

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

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**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, May 03, 2016 be approved.

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

**LEGISLATION**

**Ordinances:**

**Ordinance No. 44-16**

**Item a)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO 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. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller.

City Engineer, Shane Kremser, provided testimony.

Mr. Kremser stated this 1104 property was part of the acquisition for the future reservoir.

Mr. Kremser stated there is about 350 acres out there and much of it is farmland.

Mr. Kremser stated Council and the Mayor looked at some properties and talked about selling some and this was one of them.

Mr. Kremser stated we added the legal description and survey so it's ready to go.

Mr. Kremser stated currently it's a house that is being rented so the decision was made to move forward and now it's up to Council to decide to put it up for auction.

Mrs. Detrow stated it says in the ordinance the proceeds will go to the Industrial Park Capital Improvement Fund.

Mayor Stewart stated that is how that property was bought through the Industrial Park.

Mayor Stewart asked Mr. Paxton what acres.

Mr. Paxton stated it started out at 3.83 but the property needs a septic system so we had to enlarge the acreage to 5.3 acres.

Mr. Paxton stated the well tested fine and it does allow the new purchaser of the property to work with the Health Department to get a new system put in there.

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 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. 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.45-16**

##### **Item b)**

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

Finance Director, Larry Paxton, provided testimony.

Mr. Paxton stated this is an ordinance allowing the payment of the expenditures the city has incurred.

Mr. Paxton stated the money was appropriated but unfortunately the purchase order didn't get caught up before we paid the invoice.

Mr. Paxton stated it wasn't that the money wasn't there and the expense was appropriated.

Mr. Paxton stated it was just a paper issue and unfortunately because it was over \$3,000 he can't issue it without council's consent.

Mrs. Tunnell asked if the additional Rumpke's were for spring cleanup.

Mr. Mack stated it was for normal business.

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. 46-16**

**Item c.)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF PUBLIC ALLEYS, PARKS, AND PARKING LOTS LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT.**

**Moved** by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mrs. Detrow 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.

Abstain: Mrs. Tunnell

City Engineer, Shane Kremser, provided testimony.

Mr. Kremser stated this goes back to discussion of the downtown revitalization that was put together several years ago.

Mr. Ward was here and talked about having the need to try and get some fundraisers.

Mr. Kremser stated we need to get pricing so we would have a basis for what we are trying to do.

Mr. Kremser stated so potential donors would see the vision.

Mr. Kremser stated the intent is to get construction ready documents.

Mr. Kremser stated what Mr. Alexander is going to do is take the base map we have come up with and draw on it.

Mr. Kremser stated so that is what this is in regards to.

Mr. Kremser asked Mayor Stewart if he wanted to share anything more.

Mayor Stewart stated there might be someone in the audience that wants to share.

Mrs. Detrow asked if anyone would like to speak on this.

Mr. Ward stated the quotes he has for the alleys and parks are less than \$25,000.

Mr. Ward stated he has added to that.

Mr. Ward stated there is a plan to get some walks down by the creeks and there has been some discussion about the eastside of town as well as South Street.

Mr. Ward stated down by the YMCA is where he is talking about.

Mr. Ward stated he wants the city and council to see what the vision is downtown and wants us to be supportive of it before it gets too far down the road.

Mr. Ward stated they are going to move forward on the construction drawings of the alleyways and parking lots because you approved that about eight months ago.

Mr. Ward stated he wants to use some of the extra monies to start looking at the overall plan.

Mr. Ward stated he doesn't anticipate this \$25,000 being the last since this is just the first phase.

Mr. Ward stated he may need more money loaned to him but he will pay it back eventually.

Mr. Miller stated so that leaves the intention that the City would be paid back.

Mr. Miller stated this is the seed money to launch the vision.

Mr. Ward stated yes my intention is to pay you back all the money.

Mr. Ward stated he is hoping the community will get behind this.

Mr. Ward stated he can't go out and raise money until he knows what is going to look like and what it is going to cost.

Mr. Ward stated then he can show potential donors what it is going to look like and what it is going to cost.

Mr. Ward stated he would love to see a letter go to Substance Church because on Saturday they had 30 volunteers that showed up to work around the city.

Mr. Ward stated the weather Saturday entailed 30 mile winds and rain.

Mr. Ward stated Mr. Mack's crew took mulch all around to the parking lots and parks.

