

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

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Monday, December 16th, 2019

The City Council met in a **PUBLIC HEARING**. The President of Council called the hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

Member(s) Present:	Mrs. Kym A. Foglio	(Ward 1)
	Mr. Calvin C. Crawford	(Ward 2)
	Mr. Michael D. Speelman	(Vice President)
	Mr. John S. Roskovics	(Council President)
Member(s) Absent:	Mr. Richard A. Quaranta	(Ward 3)
	Ms. Jane E. Haines	(Ward 5)
Officer(s) Present:	Mr. James M. Timonere	(City Manager)
	Mr. Michael Franklin	(City Solicitor)
	Ms. Traci R. Welch	(Finance Director)
	Mrs. Stacy H. Senskey	(Clerk of Council)
Visitors:	Mrs. Carolyn Sheldon	(Assistant Finance Director)
	Mr. Todd Shimko	(Accounting Assistant)
Media:	Shelley Terry	(Star Beacon)

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

PURPOSE

The President announced the purpose of this Public Hearing was to present the City of Ashtabula 2020 "Tentative Appropriation" Budget.

WELCOME

The President welcomed visitors.

DISCUSSION

- The City Manager explained the figures will continue to fluctuate before the end of the year due to closing purchase orders and completing the year's final payroll. The 2019 carry-over determines the 2020 Budget beginning balance. The "Estimated Revenue" column and the "Expenditure Appropriation" column capture the expected flow of resources and costs throughout year. The City General Fund demonstrates revenue exceeding expenditures, however supplementing the Court General Fund significantly reduces the Total General Fund.

- The 2% pay increase for employees (excluding contracted and elected officials) was included in the figures. The City deals with 5 different unions and only about 40 people are non-union. The non-union personnel receive raises as dictated in the non-union benefits package.
- The paving levy is not included in this Budget Estimate. The Finance Director received confirmation from the State of Ohio on how to prepare special revenue fund legislation.
- Ideally, the estimated ending balance should be higher.
- Pages 2-7 of the 2020 budget include a synopsis of each department's activity. This summary allows the Finance Director to transfer funds within the department when a request is made.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – City Council/Administration

This section was combined with above discussion.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – Public

None

ANNOUNCEMENT

The President announced that, by law, no formal action may be taken at a public hearing. A Special Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 27, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. when Council will vote on City of Ashtabula 2020 Budget and related legislation. If it passes by 5 or more affirmative votes, it will take effect immediately.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:43 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:

January 21, 2020

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics

John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

Stacy H. Senskey

Stacy H. Senskey, Clerk of Council

Attachment 1. City of Ashtabula 2020 Budget Estimate (drafted 12-16-2019)