

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed due to the passing of Mrs. Adelaide Eurez, a retired Ashtabula City Police Department Records Clerk and Ashtabula High School graduate.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Jane E. Haines (Ward 5 Councilor)
Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. Richard A. Quaranta (Ward 3 Councilor)
Mr. Michael D. Speelman (Ward 4 Councilor)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)
Mr. John S. Roskovics (President)

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Mrs. Kym A. Foglio (Ward 1 Councilor)

OFFICER(S) PRESENT: Mr. James M. Timonere (City Manager)
Mr. Michael Franklin (City Solicitor)
Ms. Traci R. Welch (Director of Finance)
Mrs. LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC (Clerk of Council)

OFFICER(S) ABSENT: None

EXCUSED ABSENCE(S): Mr. Roskovics moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded to excuse the Ward 1 Councilor from this meeting; motion CARRIED.

SUNSHINE LAW: The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Ohio Sunshine Law.

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: None

- Formal Legislation Request(s): None
- Form and Correctness: None
- Legislation Overview: None
- Public Discussion (on legislation only): None

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES

The Clerk of Council presented the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Regular City Council meeting. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager presented the following requests:

Street Sweeper Repair

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Jack Doheny Companies for the purpose of repairing the Street Sweeper in the amount not to exceed \$11,666.96. Payment for this expense will be taken from Fund 412. Mr. Pugliese moved, Ms. Haines seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

2019 Ashtabula County Y.M.C.A Lifeguard Agreement

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County Y.M.C.A. in the amount not to exceed \$31,416.00 for the purpose of providing lifeguard services for Walnut Beach for the 2019 summer season. Payment for this expense will be taken from Fund 233. Mr. Pugliese moved, Ms. Haines seconded to approve this request. The Manager reported the contract is \$3,000 more due to extended hours. The motion CARRIED.

Board of Health Reappointment

Reappointment of Ms. Christine Seuffert as a member of the Board of Health for a (5) year term to begin May 1, 2019 and end April 30, 2024. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded to approve the reappointment; motion CARRIED.

Executive Session: None

CITY SOLICITOR

No Report

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

The Finance Director formally requested Ordinance No. 2019-40, which is scheduled for a vote this evening. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

The Clerk reported because she communicates regularly with City Council, she will not always have a report to present at regular council meetings.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

All Council committees meet in the Municipal Building 2nd Floor Conference Room
(Chair/Vice Chair)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PARKS & RECREATION

(CD/ED/P&R) (Haines/Speelman)

The Chair announced the committee will meet Tuesday, April 9, at 3:30 p.m. The City's Parks & Recreation Board will meet Tuesday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m., in Pre-Council Chambers.

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

The Chair announced the committee will meet Friday, April 12, at 8:00 a.m., unless otherwise announced.

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

The Chair announced the committee will meet Friday, April 5, at 8:00 a.m., to discuss the 2019 paving program. He said, "Hopefully in November the residents will vote for the 4mil levy so we can do a lot more streets next year. We're going to keep pushing that. So, residents, keep that in mind; we sure would appreciate it."

The President reported most members of Council have emailed their paving wish list to the Clerk, to be discussed at the Committee's April 5, meeting.

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

Potholes: At the Ward 5 Councilor's request, the Manager announced the Pothole Hotline is 992.7100. Messages are retrieved, put into the system and Public Works tries to address them immediately. Calls are not returned unless additional information is required. The President said we get potholes no matter how severe winters are. The Manager said the amount of freeze/thaw cycles that occur dictates pothole severity. The freeze/thaw cycles have affected older roads; the newer paved ones have not upheaved. In the last 3 to 4 years, more than 75% of our issues have come from a small stretch of West Avenue that was performed last year. The majority of complaints were about Route 20. Because these roads were addressed the amount of claims resulting from the condition of the road has decreased. The benefit of the fog/seal process that was used on our alleys, was discussed. The Manager said he would have liked to try the process on some of our side streets last year, but went with asphalt, as some

preferred. He said the process helps to stretch paving dollars, the maintenance is less, and the City of Geneva performed the process on many of their side roads. The key is to the success of the fog/seal process is to do it when the road is starting to get to the end of its useful life. He said it's not that the road needs to be paved, but if roads are sealed it prevents water from getting into the cracks and upheaving the road due to freeze/thaw cycles, which extends the life of the road. He said if the levy passes, fog/seal should be considered as a component of our paving program.