Mr. Ward stated those people spent all day Saturday till 5:00 p.m. working in the rain pulling weeds and spreading mulch.

Mr. Ward stated they even transplanted plants for us in certain areas.

Mr. Ward stated to drive around down South Street and Second Street and see how nice it looks.

Mr. Ward stated we really need to appreciate them because they saved us a lot of time.

Mr. Ward stated the Mayor and traffic committee has heard this before but the next thing he wants to get moving on is the parking downtown.

Mr. Ward stated one of the things in the plan was to request six parking spaces back on Main Street.

Mr. Ward stated they have done that and it has been very well received by the people that are down there.

Mr. Ward stated he would also like to move the Essex Parking Lot.

Mr. Ward stated they have three parking lots downtown.

Mr. Ward stated they have one in lot J which is next to PNC Bank and the monument.

Mr. Ward stated they have six handicapped spaces next to the bank and Weiss Drugs.

Mr. Ward stated they have five spaces that are in lot G which is next to Conrad's Building and VFW.

Mr. Ward stated what they would like to do is leave the handicap where it is at because that is close to the Essex House.

Mr. Ward stated they are doing this to get more parking in the middle of town for people to park into.

Mr. Ward stated the Mayor has been helping him and they were trying to get some spaces back behind Save A lot but the owners would not work with us.

Mr. Ward stated about 30 days ago he talked to the manager at the Essex House and his first choice was Save A lot.

Mr. Ward stated he couldn't do that.

Mr. Ward stated the other thing he would like to start doing is changing all the red because it is two hour parking, the blue is eight hour parking, and the green is the Essex House parking.

Mr. Ward stated they want to start looking at these and changing some things.

Mr. Ward stated the County lot will be changed to two hour parking.

Mr. Ward stated they are working on this with Mr. Mack and the traffic committee.

Mr. Ward stated he wants everyone to feel comfortable with what they are doing.

Mr. Ward stated part of the fundraising will be to get new signage for our parking areas.

Mayor Stewart suggested to Mr. Ward that he get in writing from the manager at the Essex House that they are ok with these changes.

Mayor Stewart stated that way if another manager takes over then we have a supplement to the old agreement.

Mr. Ward asked if we had something in writing from them.

Mayor Stewart stated way back he presumes we had an agreement.

Mr. Ward stated that makes sense and they definitely want the six hour handicap parking where it is at.

Mayor Stewart asked if Council has any issues with the swapping of parking for the Essex House.

Mrs. Detrow stated it wouldn't be any farther for them.

Mr. Valentine stated it would be shorter for them.

Mr. Ward stated it shouldn't be any longer or much shorter for them.

Mr. Ward asked what happens if he changes his mind about the parking.

Mr. Ward stated this is a problem for downtown because it is about 20 parking spaces.

Mayor Stewart stated if we can resurrect an agreement and he goes back on that then it would be up to council to decide what to do.

Mr. Ward stated he will talk to the manager at the Essex House because he has been very cooperative to work with.

Mr. Ward stated he will try to get something in writing for that so that will be good.

Mr. Ward stated these are the things he would like to start working with Mr. Mack on, the alleys and parking lots.

Mayor Stewart asked Mr. Ward to be very patient with Mr. Mack.

Mayor Stewart stated to remember we are accommodating the library in our parking lot.

Mrs. Tunnell stated they maybe use five parking spaces and it is public parking.

Mayor Stewart stated most businesses provide their employees public parking in this general area.

Mr. Ward stated it won't change much back here in this area.

Mr. Ward stated it is all eight hours now.

Mr. Ward stated the big thing is the transit parking and making sure it is taken care of and it stays two hour.

Mr. Ward stated we will work with Mr. Mack and if he has concerns he can let us know.

Mr. Ward stated the other change is lot J by PNC Bank.

Mr. Ward stated we want to make that eight hour parking.

Mr. Ward stated the hanging baskets got put up downtown on Monday and we have some volunteers to plant about 37 pots to get done this week.

Mr. Ward stated the flowers were all donated from some people in the community.

Mr. Ward stated thank you for the support on watering them and he is working on some options for other ways to water them.

Mr. Ward stated he will come back every so often to update us on how everything is going.

There were no further questions.

