



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
4717 Main 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. Councilor Foglio offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited. A moment of silence was observed for John T. Field, a local attorney who served as a Judge for the Ashtabula County Municipal Court retiring in 2014 and for the recent house fire in Ashtabula; for their families and their loss, their neighbors and safety forces that aided in their rescue.

Roll Call

Members Present: President Roskovics, Vice President Michael Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Absent: Ward 5 Councilor Jane E. Haines-DiGiacomo, Clerk of Council Stacy Senskey

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Traci Welch

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to excuse Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo; Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

The motion to excuse the absences was adopted.

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met

the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

Presentations/Announcements

Council requested an Executive Session prior to the meeting adjournment for the purpose of personnel, terms of employment and a Request from the City Manger to discuss pending litigation.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, terms of employment and to discuss pending litigation ; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Requests:

Ordinance No. 2202-100. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manger to dispose of obsolete commercial dumpsters in the Sanitation Department.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to add the legislation to the agenda; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Ordinance 2022-101. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Rocky Road Paving of Geneva, Ohio as the most responsible offerer for road restorations within the City in an amount not to exceed \$21,500.00.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to add the legislation to the agenda; Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Ordinance 2202-102. An Ordinance to enter into a contract with Crown Cleaning Systems of

Cleveland, Ohio in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 for the purchase of a pressure washer trailer system.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to add the legislation to the agenda; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

This weekend is the Wine and Walleye Festival on Bridge Street. The City will be announcing temporary parking restrictions and traffic interruptions. This year Bridge Street will be closed down early on Friday morning. Some of the side streets will be parking on one side only to allow emergency vehicles access. The Festival will be starting on Friday. The boat parade and firework display will be on Saturday night. The fishing tournament will return this year. The FOP is doing the Fish Fry. Local 1197 is doing alot of the work and the Fire Department is donating funds towards the fireworks. The Fire Department is putting on 5K race as well.

City Solicitor

None.

Finance Director

Formal Request:

Resolution No. 2022-103. A Resolution adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Ashtabula for the Fiscal Year beginning on January 1, 2023, and submitting the same to the Ashtabula County Ohio Budget Commission.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to add the legislation to the agenda; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion: A hearing was held two weeks ago. The Tax Budget has been displayed for the public.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Clerk of Council

None.

City Council Committee Reports

**Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation
(2nd Tuesday @ 4:00 p.m.)**

Members: Chair Haines/Council Liaison to Parks and Recreation Board; Vice Chair Mills; Roskovics

Report of July Meeting

Upcoming Meetings: AUGUST 9, SEPTEMBER 13, OCTOBER 11, NOVEMBER 8, DECEMBER 13

Ward 1 Council Mills presented the Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation report.

The Committee met on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Representatives of EMHA were scheduled to attend but will need to be rescheduled.

Parks & Recreation:

Citizens would like to see more pickleball courts in the City of Ashtabula. Pickleball is a growing sport. Possible ways to make that happen were discussed. The City Engineer, at the direction of the City Manager, evaluated Kadon Park and provided an estimate for the expansion of services. The estimate was over \$700,000 for basketball, pickleball and the parking lot.

The Parks and Recreation Board is looking to form a committee for the future solar eclipse event which is in April of 2024.

The City Manager updated the Board on the Wine and Walleye Festival.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

A ribbon cutting will be held on July 27th at noon for DeSalva Chiropractic's expansion.

The next Last Band's on the Beach is next Thursday, July 28th.

Mr. Roskovics noted that the City of Ashtabula has the only pickleball courts in the County.

The request for additional pickleball courts is prompted by residents having to wait at the current courts to use them. Additionally, in order to have a tournament, four courts are needed.

Mr. Timonere noted that the City is looking at adding pickleball lines to the tennis courts so that temporary nets can be used in the interim. The engineers believe it will fit. Pricing is needed.

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines, Roskovics

Upcoming meetings: AUGUST 19, SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 21, NOVEMBER 18, DECEMBER 16

The meeting has been cancelled.

Public Works

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

Members: Chair Crawford, Vice Chair Holman, Mills

Upcoming Meetings: JULY 25, AUGUST 22, SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 24, NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 27

Public works will meet next Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Safety Forces

(4th Monday @ 8:45 a.m.)

Members: Chair Speelman, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

Upcoming Meetings: JULY 25, AUGUST 22, SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 24, NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 27

Scheduled for next Monday at 8:45 a.m.

Presentation of Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE VERY REVEREND RAYMOND J. THOMAS, VF REQUESTED BY MRS. FOGLIO

Resolution No. 2022-104, a Resolution Honoring the very Reverend Raymond J. Thomas, VF on his fiftieth year in Ordination as a Priest be added to the agenda.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to add the legislation to the agenda; President Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio will present the Resolution at a recognition dinner on Saturday evening.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Council President Roskovics requested that a resolution be prepared for the next meeting for Pat DeAngelo on fifty (50) years of service in the Ashtabula Police Department.

