



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
4230 Lake Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Roskovics. Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Absent: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to excuse Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

The motion to excuse the absences was adopted.

City Manager James Timonere requested an Executive Session prior to the meeting adjournment for the purpose of employment personnel and contract negotiations.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to convene to Executive Session; Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero seconded.

Discussion: President Roskovics explained no action will be taken during the executive session. The City Solicitor and the City Manager were invited to attend the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

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.

Presentations/Announcements

None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the minutes and their entirety; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

exceed \$87,285.14 for settlement dispute of sewer deduction.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: The City Manager explained Molded Fiber Glass (MFG) installed a deduct meter at their facility. A deduct water meter measures the amount of water not discharging into the sanitary sewer system. The company's meter was not reporting the measures to the City's sewer billing department. The City negotiated a credit on MFG's sewer bill.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with National Pump & Process with a mailing address of 180 Treat Rd., Aurora, OH 44020 for the purpose of providing a new pump and various components for the Bridge Street and Morton Drive Pump Station in the amount not to exceed \$13,250.00. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 504.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Vice President Russell Simeone seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Cesco Imaging with a mailing address of 4330 N. Bend Road, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of providing exterior signage for the City Hall, Council Chambers, and Health Department in the amount not to exceed \$23,375.40. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 412.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero seconded.

Discussion: There is not a time frame for when the work will be completed, that will be discussed during the pre-construction phase. City officials obtained a quote to paint Council Chambers. The Health Department will not have any cosmetic changes made to match City Hall and Council Chambers. The exterior design of the Health Department will remain independent.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Jefferson Health Plan for the purpose of providing employee group health, dental and vision insurance for city employees for a period of one year to commence on July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: The City Manager stated there is a 2% deduction in the premium.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to dispose of certain obsolete equipment in the Police Department as noted on the attached list.

An ordinance to dispose of certain obsolete equipment in the Water Pollution Control Department as noted below:

Color LaserJet Pro MFP M283fdw – Serial # VNBRQB75G5 (Printer was replaced on 4/12/24 by Greatwave Communication. This printer is broken and does not work. It does not have a City ID # or asset tag.)

OCE 7050 Copier – City Asset Tag 2741 (This is for Engineering. Copier is obsolete and not operational. Blue Technologies came on site and inspected the unit. Replacement parts are not

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools

(4th Tuesday @ 8:30 a.m.)

Members: Chair Mills, Vice Chair Guerriero, Roskovics

May 28-Report

June 25

July 24

Committee Chair Mills Provided the report.

Safety Forces

(2nd Monday @ 8:45 a.m.)

Members: Chair Roskovics, Vice Chair Foglio, Member Guerriero

June 10

July 12

Planning Commission

June 12

Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

President Roskovics stated no items were approved during the meeting. Several signage requests were made but not approved.

Presentation of Legislation

President John Roskovics previewed the legislation.

Additional Formal Requests

Public Communications on Legislation

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Clerk of Council Ashley Bell presented the following legislation for the Council's consideration.

Ordinance NO. 2024-59

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND SEDGWICK FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP EXPERIENCE RATING PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-60

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PAVING OF PORTIONS OF WOODMAN AVE AND BROADWAY ST WITH SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-61

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR AN ALLOCATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$46,000 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR WEST AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS

ORDINANCE NO 2024-62

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A PORTION OF HULBERT AVE (BETWEEN WEST 6TH STREET AND WEST 8TH STREET) ONE WAY HEADING FROM WEST 6TH TO WEST 8TH AND CREATING PARKING SPACES ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF HULBERT AVE. FOR RIVERBEND HOTEL PARKING

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to amend ordinance NO. 2024-63 to remove the transfer of funds from the Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund to salaries and wages; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero asked what fund could be used. The City Solicitor stated it could come from the Special Project fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Vice President Russell Simeone seconded.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Nays: None

Motion passed.

Adoption of legislation ordinance 2024-63 in its amended form

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Nays: None

Legislation passed.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero attended an amateur boxing match. He stated it was a wonderful athletic event. The match was held at Andrus Party Center and featured local talent. Former professional boxer Kelly Pavlik attended the event.

President John Roskovics stated a new meat market opened on Lake Avenue. The Chalk Box remodeled their facility.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills announced Ashtabula Safety Town. The event is sponsored by the Ashtabula Police Department and takes place at Ontario Primary School. Registration is open for students age 5 or students who are entering Kindergarten. The dates are July 15-19 and July 22-26. Author Doug Tallamy will be at Lakeside High School on June 7 at 7 p.m. He will speak about his book "Nature's Best Hope" and steps we can all take to improve our natural world, including conservation for pollinators.

Public Communications on General Matters

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. by Council President Roskovics. The Council reconvened the public portion of the meeting.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, June 17, 2024, in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:

June 17, 2024

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics

John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

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Ashley M. Bell, Clerk of Council