

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 3, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Minister Michelle McCain, a member of the Ashtabula Area Ministerial Association and Associate Pastor at 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church, offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Michael D. Speelman (Ward 4 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:** Mr. Richard A. Quaranta (Ward 3 Councilor)  
Ms. Jane E. Haines (Ward 5 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. Pugliese seconded to excuse the Wards 3 and 5 Councilors 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)
- Form and Correctness
- Legislation Overview
- Public Discussion (on legislation only)
- Reading

**REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA**

**PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES**

The Clerk of Council presented Monday, May, 20, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting minutes for consideration. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Foglio seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no correction, the minutes were approved as presented.

The President commented on how wonderful it was to have Kids for Positive Change at the May 20 meeting to discuss the harm plastic is to the environment. Just last week Cuyahoga County placed a ban on plastic bags.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

**CITY MANAGER**

The City Manager presented the following:

**Walnut Beach Concessionaire**

An ordinance granting permission to enter into an agreement with Jim Buckmaster with a mailing address of 2500 Forman Road, Austinburg, OH 44010, to act as Concessionaire for Walnut Beach, effective immediately for a term of three years (2019, 2020, 2021). Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Foglio seconded to approve this request. The former concessionaire abruptly left, Requests for Proposals were made and Mr. Buckmaster, who also runs Clay Street Inn, was the sole bidder. He has been cleaning the building in preparation of its opening. The motion CARRIED.

**Ashtabula County Transportation Improvement District**

A request to appoint the newly developed Ashtabula County Transportation Improvement District (ACTID) City of Ashtabula Board members, all of whom must be City of Ashtabula residents, to a term of one year, as follows: Jim Timonere, George Toth and Bruce Schlosser). Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Foglio seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

**Mowing Public and Private Properties**

The wet weather has put City crews behind in mowing City property and private properties the City has to mow because property owners are not. One staff member is hired each summer just to mow private properties. The City does its best to collect the fines placed on the owners tax duplicate, but delinquent property owners do not care. He asked that high grass violations

continue to be called in and said City Council provides several on a regular basis. Residents who live next to high grass violation properties were asked to consider mowing those lawns, as well, which will help the City get a handle on said properties and enhance the aesthetics' of the neighborhood. He asked the community to be patient with the backlog.

#### **New Task Force**

The Manager announced the TAG (Trumbull, Ashtabula, Geauga) Drug Task Force agreement will expire July 1; the groups decided to go their own way. He thank the Ashtabula Police Department, Ashtabula City Solicitor, the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department, Ashtabula County Prosecutor Nicholas Iarocci and all the agencies who are participating in the new set up. It shows they recognize the need to transition into our own county agency and are work really hard to make it happen.

Ashtabula Police Chief Robert Stell reported that over the past few years a transition has been taking place to a more local fight on the war on drugs with local, county-wide, state and federal law enforcement agencies working together. The next step in that progression is for the City to participate in the County-wide agency. In doing so, we will have the advantage of the federal component due to the FBI's (Federal Bureau of Investigations) participation. The City of Ashtabula will provide two full-time and one part-time investigators. The part-time investigator will be the Swat Team Commander. The two full-time investigators are current investigators who do quite a bit of work as members of TAG. As an in-kind contribution, the four unused offices in the basement of the Police Department will be dedicated to the program, out of which local agencies may work and in which evidence will be housed. South county cases will be worked out of an office in Jefferson. There is still work to do to get the program up and running. Particulars of the program will be shared with the public at the press conference.

The President said he believes this is great news; and that it lets people know the City of Ashtabula is serious about eradicating our community of illegal drugs.

The Manager said although a transition is taking place, it does not mean work on the war on drugs has ceased. Having a county-based program will provide more opportunities for success.

The Ward 1 Councilor commended the Police Chief and his staff for having a good relationship with county agencies; something she noted to be a positive change.

