

ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ASHTABULA – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 18, 2017

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the Ward 2 Councilor offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. John S. Roskovics (Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. Michael D. Speelman (Ward 4 Councilor)
Mrs. Kristy L. Hosken (Ward 3 Councilor)
Mr. Kris E. Hamrick (Ward 5 Councilor)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)
Mrs. Josephine Misener (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.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve tonight's meeting agenda; motion CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

The City Manager reported Ms. Camille Licate has worked with the City to have a Walnut Beach cleanup day on International Coastal Cleanup Day. Ms. Licate, the founder and director of Kids for Positive Change, said her group has been working with the Ashtabula Area City Schools, through a Marta Holden Jennings Foundation grant, to reach, teach and inspire Ashtabula students to take positive action for the planet. She, along with LEADERShip Ashtabula County, hosted the second Walnut Beach cleanup on International Coastal Cleanup Day (ICCD), Saturday, September 16. She said over 12 million people around the world participate in beach cleanups. This year, one hundred and one (101) Ashtabula individuals (mostly families) participated. Ms. Licate shared the following stats on what was removed from Walnut Beach in 3 hours: 1,459 cigarette butts, 567 plastic bottle caps, 496 plastic straws and stirrers, 341 cigar tips, 1703 plastic pieces, 593 foam pieces, 3 tires, 2 televisions and various other materials – mainly plastic in origin, such as plastic bags, cups and cutlery. The most interesting find was a golf club, a doll arm and bags of dog feces. She reported the Alliance of the Great Lakes (AGL), a sister organization of Ocean Conservancy (OC), the main organization based in

Washington D.C., provided tally sheets, disposal gloves and trash bags for the event, which is what they do when any one reaches out to them to host a cleanup project. Ms. Licate said the trash collection data was be submitted to AGL; they will submit it to OC for inclusion in this year's overall data collection to show what was collected on ICCD. Overall, 497 pounds of trash was removed from Walnut Beach.

The Ward 1 Councilor reported reading that 500 million plastic straws are used per day, and that there is a push to stop their usage. Ms. Licate confirmed the numbers are true for our Country, and said she has shared this information with her students. She said 500 million plastic straws is enough to fill 46,400 large school buses, annually. She said, as of July 2018, Seattle, Washington has banned the use of plastic straws and cutlery. She said California has a complete ban on plastic bags and soon will ban plastic straws and cutlery, as well. She said she believes Ashtabula City and Ashtabula County, as a whole, should be the third to ban these same plastics, including bottles. She said a 10 year old student came up with the idea that if restaurant patrons chose to forego a plastic straw they would receive a raffle ticket for a weekly drawing at that restaurant for a free dessert or drink. She and her students are hoping to implement the idea this year. Ms. Licate said it is not commonly known that cigarette butts are not biodegradable. The nicotine portion of the product goes into our environment and is eaten by wildlife, but the filter part can remain in the environment for up to 7 years. A new study has found that birds have discovered they can place the filters in their nest to keep bugs away.

Ms. Licate said she would love to see a recycle bin at Walnut Beach and Lakeshore Park.

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.

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES: None

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- **Formal Legislation Request(s):** None
- **Form and Correctness:** None
- **Legislation Overview:** None
- **Public Discussion** (Legislation Portion Only): None
- **Legislation Reading:** None

REGULAR BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES

The Clerk of Council presented the Tuesday, September 5, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes for Council's approval. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes stood approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager requested the following legislation:

Lease Agreement – Ashtabula County Commissioners – Juvenile Court

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County Commissioners for the purpose of leasing certain unused office space within the Ashtabula Municipal Building for occupancy of certain Ashtabula County Juvenile Court employees. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

Pyramid Truck – Public Works Trucks Electric Salt Spreaders

An ordinance to enter an agreement with Pyramid Truck with a mailing address in Austinburg, Ohio, as the most responsible bid for the purchase of two (2) Meyer Electric Salt Spreaders for Public Works trucks in the amount not to exceed \$16,900.00 total. Funds for this expense will be taken from Fund 412. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

Collins Boulevard Lighting Project – Contractor Award

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with B&J Electric of Poland, Inc., with a mailing address in North Lima, Ohio, as the most responsible bid for the repair of the Collins Boulevard lighting in the amount not to exceed \$63,101.58. Funds for this expense will be taken from the 290 Fund. Mr. Speelman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

GPD Group Inc. – Route 20 Design Contract Modification

An ordinance to execute Change Order No. 1 with GPD Group, with a mailing address in Youngstown, Ohio, to modify their contract for the design of the ODOT Route 20 Project (PID 94073) based on Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) tasks and ODOT review comments, in an amount not to exceed \$12,800.00. Funds for this expense will be taken from Fund 412 as part of the ODOT SIB (State Infrastructure Bank) Loan. Mr. Roskovics moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the request. The Manager announced the project is still on time and task. The bid is expected to be let and awarded in 2018, prior to the release of project funds. Half the project may be completed by the 2018 winter; the remainder will depend on the weather. The motion CARRIED.

