

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 4, 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:** Vacant (Ward 1 Councilor)  
Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2 Councilor)  
Mr. Michael D. Speelman (Ward 4 Councilor)  
Mr. Reginald M. Holman (Ward 3 Councilor)  
Ms. Jane E. Haines (Ward 5 Councilor)  
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)  
Mr. John S. Roskovics (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. Speelman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to approve this meeting's agenda; motion CARRIED.

**PRESENTATION(S):** None

**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

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- **Public Discussion** (Legislation Portion Only): None
- **Legislation Reading:** None

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES**

None

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

### **CITY MANAGER**

The Manager presented the following legislation requests:

#### **Fire Truck**

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Sutphen Corporation with a mailing address of 6450 Eiterman Road, Dublin, OH 43016-8711 for the purchase of one 2018 Sutphen Custom Pumper through the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program in the amount of \$501,200. Funds for this purchase will be taken from the 412 fund. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Obsolete Vehicles**

An ordinance deeming the following vehicles obsolete for disposal by either public sale or scrap:

1988 Sutphen Deluge Pumper  
2000 Dodge Durango  
2001 Mack Garbage Truck  
2002 Mack Garbage Truck  
2006 Ford Taurus

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Leaf Bag Pickup**

Curbside pickup will be extended, weather permitting. This week crews are in the wards. The week of December 11, crews will be in the Harbor area. The week of December 18, crews will be in the wards for the final time. Bags may be taken to Public Works year round.

### **CITY SOLICITOR**

No Report

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR**

No Report

The President announced this evening Council met in a public hearing to present the 2018 City budget. The vote on the budget will be taken at the December 18, regular council meeting. The budget is available for viewing in the Finance Department and on the City's website.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

(Chair/Vice Chair)

The President announced the following committee roster was adopted at the City Council's December 1, Organization Meeting. The chairs announced their committee's monthly meeting day and time:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PARKS & RECREATION (CD/ED/P&R)**

**MEETING DATE/TIME: (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 4:00 p.m.)**

- John Roskovics – Chair
- Michael Speelman – Vice Chair
- Jane Haines – member and Council's Parks & Recreation Board Liaison

The Chair announced the committee will meet on Tuesday, December 12 @ 4:00 p.m. The President announced the Ashtabula City Parks & Recreation Board will meet the same day at 6:30 p.m., in Pre-Council Chambers.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL - (F&P)**

**MEETING DATE/TIME: (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday @ 8:00 a.m.)**

- Christopher McClure – Chair
- August Pugliese – Vice Chair
- John Roskovics

The Chair announced the committee will meet on Friday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m. The Auditor of State will present the Finance Department with an Award of Distinction for the City's 2016 Audit.

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES/CABLE/SCHOOLS - (PW/PU/C/S)**

**MEETING DATE/TIME: (1<sup>st</sup> Friday @ 8:00 a.m.)**

- August Pugliese – Chair
- Reginald Holman – Vice Chair
- Incoming Ward 1 Councilor

The Chair reported the committee did not meet in December. They will meet on Friday, January 5, if necessary.

**SAFETY FORCES - (SF)**

**MEETING DATE/TIME: (4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ 8:00 a.m.)**

- Michael Speelman - Chair
- Jane Haines – Vice Chair
- Christopher McClure

The Chair announced the committee would not meet in December due to the Christmas holiday. They will meet Monday, January 22 at 8:00 a.m.

The President announced the next Pre-Council and Regular Council Meetings will take place Monday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively.

**WORK SESSION – No report**

**LEGISLATION AGENDA**

**Formal Legislation Request(s)**

The Clerk of Council presented the following requests for formal placement on this evening's agenda:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-141 AN ORDINANCE VACATING OR ABANDONING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN A PORTION OF AN ALLEY EXTENDING NORTH OFF OF WEST 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET. Mr. Speelman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to approve the formal request of this legislation; motion CARRIED.

**Form and Correctness**

The Clerk of Council certified conformity to Council Rule 21.

**Legislation Overview**

The Clerk of Council provided a brief overview of the legislation agenda. The payroll ordinances were discussed. It was reported that the city pays 60% and the County pays 40% of the salaries of the Municipal Court Judge, Clerk of Courts and Bailiff, in accordance with state law. The Clerk reported a separate ordinance is required for the Municipal Court because a new member of Council is in a relationship and lives with the Municipal Court Judge's brother-in-law; and the member will be required to abstain from voting on Municipal Court payroll matters. The Clerk reported the same was the case when a former member of Council's husband was a member of the Ashtabula Police Department. Because this no longer exists, the Police Department's payroll section will, again, be incorporated into the primary payroll ordinance. Another former member's wife is a nurse in the Ashtabula City Health Department.