**Moved** by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

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

Abstain: Mrs. Tunnell

**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: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mr. Miller.

Abstain: Mrs. Tunnell

**Moved** by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.

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

Abstain: Mrs. Tunnell

#### **Ordinance No. 47-16**

##### **Item d.)**

**AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR OPERATIONAL AND IMPLEMENTATION COSTS OF REGIONAL DISPATCH SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE WOOSTER - ASHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; 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 this ordinance allows the payment of expenditures incurred by the city for the COG Dispatch Center.

Mr. Paxton stated this is very similar to the ordinance we had last year authorizing the expenditures in a lump ordinance rather than per invoice.

Mayor Stewart stated when that ordinance was put together it would be on stream.

Mayor Stewart stated we are looking at the later part of June for Ashland City to come on.

Mayor Stewart stated later on Orrville and Wooster will come on.

Mayor Stewart stated they are still cleaning up some issues that have to be resolved that are in the bucket list for Ashland but we are moving on target.

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. 48-16**

**Item e.)**

#### **AN ORDINANCE CREATING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS; 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.

Finance Director, Larry Paxton, provided testimony.

Mr. Paxton stated this ordinance is for appropriating additional funds in the fire equipment fund.

Mr. Paxton stated this is money carried over from a previous year and was not initially appropriated for the appropriations for this year.

Mr. Paxton stated it is money that was carried over.

Mrs. Tunnell asked if this was for additional training.

Chief Anderson stated it was used for CPR cards and CPR mannequin replacement parts.

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

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

### **Ordinance No. 49-16**

**Item f.)**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE APPLICATION FOR CHESTERLAND PRODUCTIONS, L.L.P.**

**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.

Kathy Goon provided testimony.

Mrs. Goon stated this is a tax incentive for ten years for Chesterland Productions to build a 75,000 foot warehouse for one of our local manufacturers.

Mrs. Goon stated it will be located on Westlake Drive between his current facilities he has.

Mrs. Goon stated we are still having quality warehouse issues so a lot of our companies are having someone come in and built it for them like Chesterland is doing.

Mrs. Goon stated that way they are taking on the liability and then they sign an extended lease to rent the building.

Mrs. Goon stated this keeps everyone happy and keeps our warehousing good.

Mrs. Goon stated she did invite Mr. Baker tonight to the meeting but he was unfortunately unable to make it.

Mrs. Tunnell stated didn't we just issue this last year or the year before for a building.

Mr. Valentine stated he was talking about putting one in at the other business property.

Mr. Kremser stated there was one the year before last but it was larger.

Mrs. Goon stated this one is smaller.

Mayor Stewart stated to the best of his knowledge the issues we had with that larger building have been resolved.

Chief Anderson stated that is correct.

Mayor Stewart stated we had some fire protection issues but those have been resolved.

There were no further questions.

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

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

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

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

Nay: Mr. Valentine

**Ordinance No. 50-16**

**Item g.)**

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

Finance Director, Larry Paxton, provided testimony.

Mr. Paxton stated this is an ordinance paying for the Ashland County Sheriff's Office for providing dispatch services.

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. 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. 51-16**

**Item h.)**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE APPLICATION FOR SPINK PROPERTIES, INCORPORATED.**

**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

Kathy Goon provided testimony.

Mrs. Goon stated she does have a representative here tonight from Spink Properties, Ken Brown.

Mrs. Goon stated Mr. Brown has requested he would like to build a new building/restaurant out by the 250 corridor by Bryan's Buffet.

Mrs. Goon stated this would be a 50 % tax incentive for ten years.

Mrs. Goon stated Mr. Brown is here if you have any questions for him.

Mr. Miller stated he appreciates his investment in the community and stated it is very exciting.

Mr. Miller also stated he thinks that location will be better for their business.

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

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

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: None**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Detrow stated there is an old motion that they tabled at the last meeting.

Mrs. Detrow stated it was her motion and now she wants to withdraw it so we can't take action on it.

Mayor Stewart stated you have to bring it to the floor first.

Mrs. Detrow made a motion to remove an item from the table.

Mrs. Detrow asked Mr. Wolfe if we need a motion to bring it to the floor.

Mr. Wolfe stated you need a motion to take it off the table and a motion to bring it back

Mrs. Detrow stated let's do all the proper steps.

**Moved** by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw to remove item from the table and bring it back to the floor.

