



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council

Public Works / Public Utilities / Cable / Schools Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 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 8:30 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 after roll call), Member: Council President John Roskovics

Absent: none

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

Visitors: Assistant Solicitor Catherine Colgan

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

City Manager's Report

The City Manager provided the report. The paving project is in the intermediate phase; all the milling is complete. The next phase is curb ramps, catch basin adjustments, and man-hole repairs. Lake Avenue is being paved. The Ohio Department of Transportation project is on going. The City has received the release of funds for Ferry Drive. The plans will go out to bid this week.

Water Pollution Control Report

Superintendent Craig Pierce provided the report. A quarterly toxicity testing is conducted. The next testing is the week of August 12-16. The current bowl is old, a replacement may be needed, and the approximate cost is \$80,000. H and H Enterprises will be on site to perform geospatial mapping of our outfall location on July 23rd. A gyroscope will be attached to our sewer camera and driven through the pipe to obtain the necessary data. This data will be provided to GPD to determine the exact location for the connection point of the new outfall. The facility received the rebuilt blower from National Pump for the east heat exchanger. The exchanger evacuates the gas from the boiler. The Superior Avenue Collection system is completed. A water service line went through the storm sewer. The repairs will be paid for by Aqua. A 7-day low level mercury testing for dental facilities occurred 7/15 – 7/21. This is a requirement from the Environmental Protection Agency. The Ohio Ave Pump Station – project is ongoing. Gravity sewer, pump station, and a force main sewer have been installed. The contractor is currently working on electrical and pump station component installation. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (O.E.P.A.) issued finds and orders. The E.P.A. wants to

eliminate all Sanitary Sewer Overflows (S.S.O.). Our Public Works Department currently has five. A work session will be held July 31st at 5:30 p.m. at the Ashtabula Library, to host a presentation from GPD Group. The purpose of the work session is to discuss the improvements and rate-increase recommendations for our Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System.

Water Pollution Control Update

Public Works Report

The City Manager provided the report. The department is repairing catch basins and painting crosswalks. The Jet Vac is still out for repair. The department is handling tree stump removal and patch work at this time. This week the department is also preparing for the Wine and Walleye Festival.

New Business

Assistant Solicitor Colgan stated the City is working on updating ordinances. On June 11, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency conducted an industrial pre-treatment audit and inspection of the City's Waster Water Treatment Plant. A discrepancy was found in the city's ordinance regarding Waste Water Pretreatment Enforcement. If someone violates the Waste Water Pre-treatment Enforcement, the Superintendent is not authorized to issue any emergency orders. Examples of violations are putting dangerous metals into Lake Erie. The Solicitor's office researched examples from other municipalities explaining how they handle violations and appeals of the violations. The process of waste water pre-treatment enforcement needs to be a more enforceable process and the Solicitor's Office and the Public Works Committee are researching viable solutions.

Assistant Solicitor Catherine Colgan- Proposed Ordinance Amendment

Next Meeting

August 27, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m. by Committee Chair Mills.