Trick-or-Treat will take place in the City on Saturday, October 28, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Curbside Leaf Bag Pickup will resume the first week in October, in the Harbor area. Residents may continue delivering them to Public Works. He asked that this privilege not be abused, noting non-yard waste products are being placed in the bags.

Questions/Comments for the City Manager

- **Collins Boulevard Lighting Project:** The Vice President asked if the project will be completed before the Christmas Parade. The Manager said the turnaround time on these type bids are 120 day , and hopes it is completed by November 1.

- **Unightly Property:** The Ward 5 Councilor announced junk vehicles and trash at 801 West 48th Street is a major eyesore.
- **Mountain of Dirt:** The Ward 5 Councilor asked for an update on the mound of dirt located at our West Avenue/former ODOT facility. The Manager said much of it has recently been moved and hopefully all of it will be removed by this winter.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No Report

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Finance Director requested the following legislation:

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL, TRAILIER PARKS, TRAILER CAMPS, SANITATION, CODE ENFORCEMENT, MAIN AVE DEBT, MARREDDY ESTATES, BOND RETIREMENT, JUSTICE CENTER CONSTRUCTION AND WPC FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017. Mr. Speelman moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, TO ASSIST WITH THE GAAP CONVERSATION OF OUR ANNUAL STATEMENTS. Mr. McClure moved, Mrs. Hosken seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

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 committee's Tuesday, September 12, meeting, as follows:

Flash Mob for Change: Mr. Jerry Sisk presented his and some of his LEADERShip Ashtabula County classmate's idea on the creation of a Volunteer Portal. It was determined that such a portal already exists at www.ashtabeautiful.org. The business cards for the site read: AshtaBeautiful Our County, Our Home. They have a QR Code on the back of them that will take you right to the site, which lists events, businesses, natural resources and volunteering opportunities. This card was distributed at a LEADERShip Profiles Breakfast. Now all that is needed is a method to market the site. So, he is asking businesses and political subdivisions to post the website link on their website. It was suggested he promote the website to school districts and ministerial associations because they have lot of members who can then reach even that many more people. Mr. Sisk will keep the committee updated on his progress.

M-1 Zoning and Proposed Junk Yard Legislation: We are aggressively removing blighted housing and are actively cleaning up our parks. It only makes sense that where M-1 zoning, junk yards and outside storage is permitted, fencing be required, which will coincide with other beautification efforts. Requiring fencing is especially necessary if M-1 zoning abuts a residential or commercial district, for the purpose of hiding unsightliness. One Main Avenue business was asked to conceal their outside storage and has done so. Due to the Manager's absence at the meeting, this topic will be discussed more in detail at the next committee meeting.

This evening, the Chair asked the Manager to communicate with the railroad because their West 48th Street and Main Avenue property has become unsightly.

Girl Scout Gold Award K-9 Project: Council received a letter from Miss Danielle DiGiacomo, a girl scout working towards her Gold Award. She would like to place a memorial at the City Hall Annex, honoring former and present Ashtabula City K-9s. The project is being funded through the sale of 'dog biscuits'. The City Manager is responsible for Lands and Buildings and has been in communication with Ashtabula Municipal Court Judge Laura DiGiacomo, Danielle's mom. He said because this is a donation he consulted with the Solicitor who said because it is a donation Council would have to "accept the donation". He will work with Miss DiGiacomo on the project's placement and design.

How to Open a Business in Ashtabula City: After much discussion about the document presented by Chief Building Official Todd Nagy, in response to the committee's request that he and the City Manager work to create a document that itemizes "How to Open A Business in Ashtabula City", it was decided that more discussion and work is needed. The topic will be discussed in committee when the City Manager is available .

