

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Council at Large Matt Miller	Present
Ward 1: Duane R. Fishpaw	Present
Ward 2: Robert M. Valentine	Present
Ward 3: Ruth G. Detrow	Present
Ward 4: Sandra Tunnell	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the minutes of the Regular Session of City Council held Tuesday, April 5, 2016 be amended and approved.

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

LEGISLATION

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 33-16

Item a)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MARK D. AND EILEEN ROBERTS RELATING TO THE DRIVE OVER AND THROUGH A 24.639 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of the Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller.

Engineer, Shane Kremser, provided testimony.

Mr. Kremser stated this property was purchased several years ago as a part of the Clean Ohio Fund for the Nature Reserve.

Mr. Kremser stated the existing property owner owned the house and lived in the house that is adjacent to the 24.639 parcel.

Mr. Kremser stated there was some encroachment with this drive on that parcel.

Mr. Kremser stated so when that parcel was bought the encroachment remained so this is to allow them the use of their driveway.

Mr. Kremser stated this easement would give them the rights even though this lies on the edge of city land.

There were no further questions.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.
Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw.

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.
Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.
Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow.

Ordinance No.34-16

Item b.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING FOR THE CLAREMONT/BANEY AND THE CLAREMONT/COLLEGE/KING TRAFFIC SIGNAL REPLACEMENTS PROJECTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of the Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

Engineer, Shane Kremser, provided testimony.

Mr. Kremser stated the 2016 Traffic Signal Replacement Projects are getting upgraded, not replaced.

Mr. Kremser stated this is being done through the Ohio Public Works Commission.

Mr. Kremser stated the current technology is more than 30 years old so it needs upgraded.

Mr. Kremser stated this is for the design of the signals and 80% will be paid by the Ohio Public Works Commission.

Mr. Kremser stated the city would be responsible for 20% of that.

Mrs. Detrow stated it is wonderful to have the State pay 80% of it.

There were no additional comments.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.
Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller.

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.
Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine.

Ordinance No. 35-16

Item c.)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF A “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATE FOR THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of the Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow.

Finance Director, Larry Paxton, provided testimony.

Mr. Paxton stated these are court items that Municipal Court ordered for their law books.

Mr. Paxton stated unfortunately the items were purchased before the purchase order was generated.

Mr. Paxton stated the money was appropriated; we just didn't get the purchase order before the items were purchased.

Mr. Paxton stated it exceeds \$3,000 so it needs Council's approval or rejection.

There were no further questions.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw.

Ordinance No. 36-16

Item d.)

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR DISPATCH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ASHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE FOR THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of the Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine.

Finance Director, Larry Paxton, provided testimony.

Mr. Paxton stated these are invoices that were submitted to us by the Ashland County Sheriff's Office for dispatching services they provided to the city.

Mr. Paxton stated this is for dispatch plus office supplies

There were no further questions.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.
Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow.

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller.

Ordinance No. 37-16

e.)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J&A CONSTRUCTION, INC, FOR THE 2016 CRACK SEALING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of the Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw.

Engineer, Shane Kremser, provided testimony.

Mr. Kremser stated typically they try to do crack sealing project every year.

Mr. Kremser stated crack sealing is pretty important to the preservation of the pavement.

Mr. Kremser stated we came up with a list of streets that could benefit from this.

Mr. Kremser stated the contractor they are using for this project is J&A Construction Ins.

Mr. Kremser state the city would get the materials needed and they would in stull them with their own equipment.

Mrs. Tunnell asked how they chose the streets.

Mr. Kremser stated it was based on necessity for the crack sealing.

Mr. Kremser stated you don't want to choose a street where crack sealing wouldn't do any good.

Mr. Kremser stated you want to do crack sealing on recently paved streets so you can preserve their life further.

Mr. Kremser stated it is not good practice to pick out a highly distressed street to do because it will not serve the purpose of the intent to preserve it.

There were no further questions.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine.

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.

Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

Mr. Miller stated over 40 streets will receive crack sealing so it will be spread around the city.

Mr. Miller asked if this was a larger program than last year.

Mr. Kremser stated it is the same amount.

Mr. Kremser stated it will cost around \$18,000 to purchase 36 pounds of crack sealant and then the contractor will in stull it because we do not have the means to do that.

Mr. Kremser stated this is an annual practice.

Mr. Miller stated it is good to see it is spread all over the city of Ashland.