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

**Moved** by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to withdraw the motion back on the table.

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

Mrs. Tunnell asked Mr. Paxton if was going to go over some things from the work session.

Mr. Paxton stated yes a little later.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Regarding Approval of Liquor Permit for Jakes of Ashland LTD**

**Moved** by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to not have a meeting.

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

**Division report given by Patty Green, IT Director**

Mrs. Green stated the Ashland It Department services 30 departments throughout the city.

Mrs. Green stated last year alone they received over 2,000 help desk tickets from various departments.

Mrs. Green stated she has 29 servers that they manage and most of them have been virtualized.

Mrs. Green stated there are just a few servers left to virtualize.

Mrs. Green stated they have 220 PC's and or lap tops to maintain, operate and repair.

Mrs. Green stated they service individualize software that is required for the different departments function.

Mrs. Green stated the City IT Department is standardizing with the Apple devices for several different departments like the Fire and EMS.

Mrs. Green stated the Fire Department has gone to Apple Ipads to mobilize their infrastructure.

Mrs. Green stated they also have upgraded their software package so they use their Ipads to transmit data back and forth more efficiently.

Mrs. Green stated within the past year everyone's telephone systems have been updated.

Mrs. Green stated the ultimate goal is to have all of our telephone systems connecting that way if something should happen to one then you can rely on the other.

Mrs. Green stated that way we can act as back up for each other.

Mrs. Green stated they have upgraded several departments recently.

Mrs. Green stated they have done the Health Department and Municipal Court in regard to their servers, operating systems and network.

Mrs. Green stated they have both been virtualized over to the best system which is cost efficient and more manageable.

Mrs. Green stated the Infrastructure for the IT Department has been upgraded to windows 7.

Mrs. Green stated we keep moving forward with our infrastructure and updating it to the latest technology.

Mrs. Green stated their back up procedure which is very important, does three backups a day.

Mrs. Green stated this includes the City Building, Tax Building and Police and Fire Buildings.

Mrs. Green stated they have an offsite back up which they house at the Fire Department.

Mrs. Green stated they have a very solid infrastructure built in regards to back up.

Mrs. Green stated her goal is to connect all the departments back to the Municipal building because they are the hub.

Mrs. Green stated they are very close to this and hope to do it cost effectively.

Mrs. Green stated she is working on this and hopes to have it done by the end of the year.

Mrs. Detrow asked Mrs. Green what she does in her spare time.

Mrs. Detrow stated she can't believe two people in the IT Department are able to do all that.

Mrs. Green stated with the newer technology it is getting more manageable.

Mrs. Green stated there are only two of them so they can only do as much as they can.

Mrs. Green stated they have to prioritize and a lot of times that is hard to do.

Mrs. Green stated their main motto is, 'If you're down and can't perform your job then you are first.'

Mrs. Green stated otherwise put a ticket to the help desk and they will get to you as soon as possible.

Mrs. Green stated they really try to get to everyone in a timely manner.

Mrs. Fishpaw asked if they have a schedule where they want to replace so many computers every few years.

Mrs. Green stated everyone has windows XP which has been put in a year ago.

Mrs. Green stated they went ahead and replaced all the windows 7.

Mrs. Green stated when windows 8 came out she wasn't going to go and switch everyone; she will sit back and watch and see how it does.

Mrs. Green stated now windows 10 is now and it is a much better operating system then windows 8.

Mrs. Green stated windows 7 is a very solid system.

Mrs. Green stated she projected four years to replace windows 7.

Mrs. Green stated we are in year two when we replaced to windows 7.

Mrs. Green stated so when it's time to replace it windows 10 will have been out two years.

Mrs. Green stated this gives her time to look at drivers and everything that everyone connects to within an office environment.

Mrs. Green stated in two years she will be coming back saying she needs to upgrade to windows 10.

Mrs. Green stated windows 10 is a very sound system.

Mrs. Green stated windows 8 she wouldn't even consider.

Mayor Stewart stated we have two more Division Director reports tonight, Jerry Mack and Terry Valentine.

Mayor Stewart stated the fourth report will be given at the June 7, 2016 meeting.

**Division Director report given by Jerry Mack, City Services Director.**

Mr. Mack stated the one thing he wants to talk about tonight is spring cleanup.

Mr. Mack stated we just finished after six weeks of work.

Mr. Mack stated that is a little longer than it normally takes but there are several reasons why.