Parks and Recreation Board

The President reported the Board met Tuesday, September 12, and commented as follows:

Splash Park: A citizen spoke to the Board about having a splash park at Smith Field. A circulating petition will be presented at the next Board meeting, along with pricing and possible ways to fund and maintain the park.

Funding Approvals: The Board approved the following:

- Walnut Beach Rope Replacement: The rope will be placed on the circle of the turnaround area.
- Point Park Chain Fencing: The Board approved Central Park posts, because they are flat, versus Boston Garden posts, which are pointed. The Board believes placing finials atop the posts would invite more vandalism.
- Park Signage: The Board asked that existing signs be moved to the appropriate places. The Manager said the sign company is performing the final proof of the new signs. Upon completion they will send us a quote. The signs will be up sometime this year.
- At the suggestion of Mr. Larry Fargo, planting low-covered perennials that will spread and be self-maintained were approved for placement around the fountain in Lance Cpl Kevin M. Cornelius Park instead of varied colored cement blocks.

Four Year Park Levy Plan: Ms. Melinda McNutt, has become an 'ad hoc committee member' to guide the Board in establishing a four year Park Levy Plan. She ran the Board through exercises to help them determine where their focus should be and how best to spend Park Levy dollars. The Board looks forward to meeting with Ms. McNutt next month to see what she comes up with given the information garnered from this meeting. One realization from the exercise was while the Board and Ashtabula County YMCA have a great partnership, it would be nice to see the partnership result in more recreational activities in our parks, (e.g., portable splash pad, movie nights, additional concerts). The possibility of eliminating one summer part-time position in order to fund the employment of a part-time recreational director requires further discussion.

Clifford Kadon Presidential Park Pavilion (CKPP): Ms. Tiffany Reid of My Neighborhood Group gave an update on the Pavilion Construction Project. The Group has been very instrumental in getting projects accomplished at this park. A ribbon cutting for the new Pavilion is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, at 10:00 a.m. The public is welcome.

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

- The Vice President questioned the suggestion of having thriving businesses, which are paying taxes and employing people, conceal their outside storage areas in M-1 zoning districts when the former Ashtabula Iron and Metal (A.I.M.) property, which is an eyesore that is seen from West Avenue, a main thoroughfare, sits vacant. He said the City is doing a good job addressing the residential blight, but noted the commercial blight needs to be addressed, as well. He asked the status of the A.I.M. property and said it would behoove us to place this matter in the forefront of our economic development efforts. The Manager responded, "The A.I.M. property is not moving anywhere. It's still wrapped up in litigation, ownership, bank foreclosures and it is a significant Brownfield. I know that everybody thinks that because the property is vacant, it is the City's responsibility. That one, I don't think, we will be taking responsibility for unless somebody comes down with a very, very large pot of gold for us to do something with that property." The Vice President said we have to do everything we can to pressure persons to act who have zombie or vacant structures. The Manager issued a caution and said we do not have much M-1 property in the City. If we are able to land a big manufacturer or business that needs to go in a M-1 location, we do not want to be so restrictive that it makes it easy for them to say no to locating here. The President said she does not believe it would be "so restrictive". She also concurred with the Vice President's sentiments and asked if the Environmental Protection Agency has issued a report from their May visit to the former Carlisle's structure on Main Avenue. The Manager responded, no. The Vice President issued a reminder that the former Municipal Building located at 4400 Main Avenue, needs to be addressed, as well. The Solicitor commented, "With respect to some of the properties that you mentioned, there effectively is no one to go after. The property's in the name of a limited liability company that's registered to do business in another state, the members are unknown, the capitalization is questionable, in some cases these properties are in the name of defunct corporations that haven't done business for decades. If the property had value we could commence what's called "an action in rem" – meaning we could go after the property and use the property value to fund the enforcement and the correction. The problem is these properties have effectively a negative market value. No one wants them; no one is stepping forward to say, hey I'm the owner, we

