



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council
Safety Forces Committee
Monday, May 13, 2024 at 8:45 AM
Council Chambers
4230 Lake Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Committee Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council Safety Forces Committee was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Committee Chair Roskovics.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair: Council President John Roskovics, Vice Chair: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Member: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero

Absent: None

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

Ashtabula Department Heads Present: Police Chief Robert Stell, Fire Chief Shawn Gruber

Visitors: None

Sunshine Law Certification

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

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

None

Special Guest Presentation

None.

Police Department – Chief’s Report

April Ashtabula Police Department Statistics

Chief Stell provided the report. Service calls rise during warmer months. Chief Stell provided the protocol for pursuing a suspect. A pursuit depends on what level of crime is under consideration, if the officer is able to identify the suspect or the license plate, and the distance of the pursuit. The officer's supervisor determines how long an officer should pursue someone. Chief Stell said during festivals, off-duty Police Officers work over time and have full arrest authority. There are a total of 32 officers in the department.

Fire Department – Chief’s Report

Ashtabula Fire Department Statistics

Chief Gruber provided the report. Chief Gruber stated the earliest the new fire truck may arrive is 2025. The City Manager stated the driveway at the Firehouse needs to be re-paved and the bids for the job were recently submitted to the City.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager stated the hotel on Bridge is set to open in July 2024, but their parking lot will not be complete. The City will need to designate spots for customer parking.

City Solicitor's Report

No report.

Unfinished Business**New Business****Next Meeting**

June 10, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m. by Committee Chair Roskovics.