



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council

Public Works / Public Utilities / Cable / Schools Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Council Chambers

4230 Lake Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Committee Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council Public Works/ Public Utilities/ Cable/ Schools Committee was called to order at 8300 a.m. by Committee Chair Mills.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Vice Chair Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero (came in late after roll call), Member Council President John Roskovics

Absent: None

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

Visitors: Superintendent Scott Wludyga

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

Scott Wludyga, Superintendent Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus

The Ashtabula County Technical And Career Campus (A-Tech) has experienced an increase in enrollment over the past five years. In 2019, the school had 486 students. In 2023, enrollment increased to 633 students. Superintendent Scott Wludyga has worked in his role for four years. Their organization believes in skill and work ethic. A-Tech offers 18 programs on campus and, due to the high demand and wait list, they also have 11 satellite programs at various school locations in Ashtabula county. A-Tech is available to students in 10th-12th grade. The organization partners with schools across Ashtabula County. The school's education programs prepare students to enter the work-force and further their education. Some programs offered are Automotive Collision Technology, Culinary Arts, and the recently added Information Technology Academy. Each Career Technical program has four exams called the Webxam. Passing the Webxam equals a free college transfer credit at Ohio Colleges and Universities. Every student is expected to earn 250 hours of internships, job shadow, and on the job training. There are many possibilities to earn hours. A-Tech has a post program placement of 94.8%. " A-tech was built in 1969 and last year awarded \$6 million to expand as there is such a need. The expansion will add 25,000 square feet of classrooms, house the programs for Criminal justice, Firefighter/EMT and Advanced manufacturing. They are hoping to open this new area in the fall of 2025. Their groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for June 5th at 11am. The school also offers career-focused education programs for students to make connections

between the real world and the classroom. This program allows students to explore careers and develop professional skills. A-Tech also offers adult workforce development. Some programs include Maintenance Welding, Patient care tech, and Electricity. The adult workforce program has a student completion rate of 72% and a positive post placement of 77%. The career campus welcomes students with a variety of goals and prepares their students for a bright future.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager stated the City was able to hire four part-time employees. The paving projects are being monitored. The Ashtabula County Medical Center is going to install curbing and side walks along the plaza.

Water Pollution Control Report

Water Pollution Control Update

Assistant Superintendent Mark Verzella provided the report. Annual flow meter calibrations are scheduled for June 4 and 5. The facility toxicity analysis is scheduled for June 10-14. Water Pollution Control (WPC) staff participated in public outreach career days, coordinated by A-Tech K-6 Career Education. Pipes and utility holes have been installed on West 14th Street for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Elimination Project (SSO). The Ohio Avenue Extension Sewer Project is ongoing. An easement has been cleared, a temporary driveway installed, and gravity sewers with utility holes are being installed. The GPD Study is still ongoing. This includes the short/long term capital improvement plan, sewer rate study, and SSO elimination.

Public Works Report

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

June 25, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m. by Committee Chair Mills.