don't have a target defendant- hence the term "zombie property"; it's there, but it's not alive; it looks like it is, but it's not. So, I don't think that this is a problem (at least as I analyze it) that the City of Ashtabula, alone, can solve. We need help from the legislature; and in some cases we need help from congress so that we can have the financial wherewithal and the enforcement tools to go behind these corporate shell and locate the people who are really involved, if, in fact, they are out there, identify the assets that they have (that we can see), because there's really no - there's no target. I can fire the gun but I got not target to shot at." The Vice President said our mission statement is to enhance the quality of life of our citizens. Putting up a fence, making properties look better and working hard to continue to progress is clearly economic development. But, we cannot lose sight of the other things we have to do. If that means we have to appeal to our state legislature on the federal level, we need to do it; and not have the mindset that "there it is and we can't do anything about it." The Manager said he has to double check to see if the A.I.M. property has gone to foreclosure sale and if so, did it sale. He said what he feels is going to be the only solution is the City or County Land Bank could acquire the property, if it went to foreclosure sale and did not sale. The property's liability becomes that of the entity that purchases it. There are Brownfield grants to clean the property. However, the state has changed the program and now a viable 'end user' with a project is required. The end user is also required to pay a portion of the clean up if a cleanup grant is secured. If the City purchased it we could pave it, but what are we going to do with a paved strip. Once the paved portion is disturbed, the whole property has to be cleaned; and the storm water may have to be captured, pretreated and maybe even sent to our Waste Water Treatment Plant rather than through the storm sewers.

- **Potential Medical Marijuana Businesses:** In response the Ward 1 Councilor's inquiry regarding the potential for a medical marijuana business to come to Ashtabula, the Manager said they have been provided with sites to consider, but the state has not imposed a deadline for "the dispensary portion". The Manager said what is making it difficult is that medical marijuana businesses may not be located within 500 feet of a park or church. For example: Point Park eliminates Bridge Street; the former Lake Avenue Circle K location is eliminated by Bethany Lutheran Church; and the West 19th Street physicians office across the street from Guerriero's Funeral Home is eliminated because of its proximity to Smith Field. One of the interested parties is one of the largest dispensaries and growers in Illinois. They found so much wrong with the Illinois process that they helped write the Ohio state legislation. They visited and were shown some locations. The Route 11 Industrial Park was suggested. It was then noted that they would also be eliminated if the church proposed to locate on property in the front of the IP, actually happens.

Former Firestone Structure (Main Avenue): The Ward 5 Councilor reported this structure has a bad wall, said it is "sitting there falling apart" and asked if anything is happening with it. The Manager said it is not in the City's hands and is not our responsibility. He said he believes they have been notified about that wall. He said they wanted to give the building to the Fire Department, but we turned it down after going through it.

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- **Former Pepsi Cola Building (corner of West 38th Street and West Avenue):** The Ward 5 Councilor said for a month someone has been cleaning out and repairing the structure, and d asked if anyone knows what is happening; no one did.

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

The Chair announced the committee will meet on Friday, October 13, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room to begin discussing the 2018 City Budget.

SAFETY FORCES (SF) - (Mr. Hamrick/Mr. Roskovics)

The Chair announced the committee will not meet this month (September 25) unless something comes up in the next couple days.

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

The Chair announced the committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on Friday, October 6, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room.

Legislation Request

The Chair moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded to allow no parking on the east side of Westwood Drive – Westwood Avenue, from West 9th Street to the east end, which is a dead end street. He said for a while a problem has persisted because people are parking on the street in a way that prohibits residents from backing out due to the congestion. He said he believes the Police Department has looked at it and is in favor of this request. The motion CARRIED.

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

- **Parking on Washington Avenue:** The Ward 5 Councilor reported that Washington Avenue north of Bunkerhill has a curve. Motorists are parking from the curve, on both sides of the road, up to the stop sign where the apartments are located. He said he had to ask someone to move their car in order to drive down the road. He suggested parking should be prohibited on one side of the road. The Chair said he believes at one time there was no parking on one side of the road and that the signs may have been removed. The Clerk of Council was asked to see if parking prohibition legislation exists.

WORK SESSION – No report

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- **Formal Legislation Request(s):** None
- **Form and Correctness:** The Clerk of Council certified conformity to Council Rule 21.
- **Legislation Overview:** None
- **Public Discussion (Legislation Portion Only):** None

Request Presentation by Consent Agenda: Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Hosken seconded to dispose of the regular business legislation agenda by consent agenda; motion CARRIED.