Mr. Miller stated if anyone wants to see the list of the streets being sealed then they can come up and look at it after the meeting.

Ordinance No. - First Reading

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of the Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller.

Mr. Paxton stated this is an ordinance asking to transfer \$12,000 from the general fund to the golf course.

Mr. Paxton stated he realized we passed the appropriations earlier this year but we had that fund short up.

Mr. Paxton stated currently the good weather has brought additional revenue to the fund but not enough to keep up with the expenditures of the fund.

Mr. Paxton stated he thought about advancing the funds from the general fund to the golf course but that would take a great deal of time to repay that advancement.

Mr. Paxton stated we want the fund to grow revenue and not have to worry about being paid back.

Mr. Paxton stated this is a transfer of \$12,000 from the general fund to the golf course.

Mr. Paxton stated the money will come from the \$45,000 transfer line that was already appropriated in the 2016 appropriations.

Mr. Paxton stated we already were anticipating that \$45,000 of that money being transferred to either the Probation Fund or possible other funds if needed.

Mr. Paxton stated over the weekend the golf course brought in around \$5,000 in revenue.

Mr. Paxton stated golf is up and drawing in some money which is what we like to see.

Mr. Miller stated he would like to see the general fund reclaim that \$12,000 when it is able to.

Mr. Miller stated it is a tough one because he was hoping to get through 2016 without having to subsidize the golf course out the general revenue fund.

Mr. Miller stated it is early in the year to be making a transfer.

Mr. Paxton stated he agreed with Mr. Miller.

Mr. Fishpaw asked if it was a lot of chemicals they had to buy.

Mr. Valentine stated the last couple years they have using up chemicals they had left over, and they ran out.

Mr. Valentine stated the chemicals are not cheap and they have to treat the golf course.

Mr. Paxton stated for example they had one purchase order for chemicals and it was for \$17,000.

Mr. Valentine stated that is crazy.

Mrs. Tunnell asked if they budgeted for that.

Mr. Paxton stated they budgeted for majority of that expense.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she doesn't understand why there isn't more money coming in as revenue if people are golfing earlier.

Mr. Paxton stated Mrs. Tunnell is correct but some of this expense is restocking for the Pro Shop.

Mrs. Tunnell stated that should have been budgeted in too.

Mayor Stewart stated many businesses have a line of credit to stock their stores for retail sales which is not unusual.

Mayor Stewart stated if you look at their overall budget they have anticipated revenue from golf and from the stock in the Club House.

Mayor Stewart stated Terry told him yesterday they had a very good March but not the best March.

Mayor Stewart stated April has started out very well.

Mayor Stewart stated we are only two months in to a seven or eight month season of which the budget is built over the whole season.

Mrs. Tunnell asked if it's a line of credit then you pay back a line of credit.

Mayor Stewart stated he is here to explain why the money is short right now.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she understands that the golf course and all the recreation are different because they don't have an even 12 months.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she doesn't mind loaning the money but her concern is getting it paid back.

Mrs. Tunnell stated they have been trying to make the golf course self-sufficient and they hired a golf consultant to help them be able to run it themselves.

Mrs. Tunnell stated now we are giving them money less than a month after we passed the budget.

Mr. Wolfe stated part of the explanation would be that a lot of the bulk expenses have been right up front.

Mr. Wolfe stated the income is spread out so they are not parallel.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she understands that but if they need to borrow against their income then they need to pay it back.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she supports the golf course and thinks it is great.

Mr. Wolfe stated there are two things we can do to balance that out.

Mr. Wolfe stated Mr. Paxton thought it was best to do the transfer instead of advancing the money because of what the Auditors would say.

Mr. Wolfe stated if you monitor this and watch their revenues then the money can be transferred back to the general fund.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she would love to do that.

Mr. Wolfe stated they are not there yet which is why this is happening now.

Mr. Wolfe stated you give them these months to get the revenue and then you transfer the money back.

Mrs. Tunnell asked if there was a way to guarantee that.

Mr. Wolfe stated all you can do is watch it and monitor it.

Mayor Stewart stated he does not know of any business that will guarantee that.

Mrs. Tunnell asked if this money is for buying retail items.

Mr. Paxton stated no not just retail items but for operation as well.

Mr. Paxton stated he can prepare an ordinance for the next council meeting saying to advance the funds instead of transferring them.

Mr. Paxton stated and advancement has to be paid back before the end of the year.

