



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, August 15, 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. Ward 4 Councilor Mills offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: President John Roskovics; Vice President Michael Speelman; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills; Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Absent: Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Traci Welch, Clerk of Council Phyllis Dunlap

Motion to Excuse the Absence of Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford was made by Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, seconded by Vice President Speelman.

VOICE VOTE:

Yeas: President Roskovics; Vice President Speelman; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio; Ward 3 Councilor Holman; Ward 4 Councilor Mills; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

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

President Roskovics introduced Ms. Dunlap who will be serving as the Council's Temporary Clerk. Ms. Senskey has resigned. Ms. Dunlap had previously agreed to assist on a part-time basis.

President Roskovics requested an Executive Session prior to the meeting adjournment to discuss Personnel Matters - employment. President Roskovics stated the session would only need to be attended by Council members.

Ward 1 Councilor Foglio made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session prior to the meeting adjournment for the purpose of discussing personnel matters - employment. Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, and Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ASHTABULA ELKS LODGE #208 ON THEIR 130TH ANNIVERSARY - Presented to Mr. Bill Rogers, Elks Lodge #208 Exalted Ruler

President Roskovics welcomed the Ashtabula Elks Lodge members Bill Rogers, Exalted Ruler and Pete Hewins, Past State President of Ohio Elks Association.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills and Ward 1 Councilor Foglio presented and read aloud the Resolution Honoring the Astabula Elks Lodge which has been present in the community for 130 years.

President Roskovics moved to approve the Resolution.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas. President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, and Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

Approval of Minutes

None.

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Requests:

Ordinance No. 2022-113. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Glazier Insurance Agency and Travelers Insurance Company to provide liability, property and casualty insurance coverage for the City of Ashtabula for a period of one (1) year a cost of \$220,710.00

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Hains-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion: Passed.

Ordinance No. 2022-115. An ordinance authorizing an agreement with Agile Sign & Lighting Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$23,702.25 to manufacture and install an overhead entrance sign for Walnut Beach Park.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Timonere noted Mr. Morrison donated the entire cost of the sign to the Parks and Recreation Fund to pay for the sign.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Hains-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion: Passed.

Ordinance No. 2022-116. An ordinance repealing, in its entirety, payroll ordinance 2022-58 for the purpose of adding the classification of temporary clerk of council.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Hains-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion: Passed.

Ordinance No. 2022-117. An ordinance authorizing compensation, salaries and wages to employees of the City of Ashtabula and the Ashtabula City Health Department.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Hains-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion: Passed.

Mr. Timonere noted that 9th Street between Norwood Drive and Union Ave. will be closed August 17th between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for sewer repairs.

Ashtabula City Schools resume on Wednesday.

Cameras are now installed at the public works building.

Mr. Timonere updated the Council on various construction projects.

The City is coordinating with the local asphalt plant to try to patch pot holes and sink holes once a

week. To report a pot hole, the public should call 440-992-7100.

Ward 1 Councilor Foglio noted street lights that were out. The City has a quicklink on the City's website to the Illuminating Company to report a street light outage. There is a number on the pole. However, to report the light being out, only an intersection or address is needed.

Union Avenue is not yet finished. The manholes and utility boxes will be adjusted prior to finishing the paving.

Agua is working on the laterals in the Bunker Hill area as well as other work. Mr. Timonere is not aware of the expected completion date.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills stated a family had had dead trees removed by the City and asked if the City would be going back to remove the stumps. Mr. Timonere stated the stumps would be removed either by the City or contracted out.

City Solicitor

None.

Finance Director

Formal Request:

2022-118 An Ordinance to make supplemental increases to appropriations in the AMC Court Special Projects, Sanitation and Water Pollution Control Funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Ashtabula, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2022.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to approve the Finance Director's request; President Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: Ms. Welch described the process for moving funds between lines within the budget versus the need to appropriate funds.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Hains-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion: Passed.

Council inquired regarding an article stating increases in the amount of bed tax collected. Ms. Welch did reach out to the County with regard to the collection for the City of Ashtabula. The City has not yet received any notice with regard to the collection numbers.

The property taxes were distributed.

Clerk of Council

None.

City Council Committee Reports

None.

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

SEPTEMBER 13

OCTOBER 11

NOVEMBER 8

DECEMBER 13

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines, Roskovics

~~AUGUST 19~~ **CANCELLED**

SEPTEMBER 16

OCTOBER 21

NOVEMBER 18

DECEMBER 16

Public Works

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

Members: Chair Crawford, Vice Chair Holman, Mills

~~AUGUST 22~~ **CANCELLED**

SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 28

DECEMBER 27

Safety Forces

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

Members: Chair Speelman, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

~~AUGUST 22~~ **CANCELLED**

SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 28

DECEMBER 27

Presentation of Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

Public Communications on Legislation

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

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

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo moved to Approve; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None
Motion Passed.

2022-111 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 505.10 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION ADDING FERRETS TO THE LIST OF ANIMALS TO BE QUARANTINED IF THEY BITE AN INDIVIDUAL

2022-112 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 505.10 ANIMAL BITES; REPORTS AND QUARANTINE

2022-113 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GLAZIER INSURANCE AGENCY AND TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AT A COST OF \$220,710.00

2022-114 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT MAIN AVE. AND W.48TH STREET/COLLINS BLVD.

2022-115 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AGILE SIGN & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,702.25 TO MANUFACTURE AND INSTALL AN OVERHEAD ENTRANCE SIGN FOR WALNUT BEACH PARK

2022-116 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE 2022-58 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF TEMPORARY CLERK OF COUNCIL

2022-117 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT

2022 - 118 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL INCREASES TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMC COURT SPECIAL PROJECTS, SANITATION AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

2022-119 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY CLERK OF COUNCIL ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS AND AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR SAME

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

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

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo
Nays: None
Motion Passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo
Nays: None
Legislation Passed.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

President Roskovics noted that the Plain Dealer Sunday Travel Section described the City as moving from an Industrial Powerhouse to a Tourist draw.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills noted she had stopped in at the Visitor's Bureau and found you find out all kinds of things including the percentage breakdown of the bed tax.

Ward 4 Council Mills visited a new business, the Eastside Drive-Thru, owned by Jim Paulchel. The convenience store offers groceries and many other items. Vice President Speelman noted that there is an area in the back where you can eat what you purchased.

Public Communications on General Matters

None.

Executive Session (if needed)

At 7:52 p.m. Council President Roskovics announced the executive session would convene off camera. The next Ashtabula City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, the day after Labor Day.

After the executive session is over, President Roskovics reconvened the public portion of the meeting with no action taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 by Council President Roskovics.
Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Tuesday, September 6, 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.

Phyllis A. Dunlap
Clerk of Council, Phyllis Dunlap

Attested By:

John S. Roskovics
President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

September 6, 2022