SAFETY FORCES - (SF) (Speelman/Harley)

The Chair announced the committee met Monday, March 25, at 8:00 a.m.; and reported the following highlights:

No Parking – Washington Avenue between West 58th and 57th Streets

Much discussion took place about this recently enacted parking prohibition.

Actions proposed:

1. Notify, by letter, all residents affected by the proposed change (the Ward 5 Councilor will personally notify Mrs. Linda Hatfield about the suggested changes);
2. It should be made clear in the letter that residents shall send their feedback to the Police Department, are able to attend a council meeting to voice their opinion, or may call their Ward Council representative.
3. Police Chief Stell will compile the results and make a recommendation to the committee;
4. The committee will make a recommendation to the full Council; and
5. Some of the present signage might get changed.
6. Motorists must abide by the law, as it is now posted, and were asked to be patient while this gets sorted out.

Proposed Changes:

- a) A portion of one side of Washington Avenue between West 57th and 58th Streets needs to be no parking for City operational purposes – preferably the west side where the fire hydrant is located;
- b) Reinstate parking on the west side of Washington between lot 86 to the corner of West 58th Street;
- c) Prohibit no parking on the east side of Washington between lot 49 to the corner of West 58th Street; and
- d) Install a 10 to 15 minute Loading and Unloading Zone sign between parcels 48 and 65 on the west side of the road.

Community Care Ambulance Agreement

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Community Care Ambulance for the purpose of providing medical transportation services within the City of Ashtabula, was presented to the committee. Reporting out of committee, Mr. Speelman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to

formally request the legislation authorizing the City Manager to enter into the contract; motion CARRIED.

WORK SESSION

None

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- Formal Legislation Request(s): None
- Form and Correctness: None
- Overview: The Clerk of Council provided.
- Public Discussion (Legislation Only): None
- Consent Agenda Format: Ms. Haines moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded to dispose of the regular business legislation by consent agenda; motion CARRIED.
- Reading: The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-37, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY Y.M.C.A. FOR LIFEGUARDS. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-38, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACK DOHENY COMPANIES, INC., FOR STREET SWEEPER REPAIRS.
(City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-39, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO "CONTRACT C" WITH NERONE & SONS, INC., FOR A DECREASE OF \$60,225.30 ON THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL UV LIGHT DISINFECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL, UNCLAIMED FUNDS, SANITATION AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. (Finance Director)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-41, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE & MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO AND COMMUNITY CARE AMBULANCE NETWORK.
(City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-42, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH PETER E. SAVARISE FOR TAX ABATEMENT AT 100% FOR 7 YEARS UPON IMPROVEMENTS AT RESIDENTIAL PREMISES KNOWN AS 1818 HARBOR AVENUE. (City Manager)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Quaranta seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Ms. Haines, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Quaranta, Mr. Speelman, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted aye; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Ms. Haines, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Quaranta, Mr. Speelman, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted aye; motion CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

The Ward 3 Councilor announced our new Ashtabula County Auditor, Mr. David Thomas, was in the audience and encouraged him to speak. Auditor Thomas said he was present to introduce himself. He is taking time to attend some of the local county meetings to let them know the 2020 revaluation has begun. The Auditor's office is tasked with looking at the value for all 80,000 residential county parcels to review. Residents are encouraged to call the Auditor's office or visit the website to report any changes to their property within the past year, which makes the revaluation process easier. He said his office would be happy to work with the City on any projects we may have that his office would be able to assist with. Auditor Thomas fielded questions.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

President

- Facebook reported the Hallmark Channel movie, "Flip that Romance", that aired over the weekend, was set in Oregon, but showed Bridge Street a few times.
- Facebook reported that a Cleveland magazine article had Ashtabula as one of the top 14 places to go on your boat.

Ward 2 Councilor

- When is the U.S. Coast Guard staff returning for the boating season? The Manager said they usually return in April and reported the Bascule Lift Bridge opened today.

City Manager

- The Remote Area Medical Clinic (R.A.M.) begins Friday, April 5, and goes through Sunday, April 7, at Ashtabula Towne Square, beginning at 6:00 a.m. Dental, vision and medical services will be provided at no cost and there is no income ceiling. He encouraged resident's participation, noting there is no shame in free services and that it is a wonderful program. In 2018, he said his volunteer experience was quite humbling. The program hopes to serve 1200 this year. In 2018, a little over 900 were served and \$430,000 in free medical care was provided.

