

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 4, 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 for Lori DeLaat, a former City employee in the Ashtabula Municipal Court's Probation Department, who passed away Friday, October 18, 2019. A moment of silence was also observed for United States Army Sergeant Thomas Cole Walker 22, of Conneaut, who passed away Sunday, October 20, 2019 at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. Richard A. Quaranta	(Ward 3 Councilor)
	Mr. Michael D. Speelman	(Ward 4 Councilor)
	Ms. Jane E. Haines	(Ward 5 Councilor)
	Mrs. Kym A. Foglio	(Ward 1 Councilor)
	Mr. August A. Pugliese	(Ward 2 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)
	Ms. Traci R. Welch	(Director of Finance)
	Mrs. LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC	(Clerk of Council)
	Mrs. Stacy H. Senskey	(Clerk of Council)

(NOTE: Clerk Hennigan will remain on staff until January 1, 2020, to provide instructions to Clerk Senskey on the duties and responsibilities of the Office of the Clerk of Council.)

OFFICER(S) ABSENT: None

EXCUSED ABSENCE(S): None

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

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)
- Form and Correctness
- Legislation Overview
- Public Discussion (on legislation only)
- Reading

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES: Clerk of Council Senskey presented the October 21, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting minutes. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Foglio 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

Formal Legislation Request

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-126 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAPP STEEL ERECTORS, INC. FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION SERVICES TO ABATE FIVE (5) ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED STRUCTURES. (City Manager)
Mr. Quaranta moved, Mr. McClure seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

Fall Leaves

The City Manager asked citizens to be cautious cleaning up fall leaves. Raking or blowing leaves into the street is prohibited. Penalties for such action include fines and court costs. Curbside pick-up is available through the end of November and leaf bags are accepted at the Public Works department.

Garbage Pick-up

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While Veterans Day is Monday, November 11, there is no change to the garbage pick-up schedule.

Election Day

Please exercise your right to vote. As a reminder, the Paving Levy is on the ballot on November 5. Its passage, while not a perfect solution, will greatly improve the roads and benefit the City.

CITY SOLICITOR

Fall Leaves

The City Solicitor echoed the City Manager's concerns. Additionally, he noted leaves clogging the storm drainage system can cause damage to roads and infrastructure.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

No Report

CLERK OF COUNCIL

No Report

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Council committees meet in the August A. Pugliese Conference Room – M.B. 2nd Floor
(Chair/Vice Chair)

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

The Chair announced the committee's next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, at 4:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be grants and funding opportunities.

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

The Chair announced the committee's next meeting is Friday, November 8, at 8:00 a.m.

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

The Chair announced nothing is scheduled at this time.

SAFETY FORCES - (SF) (Speelman/Foglio)

The Chair reported on the October 28 committee meeting as follows:

- The committee discussed speeding on Bridge Street and Main Avenue and speeding in general. The committee asked the City Manager to look into unmanned radar signs as a deterrent.
- The committee decided to bring the parking issue on Riverside Drive to full Council. Mr. Speelman moved and Mr. Quaranta seconded to request the City Manager and the Police Chief review signage and conduct a parking study on Riverside Drive to determine if current signage is adequate; motion CARRIED.

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- The new Police Department vehicles arrived and are being equipped. The older cars will serve as spares.
- Crime Enforcement Agency of Ashtabula County (CEAAC) met recently and offered encouraging statistics at a recent town hall meeting. The Police Chief believes dealers may be exposing themselves less because of CEAAC's effectiveness.
- The Fire Chief reported the U. S. Coast Guard is only serving the Ashtabula location from Memorial Day to Labor Day, even though the boating season is still extremely busy. The Chair invited the City Manager to comment. The City Manager added the Coast Guard advised the City of their decision to permanently close eight facilities across the Great Lakes, including Ashtabula a couple years ago. The Coast Guard compromised by stay in Ashtabula during the period of lake-thaw to lake-freeze. This year they left on Labor Day neglecting to notify any of the cities along the Ashtabula County shoreline. The Coast Guard claims under-funding to be the reason for their reduced stay, so the City is talking to federal and state legislators, fighting for the need to keep the Coast Guard here full-time. The Council Vice-President considered it neglectful on the part of the Coast Guard, as Homeland Security and Ashtabula County Emergency Management Agency also depend on Coast Guard services. The City Manager reported a representative from the Coast Guard acknowledged their mistake of failing to announce their departure. To fill in, other agencies in Ashtabula County are training water and ice rescue teams and sharing resources.

The Chair announced the committee's next meeting is Monday, December 16, at 8:00 a.m.

