



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

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 Holman offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: President John 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Absent: None.

Officers Present: City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper

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

Approval of Minutes

September 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Vice President Michael Speelman moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Ayes: President John Roskovics, Vice President Michale Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

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

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Ms. Cooper provided the City Manager's Report and formal requests for legislation.

Formal Requests:

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the repair of U.S. Route 531 and U.S. Route 84. The City's share of the cost is twenty percent, ODOT will cover eighty percent.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Michael Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Council Calvin Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a rental contract with Ohio CAT for the purpose of renting wastewater treatment pumps for the Ashtabula Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$16,000 per month.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Michael Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Council Calvin Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

Announcements:

Ms. Cooper read a report provided by City Manager Timonere on Homelessness in the City of Ashtabula.

City Solicitor

No Report.

Finance Director

No Report.

Clerk of Council

No Report.

City Council Committee Reports

**Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation
(2nd Tuesday @ 4:30 p.m.)**

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

OCTOBER 10

NOVEMBER 14

DECEMBER 12

The Park Board will meet on October 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Walnut Beach.

The Community Development/ Economic Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 10th at 4:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Greg Myers, Executive Director of Growth Partnership.

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines, Roskovics

OCTOBER 20

NOVEMBER 17

DECEMBER 15

The Finance Committee will meet on October 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Public Works

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

Members: Chair Crawford, Vice Chair Holman, Mills

OCTOBER 23

NOVEMBER 27

DECEMBER 26

The Public Works Committee will meet on October 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Diane Crumbly, Director of Clubs, Boys and Girls Clubs, will be the guest speaker to discuss opportunities at the new club.

Safety Forces

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

Members: Chair Speelman, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

OCTOBER 23

NOVEMBER 27

DECEMBER 26

The Safety Forces committee will meet on October 23, 2023 at 8:45 a.m.

Planning Commission and Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

The Planning Commission met last week. No action was taken. Applicants were requested to provide additional information.

Presentation of Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

None.

Public Communications on Legislation

None.

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

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

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly Passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-140 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH A.P. O'HORO FOR REDUCED ELECTRICAL SCOPE OF PROJECT FOR A DEDUCTION OF \$12,745.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 -141

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REPAIR OF U.S. ROUTE 531 AND U.S. ROUTE 84

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-142 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A RENTAL CONTRACT WITH OHIO CAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENTING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PUMPS FOR THE ASHTABULA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000.00/MONTH AND PROVIDING FOR THE TEARDOWN AND REMOVAL OF SAID PUMPS AT THE END OF THE RENTAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000.

Motion: Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Legislation duly passed.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo inquired regarding the process of renaming a street. Vice President Michael Speelman stated that there is a policy; however, it is quite involved and difficult to re-name a street.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

President John Roskovics noted that Harvest in the Harbor is scheduled for this weekend, Saturday and Sunday. Brewfest is scheduled for the weekend of October 14th.

Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford noted that Saturday, October 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. is the fundraising event for Bradley. Councilor Crawford thanked the Gazette for coverage of the event.

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman noted that the Chil Cookoff will be held on October 14th from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Main. The Meet Me on Main event runs from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills noted Halo will begin taking donations beginning today through November 20th. The distribution is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th. The Dance is scheduled for November 4th.

Public Communications on General Matters

Earl Tucker
Signature Health

Signature Health will hold the annual Trunk or Treat in the Signature Health parking lot on October 27, 2023 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, October 16, 2023, 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:

October 16, 2023

ATTESTED BY:

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

ATTESTED BY:

Phyllis A. Dunlap
Phyllis Dunlap, Temporary Clerk of Council