Mr. Paxton stated one thing that has to happen if they advance the money is it has to be paid back.

Mrs. Tunnell stated that's what she thought we were working towards, making the golf course its own entity.

Mr. Paxton stated however we want to do it is fine, but the golf course needs the money to fully operate.

Mrs. Tunnell asked if we can modify this ordinance.

Mrs. Detrow stated she doesn't wish to modify this ordinance but it is up to council members.

Mr. Fishpaw stated his one concern is if the golf course starts to make profit then they will think they have this \$12,000 to spend.

Mr. Fishpaw stated he wants them to know if we pass this ordinance then we expect the money back.

Mrs. Tunnell stated it says we are transferring \$12,000 so can we just change it to say we are advancing.

Mr. Wolfe stated there is other language in an advancement ordinance so either pass it like it is or have Mr. Paxton draw up an ordinance advancing the money instead of transferring it.

Mr. Paxton stated there is other advanced language that has to be put in the ordinance.

Mayor Stewart asked how many purchase orders Mr. Paxton was sitting on.

Mr. Paxton stated none as of this afternoon.

Mr. Paxton stated they are all in the system.

Mr. Paxton stated he was watching the revenue and saw they had three good days over the weekend.

Mr. Miller stated the bottom line is we don't have enough money to pave our streets or hire more police officers so it is tough to say we should give \$12,000 to the golf course.

Mayor Stewart asked if we are sitting in a negative line right now.

Mr. Paxton stated yes we are.

Mrs. Detrow asked if they have already ordered things in a Then and Now.

Mr. Paxton stated the purchase orders are all caught up right now.

Mr. Fishpaw stated we are \$8000 in the hole.

Mr. Paxton stated as of Friday it was right around there so now it may be a little more now.

Mr. Valentine stated it is going to catch up and Mrs. Tunnell agreed with him.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she wanted it in writing.

Mr. Valentine stated we are early in the season.

Mrs. Tunnell stated then they should have no trouble making it up.

Mrs. Tunnell stated I have no problem giving them the money but I want the money back.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she understands they have upfront expenses but so do a lot of other departments.

Mr. Valentine asked if we subsidized the pool \$25,000 last year.

Mr. Paxton stated the pool and golf course got additional money at the end of the year.

Mr. Valentine asked Mr. Paxton if he knew what the pool got.

Mr. Paxton stated the pool got \$63,000.

Mr. Paxton stated the pool always has a zero balance.

Mayor Stewart stated these things don't make money realistically, even though we want them to.

Mrs. Tunnell stated recreation is important but we gave a huge amount to the golf course last year.

Mrs. Tunnell stated we hired a golf course consultant to tell us how to break even.

Mr. Valentine stated he has been to meetings and they have been doing everything the consultant told them to do.

Mr. Valentine believes they have turned the corner and are headed in the right direction.

Mr. Fishpaw agreed.

Mrs. Tunnell stated if they are doing so well then they shouldn't have any trouble making it back.

Mayor Stewart stated he is not in a position to guarantee the golf course will make money this year.

Mayor Stewart stated they did not anticipate that this was going to be coming up already this year.

Mayor Stewart stated it is here and council has to decide to transfer the money, advance them the money, or they will have to shut it down.

Mrs. Detrow stated the implications of shutting down are very grim.

Mrs. Detrow stated she has heard again and again from experts that we can't just walk away from the golf course.

Mrs. Detrow stated she believes we are in bad times right now but things are improving.

Mrs. Detrow stated if we abandon it for years then it will take even more money to get it back up and running.

Mrs. Tunnell again stated she does not want to get rid of the golf course.

Mr. Miller stated if this goes forward I will vote no, if it is an advancement I will vote yes.

Mr. Fishpaw asked what happens if we advance them the money and at the end of the year they can't pay it back.

Mr. Paxton stated then you have to declare it as a transfer.

Mr. Paxton stated an advancement can't be carried into another year; it has to be declared a transfer.

Mr. Fishpaw stated so you be would be changing it back to a transfer, which is what we have right here.

Mr. Paxton stated you are correct.

Mr. Paxton stated it sounds like we want to advance the money but with some strings attached so a transfer probably isn't appropriate then.

Mr. Paxton stated let us prepare an advancement ordinance that will have some type of a payback to it.

Mr. Valentine asked if we are going to do advancements for everyone so they have to pay us back.

Mrs. Tunnell stated that is what the point of a budget is.

Mr. Valentine stated a budget is great but it doesn't always look good on paper.

Mrs. Tunnell stated we passed the budget four weeks ago and Terry has said he can make it happen.

Mrs. Tunnell stated so we have given him the tools to do so.

Mr. Miller stated his biggest concern with this advancement happening this early is it raises the question is it going to continue to happen.

Mr. Miller stated this is a tough situation.

Mayor Stewart stated there are two members of council on the golf course committee so between now and next meeting talk to the golf course manager to see where they are at.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Miller to withdraw the Ordinance.

Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw.

Nay: Mrs. Detrow

Ordinance No. 38-16

f.)

AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING THE AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICES.

Read in full by Assistant Law Director, Andrew Bush.

Mr. Bush stated contracts with the county require 60 day notice of termination.

Mr. Bush stated we did not formally renew the contract.

Mr. Bush stated he feels there is no legal duty to provide this notice, but what we are doing here is courtesy to the county.

There were no further questions.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine.

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.

Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Wolfe stated occasionally they get information that someone is advertising on private property without a permit.

Mr. Wolfe stated how they handle that when it comes to their attention is they send a letter to the party to not continue that practice.

Mr. Wolfe stated they give them a copy of ordinance so they know how to handle it in the future.

Mr. Wolfe stated there are usually a few instances of this each year.

Mr. Wolfe stated if anyone needs to report this to just to call to their office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Public Hearing for request for Proposed Rezoning**

Mr. Kremser stated the planning commission made this recommendation to rezone the land from M4 to M1 to match surrounding area.

Mr. Kremser stated the parcel of land is between Kingston and Walmart off of Amberwood Parkway.

Mr. Kremser stated both zoning codes are for manufacturing and business.

Mr. Kremser stated a public hearing needs to be announced publicly 30 days before, and a date needs to be set.

Mr. Wolfe stated this not the hearing, this is to request a hearing.

Mr. Wolfe stated we will have to make it the first meeting in June to have enough time.

Mr. Valentine stated how about June 7th, 2016 at 7:10 p.m.

Council agreed to set Public Hearing for June 7th, 2016 at 7:10 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mr. Valentine to have a Public Hearing on the Proposed Rezoning on June 7th, 2016 at 7:10 p.m.

Aye: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Paxton stated last Council Meeting we approved ordinance 32-16 to remove the lien from 16 East Main Street.

Mr. Paxton stated a week later the new owners provided me with the filed deed for that property.

Mr. Paxton stated he drafted a letter to the Auditor with a copy of that property transfer and he has copies for everyone.

Mr. Paxton stated he was notified that the levy for the city parks expires in 2017.

Mr. Paxton stated it raised about \$130,000 plus and additional \$18,000 in state rollbacks.

Mr. Paxton stated due to State Law, if the levy is not replaced, the rollbacks are discontinued.

Mr. Paxton gave council information to consider renewing the five year levy, stating it has been renewed before.

Mr. Wolfe stated the legislation would have to be put on the ballot by August for this to be considered.

Mr. Wolfe stated we have to decide what kind of levy do we want, renewal or replacement.

Mr. Wolfe stated once we know what type of levy then we can decide on how to proceed.

Mrs. Tunnell asked how much another quarter would generate.

Mrs. Tunnell asked if that \$18,000 we could be lost if we increased it.

Mr. Paxton stated it is hard to tell because the renewal is so old that it is at least operating on 10 or 15 years' worth of evaluations.

Mr. Paxton stated we would capturing any new home properties or businesses.

Mr. Paxton stated you need to give him an idea of what you want to do and he will get a hold of the County Auditor for direction.

Mr. Miller stated thanks for bringing it up so early.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Miller stated he received a note from Melinda Turk of Ashland Cleaning.

Mr. Miller stated she was so impressed and touched by the support she got from city on her ribbon cutting on Main Street.

Mr. Miller stated Mrs. Turk was so appreciative of everyone that came to it.

Mr. Miller stated he is excited about this but it is not a done deal yet.

Mr. Miller stated it is about the project that we submitted a month ago to the Ohio Legislature for their Capital Improvement Fund for 2016.

Mr. Miller stated we actually requested through Senator Obhoff and State Representative Dave Hall three hundred thousand dollars for the assistance of making the new Ashland Shine's Theater renovations ADA compliant.

Mr. Miller stated some projects were pulled from budget but ours stuck.

Mr. Miller stated so in two weeks if we can pass the legislature then it looks pretty good that we will be bringing some of our state taxes back home to the city of Ashland.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Stewart stated he wanted to invite everyone to the Gas Supply Meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday morning in the lower conference room.

Mayor Stewart stated this is a follow up from the meeting we had a few weeks ago relative to gas supply.

Mayor Stewart stated it is open to anybody but he wanted to make sure he personally invited Council.

Mayor Stewart stated at 3:00 p.m. Thursday he has been invited to a meeting with the County Commissioner, School Board Superintendent, Rob Ward and he is not sure who else.

Mayor Stewart stated this is relevant to the sale of the Middle School property that is going to be sometime in mid-May.

Mayor Stewart stated they are going to move some property around that would benefit the County, Church and the City for some additional parking.

Mayor Stewart stated he doesn't know what legalities go into this but he has been invited and plans to attend.

Mayor Stewart stated this will be in his office on Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Stewart stated Council needs to continue looking at the method they want to employ to raise additional funds for street paving and safety services.

Mayor Stewart stated the same time line remains in front of Council for that as does the park levy.

Mayor Stewart stated a decision needs to be made so an action can be prepared to support whatever you choose to do.

Mayor Stewart stated if choose not to do anything then that is your choice also, he just wanted to remind everyone of it.

Mayor Stewart stated on a more pleasant note that the Ashland Area Safety and Ashland Chamber of Commerce has awarded the City of Ashland a certificate for work without a lost time incident.

Mayor Stewart stated that is phenomenal.

Mayor Stewart stated that is half a million hours that are people have worked and all our departments' heads are part of that.

Mayor Stewart stated our Human Resources and Safety Department are the reason for this award.

Mayor Stewart stated he is very proud of that.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Rev. John Bouquet spoke to Council.

Rev. Bouquet stated he is here tonight on behalf of the Ashland County Minister Association.

Rev. Bouquet stated he is a part of that and the Executive Leadership has asked him to come tonight and present an invitation to Council to attend this year's prayer breakfast.

Rev. Bouquet stated it is on May 5th, 2016.

Rev. Bouquet stated they have practiced this service to the community leaders since 1981.

Rev. Bouquet stated this year's event is 35 years old.

Rev. Bouquet stated this is the largest prayer breakfast celebrated in the State of Ohio in Ashland County.

Rev. Bouquet stated last year 634 people attended the prayer breakfast.

Rev. Bouquet stated there are over 230 elected people in the City and County of Ashland.

Rev. Bouquet stated they were missing inviting around 100 of those people for most of the years he has been doing this.

Rev. Bouquet stated so we invited all of them this year, all 230 people.

Rev. Bouquet stated he is thankful 20 different pastors or minister leaders have participated in sending out the invitations.

Rev. Bouquet stated he asked Melanie Miller to come tonight because she is the one we have asked to send the invitations out to Council and the Mayor.

Rev. Bouquet stated again this is on May 5th, 2016 at 6:30 a.m. at will be done at 7:50 a.m.

Rev. Bouquet stated he brought tickets tonight for you and he has a signup sheet with him for you to sign so he knows who is coming.

Rev. Bouquet stated your spouses are invited too and it will not cost them anything.

Rev. Bouquet stated our budget for the prayer breakfast this year is \$15,000 which we raised.

Rev. Bouquet stated our speaker this year is Chad Williams, a navy seal from Southern California.

Rev. Bouquet stated we have a lot to be thankful for in our community.

Rev. Bouquet stated you are invited to the breakfast so he can pray for you.

Rev. Bouquet asked President Detrow if he could share a prayer in closing.

Mrs. Detrow stated he may.

Mrs. Detrow asked the young man here to come up and introduce himself to us.

The student came forward and stated he goes to North Central College, majoring in Criminal Justice.

He stated he is here tonight because he is taking a government class and needed to do a project relating to government for his class.

Mrs. Tunnell stated on Friday the City will be celebrating Arbor Day at the library at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Tunnell stated this year has been 30 plus years that the city has been a tree city.

Mrs. Tunnell stated they have done the Arbor Day celebration downtown the past few years but this year the library is hosting it.

Mrs. Tunnell stated in two years Ashland will be hosting the District Arbor Day Ceremony.

ADOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSSION: 8:10 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jody Toms, Clerk of Council

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