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- Formal Legislation Request(s): None
- Form and Correctness: Satisfied
- Overview: Clerk Senskey provided a brief overview of the legislation to be considered.
- Public Discussion (Legislation Only): The City Manager reiterated that Ordinance No. 2019-123 adds recycling terminology and program guidelines. The ordinance has no pricing changes for service but added is an extra monthly charge for a second solid waste container, if one is needed. There is no extra monthly charge for a second recycling container because the cans are the property of the City.

Consent Agenda Format

Mr. McClure moved, Ms. Haines seconded to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by Consent Agenda; motion CARRIED.

Reading

Clerk of Council Senskey presented the following legislation for Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-122 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 951, ENTITLED SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, IN ORDER TO UPDATE RATES AND TERMS OF SERVICE FOR PICKUP AND DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH AND RECYCLABLE ITEMS.
(City Manager)

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ORDINANCE NO. 2019-123 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 951, ENTITLED SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING, IN ORDER TO UPDATE RATES AND TERMS OF SERVICE FOR PICKUP AND DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH AND RECYCLABLE ITEMS. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-124 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 761, ENTITLED SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS, IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGES TO STATE LAW. (Health Department/City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-125 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 761 ENTITLED SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OLD, IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGES TO STATE LAW. (Health Department/City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-126 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAPP STEEL ERECTORS, INC. FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION SERVICES TO ABATE FIVE (5) ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED STRUCTURES. (City Manager)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Foglio seconded to waive the reading of the ordinances; 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: Mr. Quaranta, Mr. Speelman, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted aye; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinances: Mr. Quaranta, Mr. Speelman, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted aye; motion CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 3 Councilor

- A long-time Perkins employee re-opened the popular West Prospect Road establishment as Becker's Restaurant. The staff remains employed and they serve delicious family style food. Mr. Quaranta moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to have a resolution welcoming Becker's Restaurant; motion carried.

Ward 4 Councilor

- Military men and women are willing to sacrifice everything. Please remember their promise and be conscious of your choices.
- Monday, November 11 is Veterans Day, an observance for all those who serve the country in war or peace. Memorial Day is an observance for those who gave their lives for our country. Please thank a Veteran.

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- Sunday, November 10 is the Marine Corps 244th birthday. Happy Birthday U. S. Marine Corps.
- The Greater Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce held their annual meeting and awards celebration Friday, November 1. The Ward 4 Councilor presented his wife, Chrissy, with the Business Person of the Year award. "Congratulations Chrissy! You're awesome!"

City Manager

- Also recognized at the Chamber's annual celebration was City Public Works employee, Chris Stasny. He received the Chamber Bright Star award for his volunteerism and his community involvement.

Vice-President of Council

- "Remember there wouldn't be an Election Day if there wasn't a Veterans Day." The Vice-President was on the flight home from Georgia with Sergeant Thomas Cole Walker. He emotionally voiced his pride for Ashtabula County. Every overpass starting from Brook Park Road near Cleveland Hopkins Airport the entire way home was illuminated and adorned for Sergeant Walker's final trip home. The City Manager added that the City's Police and Fire departments participated in the procession to escort Sergeant Walker and many Ashtabula County citizens honored him along the way. The County Airport shared their enormous flag to fly on the State Road overpass of Interstate 90. The President of Council recalled teaching Cole in school and stated, "Everything they say about him being a great kid is true."

Ward 1 Councilor

- Thanked Councilor Speelman, Vice-President of Council McClure and Earl Tucker for their service. She announced City Council are planning a Retirement Reception for Clerk Hennigan for Monday, November 18 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the August A. Pugliese Conference Room. The public is invited. *(Transcriber's Note: Since the November 4 Regular meeting, the date of Clerk Hennigan's Retirement Reception moved to Tuesday, November 26 immediately following the Oaths of Office Ceremony of the newly elected City Officials [between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m.]. Both events will take place in Council Chambers. The public is cordially invited and encouraged to attend.)*

PUBLIC DISCUSSION/COMMENTS (General Matters)

Patricia Cleveland, a resident of Saybrook Township approached the podium to question the progress of the City's stray and feral cat issues. The President of Council acknowledged receiving educational material from Clerk Senskey since the issue was initially reported and

Councilors studied the information. Clerk Senskey added Dr. Fiala is coordinating "Task Force" a meeting on Monday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ashtabula County District Library. *(Transcriber's Note: Since the November 4 Regular meeting, the "Task Force" meeting was*

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moved to Lakeway Restaurant.) Ward 1 and 3 Councilors plan to attend the meeting and are "all in".

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: November 18, 2019

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

ATTESTED BY: Stacy H. Senskey
Stacy H. Senskey, Clerk of Council

ATTESTED BY: LaVette E. Hennigan
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