

ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL was held in Council Chambers and viewed on the City of Ashtabula website and Facebook page as well as Spectrum channel 1024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Council President. The Ward 3 Councilor offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed for Stanley D. Guerini, a former employee of the Ashtabula Fire Department, who recently passed.

Members Present

Ward 3 Councilor – Ms. Laydean Young, Ward 4 Councilor – Ms. Octavia Harris, Ward 5 Councilor – Ms. Jane E. Haines, Ward 2 Councilor – Mr. Calvin Crawford, Council President – Mr. John S. Roskovics

Members Absent

Ward 1 Councilor – Mrs. Kym A. Foglio, Council Vice President – Mr. Michael D. Speelman

Ms. Harris moved; Ms. Haines seconded to excuse the Ward 1 Councilor and the Council Vice President from the meeting; motion CARRIED.

Officers Present

City Manager – Mr. James M. Timonere, City Solicitor – Mike Franklin, Finance Director – Ms. Traci R. Welch, Clerk of Council – Mrs. Stacy H. Senskey

Sunshine Law

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

Presentation

The Ward 5 Councilor read RESOLUTION 2021-89 A RESOLUTION HONORING ST. ANGELO-GAGE FURNITURE FOR SERVING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR 50 YEARS in its entirety and presented a ceremonial copy of the resolution to Frederick and Sandra Gage. Sandra commented, “Fifty years were just wonderful years for us. A lot of work, a lot of headaches, but the best part is, we made so many new friends and wonderful

customers.” The Councilors present approved the resolution by a five to zero voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

The Clerk of Council presented minutes from the August 16, 2021, Regular Meeting. Ms. Harris moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

City Manager Report and Communications

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Castle Block Properties LLC for a historic conservation easement for property located at 331-341 Center Street, Ashtabula City, Ohio. Ms. Haines moved; Ms. Young seconded to approve the request. **Discussion:** A historic conservation easement provides protection for the construction project and future building owners that certain interior and exterior historical features will be preserved for the life of the building. The City will conduct inspections to ensure the features are being preserved. Motion CARRIED.

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Utility Truck Equipment, Inc. through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of a 2022 Ford F550 Aerial Truck Package for an amount not to exceed \$111,077.00. Funding for this purchase will be taken from fund 412. Ms. Haines moved; Ms. Young seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

The Council President expressed concern regarding Lake City Plating leaving the City of Ashtabula. The City Manager explained it is not a “done deal”.

Clerk of Council Report and Communications

The Clerk of Council reminded Council her two-year anniversary as Clerk of Council was September 3, 2021. She has seven and one-half points to collect to achieve the Certified Municipal Clerk designation.

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Report and Communications

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. A representative of the Ashtabula County District Library will update the committee on their programs and events.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report and Communications

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/School Committee Report and Communications

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Construction is continuing on Lake Avenue with repairs to catch basins and curb ramps. The City Manager hopes paving will begin in October.

Safety Forces Committee Report and Communications

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Legislation Agenda

- Formal Legislation Request(s): no additional requests came before Council.
- Form and Correctness – met per City Solicitor.
- Overview of Legislation
- Public Discussion (on legislation only)

Legislation Reading

Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-86 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE EAST SIDE OF PETROS DRIVE
(Safety Forces/City Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-87 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF WASHINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN BUNKER HILL ROAD AND WEST 58TH STREET (Safety Forces/City Council)

First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-90 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CASTLE BLOCK PROPERTIES LLC FOR A HISTORIC CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO PROTECT HISTORIC FEATURES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 331-341 CENTER STREET IN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA
(City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-91 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 2022 FORD F550 TRUCK AND AERIAL

TRUCK PACKAGE FROM UTILITY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$111,077.00 (City Manager)

Request Legislation Presentation by Consent Agenda: Ms. Harris moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to dispose of the legislation by consent agenda; motion CARRIED.

Ms. Young moved; Ms. Haines seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED.

Ms. Harris moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

New Business

The City Manager invited the public to the Manager's Cup football game at Lakeside Stadium Friday at 7:00 p.m. where the Lakeside Dragons will host the Geneva Eagles.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

The Ward 5 Councilor congratulated the City for the large turn-out at Bands on the Beach featuring Country Redford. The event was free to the public.

The Council President went to see the new Ashtabula County Medical Center (ACMC) Sleep Center and Carterland Candles, both on Lake Avenue. He thanked ACMC for continuing to invest in the City. Carterland Candles will be hosting classes on candle-making and sells decorations as well as candles.

The Ward 3 Councilor thanked those who helped create a successful Charity, Faith, Love Project school give-away event. They passed out 238 filled bookbags. She specifically thanked the Ashtabula City Health Department, Ashtabula County Community Action Agency, Ashtabula City Council, Ashtabula County Commissioners, and the many barbers and stylists who provided free haircuts at back to school event.

Public Discussion/Comments on General Matters

Tim Lesperance of East 16th Street and Scott Avenue expressed his concerned about the recent parking ban on the north side of East 16th. Many residents on East 16th don't have adequate parking in their driveway and are now parking on the south side, which is interfering with those residents. He also reported a large

puddle that doesn't drain well on Scott Avenue near the vicinity of East 17th. The City Manager will review both situations.

Jodi Mills announced a give-away event at G.O. Community Development Corporation (CDC) for Saturday, October 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Winter boots, coats, gloves, hats and socks, sizes ranging from toddler to adult will be available for those in need. New and slightly new items will be available to give away, and anyone wishing to donate can deliver items to G.O. CDC Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Lift Bridge Community Association scheduled a clean-up and fall flower beautification day, Saturday, September 11 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and are welcoming volunteers. Mrs. Mills and her husband attended the Ward 3 block party and said it was a very nice event.

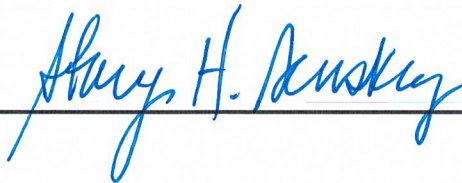
Stephen Kellat asked for community participation with the Ashtabula County Broadband Taskforce project. Input from community members will help the group determine what is needed.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. by the President of Council.

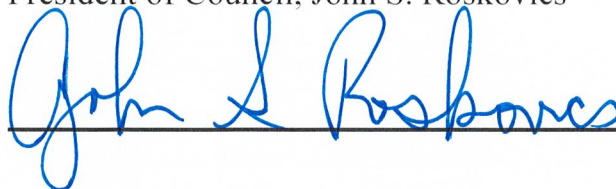
City Council will meet again on Monday, September 20, 2021, in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk of Council, Stacy H. Senskey



Attested by:

President of Council, John S. Roskovics



Date Approved: