



## **City of Ashtabula**

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 5, 2024 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. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman 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, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin, 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**

##### **January 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Motion Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE 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

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

##### **Administrative Reports**

##### **City Manager**

Formal Requests

J. Severino Construction Company Change Order #1 (CO#1) – Smith Field Park Drainage Project  
Police Department Firearms Disposal

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio None moved to approve the City Manager's request ; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills.

Discussion: None.

**VOICE 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.

**Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2024 Award**

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to approve the City Manager's request ; Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero

Discussion: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked if the NOPEC award was yearly. City Manager James Timonere responded yes.

**VOICE 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.

Appoint Michael Speelman to the Park Board for a term to commence immediately and end on May 21, 2025.

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

Discussion: None.

**VOICE 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.

**City Solicitor**

None.

**Finance Director**

None.

**Clerk of Council**

None.

**City Council Committee Reports**

Council President John Roskovics wanted to address the public concern about the increase in taxes. He said that the issue is not something the city has no control over, and it will not affect the city receiving revenue. He says the city has two levies, a paving levy and a police levy. He says they are both renewal levies, and the property tax bill will not be affected by those levies. The amount of money that will be collected will still be the same, regardless of the property tax bill that the citizens receive. President John Roskovics also says that cities and schools are dealing with a set budget and hopefully, citizens will keep that in mind.

**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;Holman**

**February 27**

**March 26**

**April 23**

**May 28**

**June 25**

The Committee Chair reported on the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 27, 2024 5:00 p.m.

**Finance & Personnel**

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

**Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair DiGiacomo, Simeone**

**February 16**

**March 15**

**April 19**

**May 17**

**June 21**

**Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools**

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

**Members: Chair Mills, Vice Chair Guerriero, Roskovics**

**February 27**

**March 26**

**April 23**

**May 28**

**June 25**

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills said they will have a guest at their March meeting, Mrs. Lisa Newsome Superintendent of the Ashtabula Area City Schools.

**Safety Forces**

**(2nd Monday @ 8:45 a.m.)**

**Members: Chair Roskovics, Vice Chair Foglio, Simeone**

**February 12**

**March 11**

**April 8**

**May 13**

**June 10**

President John Roskovics said the committee will have a visitor from their Civil Service Commission. As well as their regular police and fire reports. The committee is still looking for someone to assume the position of Chariman for the Civil Service Commission.

**Planning Commission and Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission**

At their last meeting, the committee approved a sign on Bridge Street. At their next meeting, they will discuss a variance for a child care center. They will be remodeling a vacant building. President John Roskovics said he thinks it will be a real boost to the neighborhood. City Manager James Timonere said the committee will also discuss several homes being built on the Columbus Avenue extension. Also, they will discuss a pharmacy being built on State Road.

**Presentation of Legislation**

President John Roskovics presented the legislation.

**Additional Formal Requests**

None

**Public Communications on Legislation**

None

**Overview / Discussion**

None.

**Reading of Legislation**

Clerk of Council Ashley Bell read the titles of the legislation.

**Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption**

**Ordinance NO. 202410 An Ordinance Authorizing The City Manager to dispose of Obsolete and Unneded Vehichles**

**Ordinance NO. 2024-11 An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manger to enter into an agreement with the Heritage Fire Equipment for the purchase of gloves and hoods for the Ashtabula Fire Department**

**Ordinance NO. 2024-12 An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Heritage Fire Equipment for the purchase of various hoses and nozzles for the Ashtabula Fire Department**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 13 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH J. SEVERINO CONSTRUCTION CO. INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE BY \$9,393.29 FOR THE SMITH FIELD DRAINAGE PROJECT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 14 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**

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

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio None moved to dispose of the regular business legislation by consent agent ; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded

Discussion:

VOICE 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.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to waive the reading of the legislation in its entirety; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero asked where one dispose of a firearm? City Manager James Timonere responded and said that the city has a companies that they work with where we purchase the equipment and they will buy the firearm, similar to a trade in.

VOICE VOTE

Ayes: 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.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Vice President Russell Simeone 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**

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked where they are with the paving project. City Manager James Timonere said they are currently working on a budget. Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked if Dominion gas will be making more lines. City Manager James Timonere said the city has not been notified about any additional gas lines. Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero said he received a complaint about the street sweeper. Mr. Guerriero said the resident complained about the time the street sweeper was in her neighborhood around 3am. Per Mr. Timonere, the street sweeper workers are currently working 3rd shift. Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero also commented about the potholes in the street. City Manager James Timonere said the potholes are reported by the public, and the city employees drive around looking for potholes.

### **New Business**

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman said Kimberly Sims applied to be a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to add Kimberly Sims to the Parks and Recreation Committee ; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE 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.

### **4641 Main Ave Purchasing the liquor license from Angry Egg**

No hearing requested.

### **Pragi 4 LLC purchasing the liquor license from Ohio CVS Store**

No hearing requested.

### **Tell Us Something We Don't Know**

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio said Lent season is starting and Our Lady of Peach Parrish will begin selling fish dinners for the Lent season.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills said there is a new business, "Fork and Cake", opening on Saturday.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills also mentioned the opening of Bridge Street Tavern.

President John Roskovics mentioned the opening of a uniform store on Bridge Street.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills mentioned Ashtabula City clean up and encouraged the public to gather teams to participate.

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman wanted to thank Christine Hill who is a part of the Health Department for helping with the G.A.R.E. program.

### **Public Communications on General Matters**

None

### **Executive Session (if needed)**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm by Council President Roskovics.  
Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Tuesday, February 20th 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:

2/20/2024

ATTESTED BY:

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

ATTESTED BY:

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Ashley Bell, Clerk of Council