Ward 5 Councilor

- Lakeside Elementary, Middle and High Schools will host an art show on Friday, April 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Framed on Main. Light refreshments will be served.
- Harbor Yak will host a clean up on Sunday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Participants should meet at the Yak. Light refreshments will be served.

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- A Tire Amnesty will be hosted at the Ashtabula Fairgrounds, Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A maximum of 10 tires (no rims) will be permitted to be disposed of. The first 4 tires will be free to dispose of and \$1.00 per tire, thereafter. The City Manager announced State law prohibits the transport of more than 10 tires, without a license.
- My Neighborhood Collaborative will host a cleanup at Clifford Kadon President Park, Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- ADDA will host their annual "Take it to the Curb" cleanup event, Sunday, May 19, Noon to 3:00 p.m. Participants will gather in front of Ultimate Appearance Hair Salon.
- On "I'm in Amazing Ashtabula Facebook page (I'm In..Amazing Ashtabula) is a list of community cleanups.

Ward 3 Councilor

- The Kiwanis Club is hosting a cleanup of Ohio Avenue Extension, Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Ward 4 Councilor

- Ashtabula Fire Department will host a 5K run / 1 mile walk fundraiser for Wine and Walleye Festival fireworks, Saturday, April 27, on Bridge Street. He race begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday evening and all day Sunday the Chalk Box will be host to a competition of 228 young people. He hopes Main Avenue merchants reap some of the benefits.

City Manager

- St. John School will perform Aladdin Jr., Friday, Saturday (April 5 and 6) at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. Adults \$8 / Seniors and Students \$5

PUBLIC DISCUSSION/COMMENTS (General Matters)

Mrs. Linda Hatfield, 5729 Washington Avenue, voiced her concern with the proposed parking changes for Washington Avenue between West 57th and 58th Streets. She said she and Karen Flack work hard to get no parking on the road because Dream Center patrons were parking everywhere with no regard for others and making it difficult for her to enter and exit her driveway. She believes there is enough room on West 57th Street for Dream Center patrons to park. Mrs. Hatfield was invited to attend the next Safety Forces Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room, where the topic discussion will continue.

Ms. Katja Rada, 1211 Columbus Avenue, inquired about the Pig Iron Plant soon to be constructed and operating on the property of Kinder-Morgan Pinney Dock. She asked if there is information for residents that details the project, including noise levels, that has been distributed or may be viewed online.

The Manager said, "Anything that has to do with the air quality has been submitted to the Ohio EPA. The Ohio EPA has issued their [Petmin's] air permit. Nothing they detected in the emissions at the plant will cause harm to neighboring properties or the overall air quality in the County. In addition, I know the

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company is also looking at a vendor who may even be capturing CO2 coming off of that plant. So, it would be almost a carbon neutral footprint down there. I believe all of that information in on the Ohio EPA website."

The President said the Pig Iron plant should not create much traffic or noise that would affect Columbus Avenue. The Manager said he and Councilors Pugliese and Haines met with Kinder-Morgan Pinney Dock representatives (and he has also been in communication with Petmin) about the route they will use to enter the plant. Essentially, what we're trying to do is after they exit Route 11 at Route 531, get them back to their plant as quickly as possible and off of Route 531. Right now the plan is some improvements on Parkgate and East 5th Street and a new access road that will go down into their plant area. Petmin is still working through design plans. The Vice President said while the stack will be tall, much of it will not be visible from the road. The Manager said some of the exposed parts of the plant that will be visible may be likened to Cristal Global's facility on State and Middle Roads, where all the pipes and iron work are on the outside. Because of their proximity to Lake Erie and our weather conditions, a lot of their equipment will be enclosed. Because of their proximity to a neighborhood, the City has asked Petmin to not make the facility look like just a metal sheet; they have been willing to discuss it.

The Ward 2 Councilor asked the City Manager to check Columbus Avenue as soon as you turn off East 23rd Street going north, the concrete is badly broken. The Manager said the City has been out there and he believes some exploratory work is going to be done once the weather breaks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:

April 15, 2019

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics

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President of Council**

ATTESTED BY:

LaVette E. Hennigan

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Clerk of Council**