Mr. Mack stated when you use old equipment, it breaks down.

Mr. Mack stated there were days when we only had one truck out working.

Mr. Mack stated there were other days that personnel were sick and couldn't work.

Mr. Mack stated we use everyone within the street division except for the mechanics.

Mr. Mack stated we even borrowed one from the arborist this year so we had eight people working spring cleanup.

Mr. Mack stated we finally finished it up last Friday.

Mr. Mack stated part of the problem is the material we pick up.

Mr. Mack stated the sanitation guys that drive down the road picking up bags of trash and throwing them in the truck have it easier then spring cleanup.

Mr. Mack stated the materials we picked up this year, he has never seen before.

Mr. Mack stated you have to be real careful and fortunately no one got hurt.

Mr. Mack stated we found a lot of glass this year.

Mr. Mack stated it looked like people were stripping storm windows and throwing the glass out.

Mr. Mack stated when you are picking those things up you have to be real careful or you will get cut.

Mr. Mack stated the first two weeks we stayed in the time frame but the third week we went a week down.

Mr. Mack stated by the fourth week we went two weeks down.

Mr. Mack stated he hates seeing that happen.

Mr. Mack stated that is six weeks of time that the street department is doing no pothole repairs or repairs of any sort.

Mr. Mack stated it sounds like he is saying spring cleanup shouldn't be done and by no means is that true.

Mr. Mack stated if we don't do spring cleanup then where are those materials going to go.

Mr. Mack stated he doesn't have all the numbers yet for his report.

Mr. Mack stated he is waiting for the landfill numbers.

Mr. Mack stated he doesn't know where all this stuff is coming from.

Mr. Mack stated one place had four toilets and five couches in front of it.

Mr. Mack stated something doesn't seem right there.

Mr. Mack stated people would come up to the workers and say I wish you wouldn't have gotten here so quick, my relatives haven't brought their stuff over yet.

Mr. Mack stated maybe it's time we need to do something different.

Mr. Mack stated we don't want to quit doing this but he needs some ideas.

Mr. Mack asked how we stop people from tearing dry wall out of their house and stacking it outside for pick up.

Mr. Mack stated people will go through stuff and just leave small materials lying on the curb.

Mr. Mack stated we ask people to not put televisions out and they did anyways.

Mr. Mack stated he saw a guy in a pickup truck early on going around picking up televisions which was great.

Mr. Mack stated the last two weeks televisions got put out and they were lying all over the city busted.

Mr. Mack stated if he has to pick up a television that has been stripped then it is going to cost them double.

Mr. Mack stated this makes a total mess all over the city.

Mr. Mack stated one of his guys suggested making an area and people bring the stuff to us.

Mr. Mack stated that might be an idea.

Mr. Mack stated we would have to man it because you would get stuff 24 hours a day.

Mr. Mack stated this year has been really difficult.

Mr. Mack stated the things we pick up no one should have to pick up.

Mr. Mack stated maybe we can make some changes for the better since it got out of hand this year.

Mayor Stewart stated this is general fund money, not sanitation money.

Mr. Mack stated that is not correct.

Mr. Mack stated we do this out of the sanitation money.

Mr. Mack stated he will reimburse the sanitation department for all the labor.

Mayor Stewart asked if you take a stripped television to the person you take it to, does it cost us double per pound.

Mr. Mack stated they don't charge us double but there will be a time where they tell us they don't want them anymore.

Mr. Mack stated when everything is stripped out and it is not worth anything then it can't be recycled.

Mayor Stewart stated we want to keep recycling but there are a minority few that are abusing it and causing 80% of the problem.

Mr. Mack stated he had to use the front loader a couple of times to get material out that was not feasible for any ten men to pick up.

Mr. Mack stated there was a place that had a fire and we had to take the front loader over to pick up everything.

Mayor Stewart stated he appreciates Mr. Mack sharing all this tonight.

Mayor Stewart stated just please don't abuse the services we have.

Mr. Mack stated the Sanitation Department does pay for spring cleanup but some people are really taking advantage of it.

Mrs. Detrow stated they should have to pay more it seems like.

Mr. Mack stated they try to pick up what we say we will and after that, there is a charge.

Mr. Mack stated the guys want it off the street as bad as everyone else does.

Mr. Mack stated sometimes we don't charge what we should.