Motion: Councilor Foglio moved to prepare a Resolution in recognition of Pat DeAngelo's fifty (50) years of service with the Ashtabula Police Department; Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Overview / Discussion

Public Communications on Legislation

Reading of Legislation

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

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the disposal of the regular business agenda by consent agenda; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Michael Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-100 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE COMMERCIAL DUMPSTERS IN THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-101 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,500.00 WITH ROCKY ROAD PAVING FOR VARIOUS STREET CUT ROAD RESTORATIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-102 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 200-GALLON COMMERCIAL PRESSURE WASHER TRAILER PACKAGE FROM CROWN CLEANING SYSTEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-103 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO BUDGET COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-104 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE VERY REVEREND RAYMOND J. THOMAS, VF

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor Holman moved to waive the Charter requirement of two readings of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None
Motion Passed.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 1 Councilor Foglio congratulated Finance Director Traci Welch and the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officer Association of the United States Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

Ward 2 Councilor Crawford stated that the Ashtabula Little League Senior Team has made it out of the District and going to the Regionals. This is the first time in about twenty-five years. There will be a fundraiser to help pay for room and board while playing that game.

Vice President Speelman thanked the Ashtabula Fire Department for taking him to the hospital in an ambulance after he took a spill on his bicycle and the hospital for taking such good care of him.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills thanked the City Manager; the no parking signs are up at West 54th Street.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills noted that the G.O. Ministry Event will be held on August 6th.

Public Communications on General Matters

Ann Mueller

Ohio Labor Representative

Ohio Nurses Association

Representing the registered nurses at ACMC.

Ms. Mueller stated that she and the nurses in attendance request that the City reconsider limiting the circumstances in which patients can be transferred to another facility by the Community Care Ambulance Network (CCAN) when patients cannot be transported by air. Since this change in June 2022, the nurses have been trying to work with the administration at ACMC to address concerns that the decision will have an impact on patient care and patient outcomes. Under the new directive, only stemi patients may be transported by CCAN. ACMC has the option to contact the Cleveland Clinic to send a transport vehicle; however, it can take 3 hours for the transport to arrive, barring traffic delays).

Mr. Timonere clarified that CCAN does not provide 911 service to the City. CCAN does provide dispatch service for the City's Fire Department. During the three-hours CCAN is transporting ACMC patients, the ambulance, which is by contract to be provided to the City of Ashtabula, is out of service to the residents. Mr. Timonere provided examples of situations where ambulances were needed in the City but may not have been available if they were used for ACMC transport or were not available. The City of Ashtabula has a contract with CCAN to provide a 24/7 ambulance service for residents with a minimum of one squad; previously two squads. The City was not notified that CCAN would be continually removing the ambulances from service to provide service to

ACMC. When this was brought to the City's attention, the City reminded CCAN of the contract. Previously, CCAN was able to move squads closer to our area to assist. Recently, this has not been happening, creating a domino effect in hindering the City's ability to provide EMS and Fire Services not only to the City but also in the neighboring Township who provide mutual aid to the City and, vice versa. This is an issue between CCAN and ACMC. The City has not changed anything.

Jill Koski
1582 Elmwood Drive, Ashtabula, Ohio

Ms. Koski has been an emergency room nurse for twenty years. Concerns for the residents in understood; the residents are also those that nurses are trying to get transported to Cleveland. Ms. Koski asked if broadening the allowable conditions beyond stemi patients to all critical patients could be considered. There have been eighteen critical cases where CCAN has been utilized to transport ACMC patients since the beginning of the year. Delaying transport is detrimental to care, it also creates a domino effect for the emergency room.

The Fire Department was receiving calls that led to the discovery that the ambulances were out of service for three hours which led to the reliance on ambulances from neighboring townships and sometimes Geneva. Chief Gruber is the liaison between the city ambulance care and CCAN. When the ambulance dedicated to the City was taken out of service, CCAN would call the Ashtabula Fire Department to respond.

Ms. Mueller stated that they have been trying to work with ACMC and CCAN and were not getting responses. They were told that it is limited stemi patients. Mr. Timonere stated he is not part of any conversation and was not aware of that, but will try to find out.

Jerry Sloan, Registered Nurse, ER ACMC

Ms. Sloan was not aware of the other issues. Would like to request the allowances be broadened to critical care. There are times when air transport is not possible due to the weather, among other things. The situation is getting worse.

Carmon Reyen

Ms. Reyen also spoke in favor of broadening the allowances to include critical care.

Mr. Timonere stated he understands where the staff is coming from and will be at the table to try to assist both ACMC and CCAN in working something out; need to figure out how to get coverage in the City.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills stated that she is a retired nurse. Councilor Mills has not missed a council meeting this year. There has been no legislation with regard to this that has come through.

Mr. Timonere stated that there has not been a change to the current contract.

Executive Session (if needed)

Council President Roskovics announced the executive session would convene off camera at 7:57 p.m. After the executive session was over, Council President Roskovics reconvened the public portion of the meeting, with no action taken.

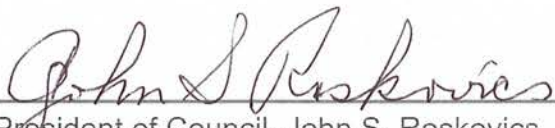
The next Council Meeting will be held on August 1, 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 09:00 PM by Council President Roskovics.
Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, August 1, 2022 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.


Clerk of Council, Phyllis Dunlap

Attested By:


President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