Mr. Pugliese moved Mr. McClure seconded to present the repeal of Ordinance No. 2017-147 on one reading rather than the standard two readings of traffic control map and file changes; motion CARRIED.

**Public Discussion (Legislation Portion Only)**

None

**Request Legislation Presentation by Consent Agenda**

The President explained a consent agenda may be used to dispose of agenda items with one motion and vote. Consent Agenda items may be removed the said agenda and placed on the agenda to be disposed of separately. Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation Agenda by consent agenda; motion CARRIED.

**Legislation Reading**

The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-141, AN ORDINANCE VACATING OR ABANDONING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN A PORTION OF AN ALLEY EXTENDING NORTH OFF OF WEST 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET. (Mr. Ron R. Kister/Planning Commission/City Council)

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ORDINANCE NO. 2017-143, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE NO. 2017-59, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCLUDING THE COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE WITH THE CITY OF ASHTABULA EMPLOYEES AND ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT. (Municipal Court Judge)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-144, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE NO. 2017-64, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCLUDING THE COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES OF THE DIVISION OF POLICE WITH THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT, AND EXCLUDING THE ASHTABULA MUNICIPAL COURT. (Municipal Court Judge)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-145, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT, AND EXCLUDING THE ASHTABULA MUNICIPAL COURT. (Municipal Court Judge)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-146, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE ASHTABULA CITY MUNICIPAL COURT AND PROBATION DIVISIONS. (Municipal Court Judge)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-147, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-115, WHICH AMENDED THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF WESTWOOD DRIVE. (City Council)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; 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. Pugliese, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Holman, Ms. Haines, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Holman, Ms. Haines, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The President announced the following:

The next Pre-Council and Regular Council Meetings are scheduled for Monday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively.

A request for a resolution acknowledging School Choice Week – January 21 through 27, 2018, has been requested by a national organization. The President said he is not in favor of such an ordinance, but has asked the Clerk to contact Dr. Melissa Watson, Superintendent of the Ashtabula Area City Schools and Sister Maureen Burke, President of Saint John School, to get their feedback.

Park Avenue Winery applied for a license to sale liquor on Sunday. The request was denied because in 1986 the City of Ashtabula became dry on Sundays. The owner was told the request would have to be placed on a ballot for a vote. The Manager explained what we have run into in certain parts of the City is that after the Prohibition the a federal law was written that no Sunday service or sales could take place unless the individual areas voted to allow Sunday sales, which is why Sunday sales are appearing on ballots for certain areas. If the political subdivision does not put the ballot measure forward to

allow Sunday sales it is understood there are no Sunday sales in that area. He said the same challenge was faced when the Wine & Walleye Festival was first conceived. However, when Ward 1 was divided into many precincts Walnut Beach was in one precinct; Bridge Street another. A vote was taken by the electorate in the Bridge Street area to allow Sunday sales, but no such vote was taken for the Walnut Beach area. A 1977 map for the Bridge Street area was located to show the vote was taken. The same thing happened when Briquettes moved to its current location. The Manager said the soonest Park Avenue Winery's request could go on a ballot is May 2018. The Solicitor reported the business petitions residents in the precinct where the business is located. He offered to report to the CD/ED/P & R Committee on the ways in which a request for Sunday liquor sales may be placed on a ballot.

The Ward 4 Councilor announced that on Wednesday, December 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association will host their annual Christmas party at the Chalk Box. The public is invited.

The President announced he would like to begin a new tradition during the New Business portion of the Regular Council Meetings, titled "Tell Me Something We Don't Know." It will be a time during the meeting when anyone may tell something about Ashtabula, big or small, that we might not already know and that we might find interesting.

The Manager reported, last week, he testified before the Ohio House on House Bill 323 – the Trash Bill. Representative John Patterson was present and Ashtabula County Auditor Roger Corlett also testified. He reported that in 2016, the law changed to say only chartered counties could certify delinquent trash to county auditors for collection on tax duplicates. He does not believe there was opposition testimony. He believes it will be voted out of committee, on the House side, tomorrow, but has not heard what is happening with the bill in the Senate. The amendment is simply to remove the words "chartered counties" from a sentence. It may be January or February before we know the outcome; but as long as it is before September 2018 "we're in good shape."

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION/COMMENTS (General Matters)**

None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: January 2, 2018

ATTESTED BY: John S. Roskovics  
**John S. Roskovics**  
**President of Council**

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