Mr. Mack stated he will have a report on it so we will see what it says and what the actual cost is.

Mr. Valentine stated last year it costs like \$56 or \$57,000.

Mr. Mack stated that sounds about right.

Mr. Mack stated right now everything is in full bloom and they are trying to keep up.

**Division Director, Terry Valentine, Manager at Brookside Golf Course spoke.**

Mr. Valentine stated Brookside Golf Course is celebrating its 45th year.

Mr. Valentine stated in that time a million rounds of golf have been played.

Mr. Valentine stated in 2014 we did a little over 17,000 rounds and in 2015 over 18,000 rounds of golf.

Mr. Valentine stated in April they were 650 rounds ahead then 2015.

Mr. Valentine stated the weather hasn't been the greatest so far, but we are still hopeful.

Mr. Valentine stated in December of 2014 they hired a new superintendent.

Mr. Valentine stated he has done a lot of great work at the golf course.

Mr. Valentine stated how their green, tees and fairways are in great shape.

Mr. Valentine stated attention to detail and grooming has put Brookside Golf Course in the best shape of its life.

Mr. Valentine stated the Pro Shop got made over in 2015 and they continue to carrying a lot of stock such as clubs and apparel.

Mr. Valentine stated in July of 2015 they added foot golf.

Mr. Valentine stated which is a recreation geared toward soccer.

Mr. Valentine stated it's a combination of golf rules and a soccer ball.

Mr. Valentine stated this laid out on the front 9 holes at Brookside.

Mr. Valentine stated they have had over 450 players play rounds of it and we would like to see over 1,000 rounds this summer.

Mr. Valentine stated the goal at Brookside Golf Course is to provide recreation.

Mr. Valentine stated Brookside provides jobs for people here in Ashland.

Mr. Valentine stated it adds value to the city and appeals to new homeowners here in Ashland.

Mr. Valentine stated it offers a higher standard of living that some cities can't provide.

Mr. Valentine stated it gives the people physical activity along with recreation.

Mr. Valentine stated the golf course is over 150 acres of natural reserve land.

Mr. Valentine stated they offer programs for people of all ages including Jr. Golf.

Mr. Valentine stated he looks forward to serving Ashland for the next 45 years.

- **Request for Proposed Rezoning**

Mr. Kremser stated this is a letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Kremser stated recommending rezoning portions of land South of Redwood Drive from RL "3" to RL.

Mr. Kremser stated this is coming about because the developer that built the existing condominiums to the East of this parcel has decided there is not a market for condominiums like there used to be.

Mr. Kremser stated so they are proposing for single family residential subdivisions with two new streets.

Mr. Kremser stated Planning Commission had petitioned the developer to rezone it to RL.

Mr. Kremser stated right now with an RL "3" zoning which is multi family, they can build single family.

Mr. Kremser stated it's an acceptable use.

Mr. Kremser stated in 2014 the city and council had rezoned a lot of the single family residential in this vicinity.

Mr. Kremser stated this all developed to single family back then.

Mr. Kremser stated so Planning Commission decided if they are going to build single family then it should be rezoned to only allow single family.

Mr. Kremser stated so this is a letter of recommendation and council can choose to request the public hearing to set to go through the steps to rezone.

Mrs. Detrow asked the wish of council.

Mr. Miller stated he doesn't think it changes anything in the atmosphere or environment in that particular location so he is fine with setting the hearing.

Mrs. Karen Emery stated that property is behind her and she and her neighbors have a lot of questions about this.

Mrs. Emery stated they have concerns about houses being put back there.

Mrs. Emery stated she is concerned with what it will do to their property.

Mrs. Emery stated if everything gets approved and allowed and they can build the houses there then she would appreciate postponing the zoning until it gets approved.

Mrs. Emery stated this would allow for condos to still be built there.

Mr. Wolfe stated the only thing before council right now is whether we want to set a public hearing date.

Mr. Wolfe stated if council's wants to set a hearing then it would have to be June 21, 2016.

Mr. Fishpaw stated he thinks it needs to be set for a public hearing.

Mr. Wolfe stated that is all that is before council at this time.

Mr. Wolfe stated the question is whether the zoning should be changed.

**Moved** by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to make the motion to set the Public Hearing date for the rezoning of Woodview Drive for June 21, 2016 at 7:10 p.m.

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

Mrs. Tunnell stated just to clarify if stays RL "3" then you can put single family homes in there.

Mr. Kremser stated yes.

#### **FINANCE DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Paxton stated at the conclusion of the work session last evening there was a prepared document showing the five council members what a quarter percent of income tax would do for our streets.

Mr. Paxton stated that this shows off the 2016 income tax collection the possible revenue.

Mr. Paxton stated a five year span would raise about 7 million, 7 hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Paxton stated to keep in mind it would carry over to another year.

Mr. Paxton asked council if that was what they wanted from him.

Mr. Miller stated absolutely.

Mr. Miller stated so what we talked about was last night was asking for a quarter percent used strictly for the street department.

Mr. Miller stated this money would be set aside and used only for street repairs.

Mr. Miller stated it would not replace money we are currently giving to the street department.

Mr. Miller stated this money would be used for solely getting us back on track with our streets.

Mr. Kremser stated that is right.

Mr. Miller stated our hope is to get on a cycle over the next five years in regards to keeping up with our road repairs.

Mrs. Detrow stated last night we were in a work session and we have not made any kind of decision about what we are going to do.

Mrs. Detrow stated we talked and listened to a few members of the public that were there.

Mrs. Detrow stated we are still not done; we still need to think about this and think it through.

Mrs. Detrow stated that it is not a bad thing to take our time.

Mrs. Detrow stated it is not set in stone to ask for a quarter percent for street repairs.

Mrs. Detrow stated that was something they discussed quite a bit last night but no decision has been made.

Mrs. Tunnell asked Mr. Paxton about the bed taxes.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she was made aware that many communities that have a bed tax that they excise, like Mansfield.

Mrs. Tunnell asked about a bed tax here in Ashland.

Mrs. Tunnell also mentioned Mansfield has a city bed tax for hotels.

Mr. Paxton stated yes we can ask for a bed tax but unfortunately we only have one hotel that doesn't lie in the annexation agreement.

Mr. Paxton stated there are other hotels outside of that annexation agreement that you could create a bed tax for because they are not in the annexation agreement area.

Mr. Paxton stated we do have one small hotel on Claremont that we do collect a small amount of bed tax from.

Mr. Paxton stated we as a city exclusively collect a small bed tax from that hotel on a monthly basis.

Mr. Paxton stated we do have a bed tax for hotels located inside the city that are not a part of a revenue sharing agreement.

Mr. Paxton stated Mrs. Tunnell's point is well taken.

Mayor Stewart stated he would like to add that he did some rough numbers in regards to this and his numbers show this could bring in \$150,000.00

Mayor Stewart stated he would like to talk to council about this in executive session relative to some property purchasing.

Mayor Stewart stated \$150,000 isn't a real powerful number but it could do a mile of pavement.

Mr. Paxton stated that hotel sits outside of the city but if it was to be annexed in then it would be eligible for a tax.

Mr. Paxton stated if there is any other information you need to work through this process to please let him know.

Mr. Ward asked Mr. Kremser if we would impose a tax to the tax payers would it be for 7 years.

Mr. Valentine stated it would be for five years.

Mr. Ward asked if that gets all out streets in five years repaired or to where they need to be.

Mr. Kremser stated an example would be Sandusky Street and how bad it was two years ago.

Mr. Kremser stated that was last paved in 2003.

Mr. Kremser stated it never ends.

Mr. Kremser stated the lifespan on asphalt depends on the drainage, the weather, and traffic.

Mr. Kremser stated it usually has a fifteen year left span.

Mr. Ward asked fifteen years per street and Mr. Kremser stated yes.

Mr. Ward asked if we pass this tax are we ok for the next five years.

Mr. Kremser stated this is nothing new and he has talked to other communities about this same issue.

Mr. Kremser stated they are not caught up after their tax finally passed.

Mr. Kremser stated Mansfield generates about 3 million a year so every five years they go to the voters.

Mayor Stewart stated to Mr. Ward it will make a major improvement.

Mr. Ward stated he just doesn't want people to get frustrated if they pass this tax levy and the roads aren't all fixed in that five years.

Mr. Valentine stated they want to borrow the money to get ahead if this tax passes.

Mr. Kremser stated where he used to live it took 6 times to pass it and it had to be restructured each time it didn't pass.

Mr. Kremser stated they set it for 20 years and every community is going to be different.

