



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council
Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting
Friday, March 15, 2024 at 8:30 AM
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Minutes

Opening of Committee Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council Finance and Personnel Committee was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Committee Chair Foglio.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Vice Chair Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo, Member Council President John Roskovics

Absent: none

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

Ashtabula Department Heads Present: Police Chief Robert Stell

Visitors: None.

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.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

None.

Special Guest Presentation

None.

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin provided a summary of the Statement of Cash. This is a report from February 2024. Mrs. Augustin explained that after the review of the expenses versus revenue, the budget is overspent. She explains that there is not enough revenue coming in because the city taxes had not been received at that time. The City's net revenue is 1.9 million dollars and the City's expenses are 2.2 million dollars. Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin said there was no cause for concern. City taxes are collected twice a year and most taxes have not been collected at this time. She also explained expenses from the 4th quarter of 2023 that have been encumbered from the current budget. President John Roskovics asked what the expenses are in the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD). City Manager James Timonere responded saying the funds are distributed to Waste Water and to the Township. Mr. Timonere stated that the City of Ashtabula administers the JEDD. The City receives the income taxes from the JEDD district, the City of Ashtabula keeps a percentage for administration, a percentage goes to Water Pollution Control and, the remainder is divided between the City of Ashtabula and the County of Ashtabula. City Manager James Timonere said the first half collection will be coming in soon from the county. He also says the City's biggest revenue is from income tax and property tax. Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin said The City of

Ashtabula sent \$800,000 to the Attorney General to collect back property taxes. Approximately \$355,000 has been collected and paid to the City.

February 2024 Financial Report

Old Business

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio requested a financial report from the court.

Court's Audit

New Business

Court Journal Entry

City Manager's Report

City Manager James Timonere stated that another person from the Sanitation Department went through Commercial Driver's License training and passed the test. He also stated The Sanitation Department is interviewing candidates for employment. Mr. Timonere also stated that the City would begin collecting applications for summer help and seasonal help for the Public Works Department. The beach cleaner groomed the beach in preparation for spring and summer. Mr. Timonere said he had submitted the paving list to GPD. GPD's contract will be on the next Regular Council Meeting's agenda. The contract is approximately 1.4 million dollars for the estimate. Mr. Timonere also stated Route 11 would be resurfaced.

Next Meeting

April 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 am. The April meeting has been canceled.