



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 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 1 Councilor Kym Foglio 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Absent: None

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

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 in their entirety; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Hearing no corrections to the minutes, they were approved as presented.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2024

Administrative Reports

President John Roskovics stated the Honors Committee would be reformed. The Council has received several requests to honor members of the community. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio and Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero volunteered to be a part of the committee. President Roskovics asked the Council to recommend community members to join the committee. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked that the community's diverse population be considered when making recommendations for the committee. Any councilor may suggest committee members. The committee will meet when a need arises. President Roskovics also stated a letter is being sent to the appellants at 1317 Bridge Street.

City Manager

The following legislation was formally requested:

An Ordinance to authorize the disposal of certain firearms which have been forfeited to the City Police Department for trade in for credit against new police weapons and equipment.

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 execute CO#1 with Usalco, with a mailing address of 2601 Cannery Ave., Baltimore, MD 21226 for the purpose of providing the chemical Sodium Aluminate for a price not to exceed \$30,000.00, for a total contract price of \$120,000.00. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 503.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills moved to approve the City Manager's request; President John Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to enter into an agreement with GPD Group with a mailing address of 520 South Main Street, Suite 2531, Akron, OH 44311 for the purpose of providing engineering design for the reconstruction of ODOT Project ATB SR-84/W48th Street in the amount not to exceed \$136,065.00. Funding for this expense will be taken from funds 206, 209, and 219.

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

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to award and enter into an agreement with Carl St. Angelo for the WPC Assistant Superintendent position for a starting salary of \$77,554.55 annually, as well as other city benefits.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: The City Manager stated Mr. St. Angelo has been at Water Pollution Control for five years. He is currently the Maintenance Foreman, he has a Class II Waste Water Certification, and will work on his Class III Waste Water Certification.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2024-91, An ordinance authorizing Compensation, Salaries And Wages To Employees Of The City Of Ashtabula and The Ashtabula City Health District, For The Purpose Of enacting replacement Legislation.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An Ordinance authorizing compensation, salaries and wages to Employees Of The City Of Ashtabula And The Ashtabula City Health District.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to enter into an agreement with Koski Construction with a mailing address of 5841 Woodman Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of providing labor and materials for the reconstruction of Ferry Drive in the amount not to exceed \$541,319.85. Funding for this expense will be taken from funds 290 and 219.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An Ordinance for CO#1 with Koski Construction with a mailing address of 5841 Woodman Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of decreasing the contract price by \$53,315.00 for a new contract total of \$488,004.85.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: Approximately 3–4 years ago, the City was awarded a Congressional Earmark from the Federal Government. The cost was \$460,000 to complete the project. Because of the time passed, the contract price was higher than what was originally estimated. The City is responsible for approximately \$28,000 to complete the project.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to enter into an agreement with Ashtabula County Land Reutilization Corporation to donate real property located at 3820 Station Avenue.

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

Discussion: The landbank currently owns a lot next to 3820 Station Avenue. The landbank was awarded a Welcome Home Ohio Grant which is going to offset the cost of construction for new homes. The purpose is to provide affordable owner-occupied houses for people in the area. The goal is to build six houses within the areas East and West of Station Avenue. The landbank conducted a housing study approximately two years ago. The study identified the need for housing in all income sectors in Ashtabula County.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

The garbage pickup will be on the scheduled date. Due to the storm, leaf-bag drop-offs are allowed at the Public Works Department. If you have tree limbs, call the office, and they can be picked up. Starting the week of September 23rd, the city will offer curbside pick-up. All the garbage trucks are up and running.

City Solicitor

No report. The City Solicitor would like to thank the City Manager for filling in several potholes around the city. The City Manager stated the compliment should be given to the Public Works

Department. The City Manager stated the Public Works Department is small and additional staff has not been hired recently. The City Manager hopes to change that with next year's budget.

Finance Director

The following legislation was formally requested:

An ordinance to make supplemental increases to appropriations in the State Highway Fund, Auto License Tax Fund and Motor Vehicle License Fund for current expenses and other expenditures of the city of Ashtabula, state of Ohio, for the Period January 1 through December 31, 2024. These appropriations will be drawn from unappropriated fund balance.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

Clerk of Council

No report.

City Council Committee Reports

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation

(4th Tuesday @ 5:00 p.m.)

