

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 5, 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	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Valentine to excuse councilmen Tunnell from the meeting.
Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Detrow that the minutes of the **Regular Session** of City Council held Tuesday, June 21, 2016 be approved.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mr. Miller.

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Abstain: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

LEGISLATION

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 58-16

Item a)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN AREA OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO FROM “M-4” INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK DISTRICT TO “M-1” LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mr. Miller 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, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Mr. Kremser provided testimony.

Mr. Kremser stated we had a public hearing on this two council meetings ago and this was to rezone a parcel of land that is on the East side of Amberwood and the North side of 250.

Mr. Kremser stated this was the only parcel left that wasn't "M-1".

Mr. Kremser stated this will make it a continuous "M-1" area.

There were no further questions.

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

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Ordinance No. 59-16

Item b)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHIO COUNCIL 8 – AFSCME; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Moved by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw 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, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw

No testimony was needed.

There were no further comments.

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

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Ordinance No. 60-16

Item c.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 85-15 AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED, AND NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND NO CENTS TO BE SPENT FOR A NEW CATERPILLAR FRONT END LOADER MODEL 914K.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

No testimony was given.

There were no questions.

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Valentine 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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Absent: Mr. Tunnell

Ordinance No. 61-16

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 Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw 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, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Mr. Paxton provided testimony.

Mr. Paxton stated this is just a carryover for the month of May.

Mrs. Detrow asked if there was a plan when it would be discontinued with our Sherriff.

Mayor Stewart stated yes they do but it is very tentative at this point.

Mayor Stewart stated Orrville going on in the next two days and then followed by Wooster and Ashland.

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

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Ordinance No. 62-16

Item e.)

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) INCOME TAX TO BE LEVIED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING REVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING AND EQUIPING ADDITIONAL SAFETY FORCES PERSONNEL; DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Moved by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw 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, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

No testimony was given.

Mr. Fishpaw asked if it has already been passed on the first reading.

Mrs. Detrow stated she doesn't think so.

Mr. Wolfe stated there have been changes to it.

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mrs. Valentine 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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Ordinance No. 63-16

Item f.)

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) INCOME TAX TO BE LEVIED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING REVENUE FOR STREET REPAIR AND RESURFACING; DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

No testimony was given.

There were no further questions.

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Valentine 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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Ordinance No. 64-16

Item g.)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 107 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

No testimony was given.

Mrs. Detrow stated this was an Ohio Revised Code change.

Mr. Wolf stated that is correct.

Mr. Miller stated previously this might have made a difference in bidding on work locally.

Mr. Wolfe stated he doesn't feel there was much impact on it.

Mr. Kremser stated since he has been here we have never utilized it.

Mr. Kremser stated it has never been that close.

Mrs. Detrow stated one would assume it is not needed.

Mayor Stewart stated it really won't make a difference.

No further questions.

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Valentine 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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Ordinance No. 65-16

Item h.)

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 Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw 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, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Testimony provided by Larry Paxton.

Mr. Paxton stated this ordinance allows the issuing of a Then and Now Certificate for expenditures the city has incurred.

Mr. Paxton stated the expenses were anticipated and within budget; the purchase order was not issued before the actual invoice was received.

Mr. Paxton stated it is a technicality and it does happen occasionally.

No further questions.

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

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Ordinance No. 66-16

Item i.)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT AN OPT-OUT NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE ASHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

No testimony was provided.

Mrs. Detrow stated we heard from a representative on this at the last meeting and not everyone was here.

Mr. Valentine stated he read the minutes.

No further questions.

Mr. Miller stated we would put this on the ballot to help save our citizens of Ashland money on their gas bill.

Mrs. Detrow stated that is definitely correct

Mrs. Detrow stated we are asking them to pay a bit more but we are also trying to help them with some savings.

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Valentine 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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Ordinance No. 67-16

Item j.)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE DIVISION OF FIRE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw 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. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Mr. Miller asked the Mayor to explain this ordinance for this purchase.

Mayor Stewart stated the money for this has been coming in for years and is used for Capital purchases.

Mayor Stewart stated it is not income tax money.

Mr. Paxton stated that is correct.

Mr. Miller stated so this money is separate.

Mrs. Detrow stated yes it is separate.

Mr. Wolfe stated this authorizes it to be purchased for a cheaper amount.

Mayor Stewart stated this is not general fund dollars, it's a 222 account

Mayor Stewart stated this is a separate account and can only be used for these types of purchases.

No further questions.

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

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Mayor Stewart stated this is not another truck; it's the same one as before.

Mrs. Detrow stated we are being as careful as we can with the money.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

- **Public Hearing to discuss 2017 Tax Budget for the City – 7:25 p.m.**

Mr. Paxton stated he has provided everyone with the working document of the 2017 tax budget.

Mr. Paxton stated he found a couple of error's this morning so he made revised copies for everyone.

Mr. Paxton stated this includes 69 different individual funds and the city's appropriations for 2017.

Mr. Paxton stated the ending cash balance for 2016 was eleven million, three hundred and fourteen thousand, five hundred and ninety two dollars.

Mr. Paxton stated the anticipated revenues for the budget of 2017 is thirty six million, five hundred and thirty eight thousand, nine hundred and eighty dollars.

Mr. Paxton stated with expenditures being forty four thousand, two hundred and seventy seven dollars.

Mr. Paxton stated bringing the ending balance to three million, five hundred and seventy six thousand dollars.

Mr. Paxton stated they don't anticipate revenues being any higher than they were in 2016.

Mr. Paxton stated the income tax is doing better than it has in the past, which is a good thing.

Mr. Paxton continued to go over the working tax budget with council.

Mayor Stewart stated the police and fire funds come out of the general fund.

Mr. Paxton stated that is correct.