Mr. Kremser stated the need is there.

Mrs. Detrow asked Mayor Stewart if he wanted an Executive Meeting tonight.

Mayor Stewart stated no.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Fishpaw stated there are other areas in the city that are need of money too.

Mr. Fishpaw stated Police and Fire are two areas that are in need of money.

Mr. Fishpaw stated they are down man power and in need of funds for these other areas.

Mr. Fishpaw wants people in the city to realize there are other areas that need money besides our streets.

Mrs. Tunnell asked Mrs. Detrow if the Chiefs are going to talk about that at the next meeting.

Mayor Stewart stated yes.

Mayor Stewart stated they will present the safety services needs and current operating issues at the next council meeting.

Mr. Valentine stated he read the Mayor's State of Address and he did a good job.

Mr. Valentine stated we never got an email about it.

Mayor Stewart stated he addressed that with the Chamber President the morning after you called me and she assured me that will be taken care of.

Mr. Valentine feels they should be the first to know of anything happening in the city.

Mrs. Detrow stated she got the notice from the Chamber.

Mr. Valentine stated he and Mr. Fishpaw did not receive the notice.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Stewart stated many of you heard me Friday so not much is new since then.

Mayor Stewart stated this morning at his Leadership Meeting it was suggested that it would be appropriate to put exurbs from the State of the City Address on You Tube.

Mayor Stewart stated they are going to take segments from it, add voice to it, and put it on You Tube.

Mayor Stewart stated he is not sure how long this will take to do, but it will be done.

Mayor Stewart stated after last night's meeting there are still a lot of misconceptions of whether it is a general fund or enterprise.

Mayor Stewart stated that is a huge misconception.

Mayor Stewart stated money can't just be moved into the general fund.

Mayor Stewart stated when it was mentioned back in March that the general fund had a carry over, that was wrong.

Mayor Stewart stated you can't carry over money over from one fund to another.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Retired Police Officer Larue stated he is shocked in how in the past year or two there are fewer people on the Police and Fire Department then when he retired.

Mr. Larue stated he has been retired 19 years but both the police and fire haven't gone down on percentage of calls they get.

Mr. Laure stated in the 1970's it was accepted to be two or three men understaffed.

Mr. Larue stated look at the County Jail and how they are packed now instead of only holding 80 or 90 people.

Mr. Larue stated how they went and changed the laws and 125 is their maximum.

Mr. Larue stated Chief Marcelli is running drugs cases he never would have imagined.

Mr. Larue stated felony cases require more time and more detectives.

Mr. Larue stated we have been lucky here in Ashland that we haven't had an officer running and shoot a guy in the back like Cleveland.

Mr. Larue stated when Mayor Stewart was on council he figured out we needed new cop cars and he is grateful to him for that.

Mr. Larue stated in the next few years the Police Department will be losing some key players due to retirement.

Mr. Larue stated rookies can't do the job that a captain or lieutenant can do.

Mr. Larue stated give this careful consideration, it is crucial.

Mr. Larue stated things aren't getting any better in the law enforcement world.

Mrs. Detrow asked if he is coming to the next meeting.

Mr. Larue stated absolutely.

Mayor Stewart stated he assures us the two Chiefs will come to the June 7<sup>th</sup>, meeting very prepared to share the situation as it is today.

Mayor Stewart stated to hiring a person and putting them on the streets is a 6 month process when it comes to a police or fireman.

Mayor Stewart stated that is after we have posted and done all the advertising.

Mayor Stewart stated then we get some candidates to work with and it takes 6 months before they can fully operate on the streets.

Mr. Ward stated the hard part is getting the word out to the public; that is the hard part.

Mr. Ward stated people are not engaged.

Mr. Ward stated it is not our fault, it is just the problem we have.

Mr. Valentine stated we need to have good police and fire.

Mr. Valentine stated we all have parents and family that we want taken care of if a 911 call is placed.

Mr. Ward stated the heroin epidemic is bad in our community too.

Mr. Valentine stated it really hits home when you know the people doing the heroin.

Mayor Stewart stated to Mr. Ward we had two residents at our work session last night and one is her tonight.

Mayor Stewart stated one was Mrs. Emery and they had some positive and enlightening comments.

Mrs. Detrow stated but we are not done and we are not ready.

**ADOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSSION: 8:35 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