Members: Chair DiGiacomo/Council Liaison to Parks and Recreation Board; Vice Chair Mills; Member Holman

August 22-5:30 pm-report

September 24

Committee Chair DiGiacomo provided the report.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to appoint Blake Hinkle to the Parks and Recreation Board; President John Roskovics, seconded.

Discussion: President John Roskovics stated Mr. Hinkle is currently working in the community and organizing community events.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

Finance & Personnel

(3rd Friday @ 8:30 a.m.)

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair DiGiacomo, Roskovics

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools

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

Members: Chair Mills, Vice Chair Guerriero, Roskovics

August 27-report

September 24

October 22

November 26

Committee Chair Mills provided the report. The City Manager stated the portion of Lake Avenue that is in front of the plaza for Ashtabula Regional Medical Center will be turned into a center turning lane. Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero suggested local contractors work on the capital improvement plan for the city's Waste Water Treatment Plant. The City Manager stated local officials strive to use local contractors. However, the city's ordinance regarding contract bidding must be upheld. The project will be executed in increments over 5–10 years.

Safety Forces

(2nd Monday @ 8:30 a.m.)

Members: Chair Roskovics, Vice Chair Foglio, Guerriero

September 9
October-Holiday
November-Holiday
December 9

Planning Commission and Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

Presentation of Legislation

Council President Roskovics previewed the legislation.

Additional Formal Requests

Public Communications on Legislation

Addison Goodell, a member of the Planning Commission, commented on Ordinance 2024-115. He stated that if land is subdivided, the process must be brought to the Planning Commission as well as the City Council per the city's ordinances. Mr. Goodell would like the city's ordinances to be upheld. The City Manager stated this ordinance is not creating subdivisions. The ordinance allows affordable homes to be built on lots that previously had houses on them. The Solicitor's office is currently working on updating several ordinances. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio would like to give "kudos" to the Ashtabula Police Department for forfeiting 86 guns.

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

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

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Ordinance 2024-104

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN FIREARMS WHICH HAVE BEEN FORFEITED TO THE CITY POLICE BY TRADE-IN FOR CREDIT AGAINST THE PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

Ordinance 2024-105

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ATWELL'S POLICE AND FIRE EQUIPMENT TO PURCHASE BULLETPROOF VESTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE ASHTABULA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ordinance 2024-106

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM ALUMINATE WITH USALCO FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$30,000

Ordinance 2024-107

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP OF AKRON, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR ATB-SR 84/W. 48TH STREET (ODOT PID#120923) PROJECT

Ordinance 2024-108

AN ORDINANCE ACKNOWLEDGING THE HIRING OF CARL ST. ANGELO AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – DIRECTOR OF PRETREATMENT OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA WASTE WATER TREATMENT DIVISION

Ordinance 2024-109

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2024-91, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION

Ordinance 2024-110

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT

Ordinance 2024-111

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KOSKI CONSTRUCTION, CO. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF FERRY DRIVE

Ordinance 2024-112

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH KOSKI CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF FERRY DRIVE

Ordinance 2024-113

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL INCREASES TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND, AUTO LICENSE TAX FUND AND MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FUND FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. THESE APPROPRIATIONS WILL BE DRAWN FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE.

Resolution NO. 2024 -114

A Resolution In Honor of Superintendent David Howard, Jr.

Ordinance 2024-115

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ASHTABULA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO DONATE THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3820 STATION AVENUE.

Council President Roskovics entertained a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

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

Discussion: None.

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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Adoption of legislation

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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None.
Legislation passed.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo stated "Trick or Treat will be Saturday, November 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills works with a Catholic Charities Program. The organization's annual Christmas program is Saturday, November 9 at Mount Carmel. The applications for individuals and families for those in need of gifts and food for the holidays will start from October 1 until November 22.

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated it is refreshing to see the harbor area used by out-of town visitors.

Public Communications on General Matters

Paige Scheuvrant, 1211 Columbus Avenue, concerned about the home-less population. He used the trail located by East 51st Street and stated there is a community of people who live in tents and whose tents are blocking the trail. He also stated there are unleashed dogs roaming in the area. He also stated there is glass and needles in the area.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, September 16, 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:

September 16, 2024

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics

John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

Ashley M. Bell

Ashley M. Bell, Clerk of Council