I didn't say we will really be excited the day that we finish up and continue to move forward on the Indian Trails and somehow tie that all into all this. As I said in Pre Council that's (*Indian Trails*) much more green than going right down West Avenue, but this at least completes that and then we can move forward with continuing to embrace the recreation in the area. I think it's a great step forward. It's not going to happen overnight, as none of these trails do."

Mr. Edward Drum, 5025 Dunsmore Avenue: He voiced safety concerns with seeing several snowmobiles on the trail. He asked if snowmobiles and cross-country skiers will be allowed on the portion of the trails that will be on City roads. The Vice President said snowmobiles are limited to the trail, which ends on Woodman Avenue. He said he does not believe there will be cross-country skiing on City roads and nor would it be permitted. The City Manager concurred and said most of the skiing activity would be limited to where the trail cuts through the woods. The portions of trail that will be on City streets will be plowed and salted, which is not conducive to cross-country skiing.

The Vice President also noted that the City street portion of the trail will be for biking, which the signage will reflect. He said biking is already taking place on this portion of our City roads, so making it official will actually make it a little bit safer.

Consent Agenda

The Vice President entertained a motion to dispose of the One Reading legislation items by consent agenda. Mr. Hamrick moved, Mrs. Cook seconded; motion CARRIED.

Legislation Reading

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

2nd Reading

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Liquor Permit (New)** for Fitzgerald's LLC, 1023 Bridge Street, Ashtabula, OH 4400
Permit Designation: D5 – Spirituous liquor for on premise consumption only; beer and wine for on premise and off premise in original sealed containers until 2:30 a.m. Neither the Ward 2 Councilor nor anyone else asked for a hearing on this request. The Ward 2 Councilor asked if the building's renovation is nearing completion. The Manager said they yes, and that they have to be completed by December 31, in accordance with the grant.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Events:** The Ward 4 Councilor announced the following:
 - Dublin Down will host a Sip and Paint, Saturday, December 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Participants will purchase and paint an ornament. The ornament will be placed on the tree; at 6:00 p.m. the tree will be lit. A portion of the ornament purchase will be donated to the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA). The Councilor said this is an example of how individuals and merchants are supporting the community.
 - Saturday, December, at 1:00 p.m., President and Mrs. Lincoln will visit the Ashtabula County District Library on West 44th Street.
- **Meeting:** The Vice President announced that the next Regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19, with Pre-Council beginning at 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- **Mrs. Patricia Blum, 1540 West 17th Street:** She thanked Public Works crews for placing black top in road holes. She said the Sanitation crews have been doing a "wonderful job", also. The Vice President asked the public to remember crews during this holiday gift-giving season.

CLOSING REMARKS - None

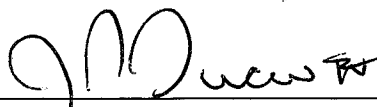
EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

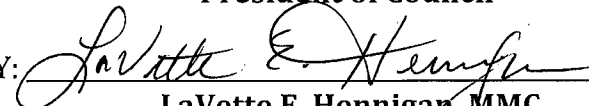
ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the Vice President issued a reminder to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2016

DATE APPROVED: December 19, 2016

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

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LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council