#### **CITY SOLICITOR**

No Report

#### **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

The Finance Director formally requested Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance No. 2019-67, scheduled to be voted on this evening. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Foglio seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

When asked how sewer and trash billing are coming along, the Director replied the department is catching up and things have calmed down.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

No Report

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

(Haines/Speelman)

The President announced the committee will meet Tuesday, June 11, at 3:30 p.m.

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

The Chair announced the committee will meet Friday, June 14, at 8:00 a.m. He asked the Finance Director to provide a more in-depth report on sewer and trash billing at that time.

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

The Chair announced the committee's Friday, June 7, 8:00 a.m., meeting is cancelled. He hopes to meet in July.

**SAFETY FORCES - (SF)** (Speelman/Harley)

The Chair announced the committee will meet Monday, June 24, at 8:00 a.m.

**Parks & Recreation Board**

The President announced the Board will meet Tuesday, June 4, at 6:00 p.m., at Walnut Beach.

**WORK SESSION** - None

**LEGISLATION AGENDA**

- Formal Legislation Request(s): None
- Form and Correctness: None
- Overview: The Clerk provided a brief overview of the legislation to be presented.
- Public Discussion (Legislation Only): None
- Consent Agenda Format: Mr. McClure moved, Mr. Pugliese 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. 2019-61, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BORTNICK TRACTOR SALES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A ZERO TURN MOWER FOR THE ASHTABULA CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

(City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-62, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BORTNICK TRACTOR SALES FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TRACTORS FOR THE ASHTABULA CITY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-63, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VALLEY FREIGHTLINER & WESTERN STAR FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2005 FREIGHTLINER 106 V TRUCK FOR THE ASHTABULA CITY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

(City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-64, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BROBST MAINTENANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2006 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK FOR THE ASHTABULA CITY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-65, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,900 WITH BUILDING TECHNICIANS CORPORATION FOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF OF THE WALNUT BEACH CONCESSION BUILDING.

(City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-66, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JEFFERSON HEALTH CARE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-67, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION 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. 2019-68, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JIM BUCKMASTER AND MARY FERGUSON, FOR THE POSITION OF CONCESSIONAIRE AT WALNUT BEACH FOR THE SUMMER SEASONS IN 2019, 2020 AND 2021.

(City Manager)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Foglio seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Foglio seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two

readings. The President announced funds for the Walnut Beach Concession Stand roof will be taken from Parks & Recreation levy revenues. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Speelman, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted aye; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mr. Speelman, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Roskovics voted aye; motion CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Tell Us Something We Don't Know**

#### Ward 1 Councilor

- The "FIRST FRIDAY" event of the year, hosted by the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA), will take place Friday, June 7, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Main Avenue.
- Sunday, June 23, Noon to 5:00 p.m., is Community Day at the Underground Railroad Museum – Hubbard House. It is free to the public.

#### President

- The Ohio NAACP President was at the Hubbard House today for a lunch meeting.
- Sunday, June 9, at Noon, will be the Blessing of the Fleet event. It will take place on the Ashtabula River by the Lift Bridge.
- In 2020, the Squire Shoppe Bakery will celebrate 50 years in business. When they opened in 1970, a dozen donuts were 59 cents; a crème stick was 8 cents. It was suggested that a 'throwback' day would be nice, where prices are reduced to when the shoppe first opened.

#### Ward 4 Councilor

- June 14 through 16, 20 females and 5 coaches from the Chalk Box will be in Orlando, FL to attend the AAU (Amateur Athletics Union) Nationals to compete in gymnastics.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION/COMMENTS (General Matters)**

### **Mrs. Patricia Blum, 1540 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, reported:**

- Her neighbors at 1508 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street are very disrespectful.
- Two holes in the road on West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, by Guerriero Funeral Home, are falling in again.
- The middle of Michigan Avenue needs road work; hopefully it can be done prior to the August school start.
- She filled a grocery store bag with litter she picked up off the street.
- She said to whoever stole her owl it might not be to their benefit that they did so.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:

June 17, 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