



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
4717 Main Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.

Prayer

Ward 4 Councilor Harris offered the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moment of Silence

Everyone remained standing to observe a moment of silence for Margaret Draper, who had recently passed away. Mrs. Draper served the City of Ashtabula as Assistant Solicitor for many years. She then became an Assistant Prosecutor for Ashtabula County and ended her career working with the Children's Services Board (CSB) helping to make children's lives better. Ms. Cooper said, "She was a good friend, a good person, a good lawyer, and a good representative for the City. And I believe we are all saddened by her loss last week."

Roll Call

Members Present: Ward 3 Councilor Laydean Young, Ward 4 Councilor Octavia Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Vice President Michael Speelman, President John Roskovics. **Absent:** none

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Traci Welch, Clerk of Council Stacy Senskey

Absent: none

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

Presentations/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

October 18, 2021, Regular Meeting

Clerk of Council Senskey presented minutes from the October 18, 2021, Regular Meeting

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOTE: To waive the reading of the minutes.

Ayes: Ward 3 Councilor Young, Ward 4 Councilor Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics
Nays: None

Hearing no corrections to the minutes, they were approved as presented.

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Request: An ordinance authorizing a contract with Bissnuss, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$25,886.88 fro the purpose of providing various seals, components and rebuild kits for the digesters and methane system of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Young, Ward 4 Councilor Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics
Nays: None

Motion carried. The legislation for this request will be presented at tonight's meeting.

Formal Request: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Building Technicians Corporation, in the amount of \$140,800.00 to make emergency repairs to or replace the WPC Administrative Building roof

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 3 Councilor Young seconded.

Discussion:

VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Young, Ward 4 Councilor Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics
Nays: None

Motion carried. The legislation for this request will be presented at tonight's meeting.

Board of Health Re-appointment

City Manager Timonere asked Council's approval to re-appoint Maria Fowler to the Board of Health

effective immediately with a term to expire September 1, 2026.

VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Young, Ward 4 Councilor Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Maria Fowler's re-appointment was approved 7 to 0.

The Sanitation Department will be collecting leaf bags curbside in the wards this week, November 1.

The Lake Avenue project is coming to an end soon.

Four snowplow vehicles are ready for the winter season. The City has some salt stored since last year, and an order has been placed for this year. City Manager Timonere plans to purchase new snowplow vehicles for the next winter season and must plan now because the lead time is nine to ten months out for equipment purchases such as this.

Grant money was available from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the Ohio Avenue extension. City Manager Timonere also applied for a grant for a sewer project on East 6th Street. Applications are in process to obtain funding for the digester and boiler projects. The plant is producing good methane, it is necessary for the City to break free from using natural gas. The cost of converting the boilers to run methane will be around \$500,000.

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Clerk of Council

Formal Request: An ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Ashtabula Codified Ordinances

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the Clerk's request; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Young, Ward 4 Councilor Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Motion carried. The legislation for this request will be presented at tonight's meeting.

City Council Committee Reports

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9 in Council Chambers. A guest speaker was invited.

Finance & Personnel

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 19th at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Works

The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 22 in Council Chambers.

Safety Forces

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. on Monday, November 22 at 8:45 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

Public Communications on Legislation

Overview / Discussion

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to dispose of Regular Business Legislation by Consent Agenda; Ward 4 Councilor Harris seconded.

Discussion:

VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Young, Ward 4 Councilor Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Reading

Ordinance No. 2021-104 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO A CONTRACT WITH ZIEGLER HEATING COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRS TO THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING (City Manager)

Ordinance No. 2021-105 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-61 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BOB ROSS AUTO GROUP FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A GMC 3500 TRUCK FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-106 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BISSNUSS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,886.88 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING VARIOUS SEALS, COMPONENTS AND REBUILD KITS FOR THE DIGESTERS AND METHANE SYSTEM CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-107 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BUILDING TECHNICIANS CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,800.00 TO MAKE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO OR REPLACE THE WPC ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING ROOF (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 101-108 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ASHTABULA CODIFIED ORDINANCES (Clerk of Council)

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion:

VOTE Waive the reading of the legislation in its entirety.

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Young, Ward 4 Councilor Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 5 Councilor Harris seconded.

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE Waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation.

Yeas Ward 3 Councilor Young, Ward 4 Councilor Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics
Nays None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of legislation

Yeas Ward 3 Councilor Young, Ward 4 Councilor Harris, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics
Nays None

The legislation passed 7-0.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Council President's Appointment to Planning Commission

Council President Roskovics appointed Cheryl Guyton to serve on the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by RoLesia Holman, who will be seated as the Ward 3 Councilmember. Mrs. Guyton's term begins immediately and expires on March 1, 2023.

TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW

Ward 2 Councilor Crawford went to Northcoast Candy Company with his daughter. They were given a tour of the business and found their freeze-dried treats interesting and unique.

Council President Roskovics attended the GO CDC winter boot and coat giveaway. He was pleased to see so many people receiving the supplies needed to keep them warm and dry this winter. This Saturday, November 6, Our Lady of Peace Parish is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Included in the

celebration is the 50th anniversary of Kym Foglio serving as the organist there. She started while she was in high school.

Clerk of Council Senskey announced the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park will be held November 11th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Public Communications on General Matters

Jodi Mills shared that the GO CDC boot giveaway was successful, but there are more boots and coats to give away this Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The GO CDC event to benefit the Helping Independent Parents program was held. GO CDC is also preparing for Thanksgiving by handing out boxed dinners and is planning Christmas events.

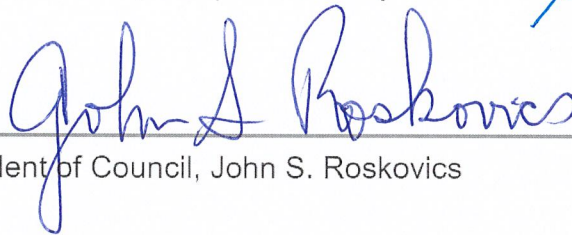
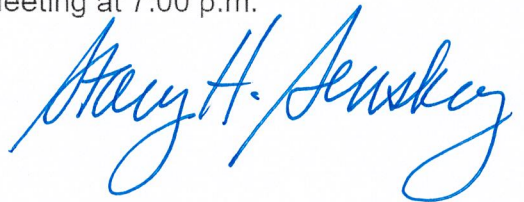
Once again, Dennis DeGennaro spoke in opposition to the West Avenue bike and pedestrian lane.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Council President Roskovics. Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, November 15th in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk of Council, Stacy H. Senskey



Attested By:

President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