Legislation Reading

The Clerk of Council presented the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-109, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CERTAIN UNUSED OFFICE SPACE WITHIN THE ASHTABULA MUNICIPAL BUILDING. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-110, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PYRAMID TRUCK FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) MEYER ELECTRIC CHAIN FEED SALT SPREADERS. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-111, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH B & J ELECTRIC OF POLAND, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$63,101.58 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE COLLINS BOULEVARD LIGHTING PROJECT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-112, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 505.011 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO KEEPING DOMESTIC FARM ANIMALS. (City Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-113, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 505.011 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO KEEPING DOMESTIC FARM ANIMALS. (City Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-114, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL, TRAILIER PARKS, TRAILER CAMPS, SANITATION, CODE ENFORCEMENT, MAIN AVE DEBT, MARREDDY ESTATES, BOND RETIREMENT, JUSTICE CENTER CONSTRUCTION AND WPC FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017. (Finance Director)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to waive the reading of the ordinances; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman second to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Speelman, Mrs. Hosken, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. McClure, Mrs. Misener voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinances: Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Speelman, Mrs. Hosken, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. McClure, Mrs. Misener voted yea; motion CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Reappointment**

Mrs. Misener moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to reappoint Mr. David Payne to a 3 year term as a member of the Architectural Restoration Review Board, effective immediately, with a term to expire August 18, 2020; motion CARRIED. The President said Mr. Payne as been a member for quite a while and has been a real asset.

Ribbon Cuttings / Grand Openings: The President announced several things are happening in the City, such as:

- A Ribbon Cutting for the new Children’s Garden, located at the Ashtabula County District Library, recently took place; with State Representative John Patterson in attendance.
- Framed on Main owner, Mr. Chris DiGiacomo, will host a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening on Wednesday, September 20, at 4:00 p.m., at his new Main Avenue location.
- This past week a “Welcome to Ashtabula – The River of Many Fish” mural created by Indianapolis artist, Greta McLain, was placed on the side wall of Ultimate Appearance (Main Avenue). The mural represents part of the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association’s Streetscape Plan. Meeghan Humphrey, Director, Ashtabula Arts Center, orchestrated the grant and worked with Ms. McLain, who worked with community volunteers to paint the mural, on site, before it was installed on the building.
- The Ward 5 Councilor issued a reminder that political signs are prohibited from being placed on treelawns.
- The Ward 3 Councilor announced the new Ashtabula location of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC), located at 5021 State Road, will host a Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, at 4:30 p.m.
- The Manager announced painting of road lines has finally begun. He said we have been waiting on the newest type of paint to come in, which the distributor is just now started to get in. So we ended up purchasing paint from throughout the county in order to get started. He asked motorists to avoid the freshly painted lines and said they do not take long to dry.
- The Clerk of Council asked the Manager to address the televising of Regular Council Meetings with the takeover of Time Warner Cable by Spectrum. The Manager reported the meeting is now aired on Channel 1020. A cable box is required to view the meeting. Spectrum placed a notice on the Channel 21, where the meeting was previously aired, but did not provide the new channel number. Persons in the Townships of Plymouth, Saybrook and Ashtabula should be able to view the meeting, but complaints are constantly received about the inability to hear and view the meeting. He said the City does not have control over these problems, because it has to do with something that happens after signal leaves the Municipal Building. He said the signal that comes from this building is not very strong. He has been told that Spectrum’s equipment has amplifiers they can adjust up or down, which is why some areas can view but not see, see but not hear, etc. He said we are unable to view the meeting on the television set up in Council Chambers to verify the signal is transmitting because Spectrum wants the City to sign up for a \$60 per month package in order to do so; which he refuses to do.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

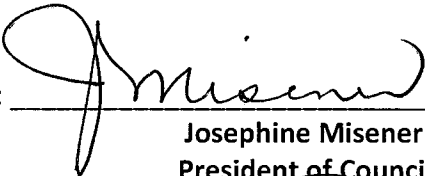
Mrs. Patricia Blum, 1540 West 17th Street reported a bomb was thrown at her home and commented on what she wishes to happen to the responsible person(s). She also reported firecrackers are constantly being set off at the West 19th Street housing complex near her home.

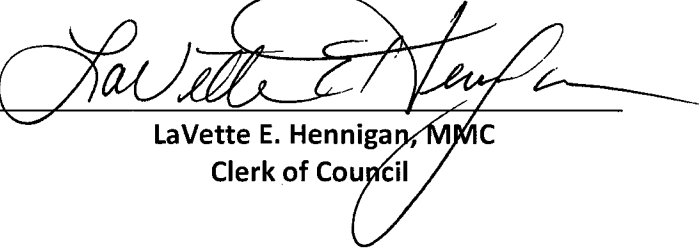
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: October 2, 2017

ATTESTED BY: 
Josephine Misener
President of Council

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