Mr. Paxton stated we fund both police and fire out the general fund.

Mr. Paxton stated this budget does not reflect additional money for police and fire because we don't know if the tax levy will pass.

Mr. Paxton stated they are not figured into this budget.

Mr. Paxton stated this just shows the operating cost of the general fund.

Mrs. Detrow asked if what we are already spending money out of the general fund to run our police and fire department.

Mr. Paxton stated absolutely.

Mrs. Detrow stated we will continue to use that money and hopefully we will have this income tax increase.

Mrs. Detrow stated we will still be spending the same amount out of the general fund as we have in the past years.

Mr. Paxton stated he believes the direction council has given him is the City of Ashland will still continue to fund the police and fire departments.

Mr. Paxton stated the additional income tax would fund additional employees and equip those employees.

Mr. Paxton stated of the eleven million budget; police and fire take up about 6 million of it and that funding level would stay the same in 2017.

Mr. Paxton stated if the citizens approve this additional money then that would be above that funding level.

Mrs. Detrow stated that is absolutely the way she understands it.

Mr. Paxton stated unfortunately when we talk about tax budgets we can't anticipate or plug those numbers in.

Mr. Paxton stated this is just a look into the future.

Mr. Paxton stated after November we will have a better idea.

Mr. Paxton stated this is on file with our office and the council clerk has a copy of the tax budget as well.

Mr. Paxton stated there will be an ordinance at the next meeting that is required to be approved and filed with the County Auditor.

Mrs. Detrow thanked Mr. Paxton.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Paxton stated all he has is he passed a signature form around for all council members to sign because they have completed the 2015 audit.

Mr. Paxton stated there were no findings at this point.

Mr. Paxton stated so there should not be a need for a post audit.

Mr. Paxton stated he does need that signature form back.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Detrow stated she has two things to discuss and she has taken a position on them.

Mrs. Detrow stated the first one is a lot of people have heard from a Kurt Snyder who lives on East Main Street.

Mrs. Detrow stated Mr. Snyder has a Drive Thru and a Car Wash and he believes he should not have to pay for garbage pickup for his house because he has highered a Rumpke Dumpster for his business.

Mrs. Detrow stated he just carries his garbage over and puts it in the dumpster.

Mrs. Detrow stated her position is we can't do that and special things for people just because they are taking advantage of a company's dumpster.

Mrs. Detrow asked Mr. Mack if he had anything to say on this.

Mr. Mack stated this applies to residential and the ordinance which states any resident can only opt-out of city garbage pickup if your house is empty and there is no water usage.

Mr. Mack stated people who go away for the summer or a period of time want to do this as well and they can't.

Mr. Mack stated he gets calls that people opted-out of garbage pickup but there is water usage there and that's when they start questioning it.

Mr. Mack stated if there any issues about trash pickup then go to him at the Street Department.

Mr. Mack stated for residential they have to have a special circumstance to opt-out of city garbage pickup.

Mrs. Detrow thanked Mr. Mack for his explanation.

Mrs. Detrow stated at the last council meeting she mentioned there is someone very upset about the basketball court on Jacobs which is next to his house.

Mrs. Detrow stated he is still very upset about the basketball court next to his house.

Mrs. Detrow stated in the police report he has mentioned he has called the police 5 times apparently since then.

Mrs. Detrow stated there is not a thing they can do to go against what the zoning says he can have next to his house.

Mrs. Detrow asked if she is correct.

Mr. Miller asked what he is calling the police for.

Mr. Fishpaw stated balls are going in his yard and they are sitting under a tree in his yard.

Mr. Fishpaw stated they are basically trespassing on his property.

Mrs. Detrow stated that is a part of it.

Mrs. Detrow stated he is afraid balls will hit his pickup truck.

Mrs. Detrow stated they are within their legal rights to put the basketball court on their property.

Mr. Kremser stated he can't speak legally but ultimately under his interpretation the zoning ordinance is this was previously a parking lot.

Mr. Kremser stated then they came to Planning Commission and requested they wanted to pave part of their parking lot for people to park on and then they added basketball hoops to the paved area.

Mr. Kremser stated he understands why this guy is concerned but its playground not operated for profit in a residential district.

Mayor Stewart asked Mr. Wolfe if he had any comments on it.

Mr. Kremser stated maybe it needs some restrictions on it.

Mrs. Detrow stated it is not lighted.

Mr. Kremser stated Planning Commission said it couldn't be lit and it was interrupted no one would be playing after dark.

Mr. Kremser stated since that time the gentleman you talk to is coming to Planning Commission's next meeting.

Mr. Kremser stated he reached out to the pastor for him to come as well.

Mr. Kremser stated the pastor said they would be putting up a sign and fence adjacent to the homeowner concerned.

Mr. Valentine stated that way a ball won't hit his truck.

Mr. Wolfe stated at this point this has been approved to an accessory to a church by the Planning Commission and it is still a pending matter.

Mr. Wolfe stated he doesn't feel it need to be discussed any further at this time.

Mr. Fishpaw stated he had a couple of people concerned about the balloon fest sign on the side of the building.

Mr. Fishpaw stated they are concerned how about how faded it is looking.

Mr. Fishpaw stated they didn't think it looked very attractive for the downtown area since it is getting so faded.

Mr. Fishpaw stated he is not sure what we can do about it or whether we want to do anything about it.

Mrs. Detrow stated she knows the lady who raised the money and had it put up has passed away.

Mrs. Detrow stated she is not sure to make that kind of decision on it.

Mr. Miller stated she would have insisted it be replaced.

Mr. Miller stated when she led that campaign she was so deeply concerned about what would happen when the sign would fade.

Mr. Miller stated she was assured by the vendor that it would not fade.

Mr. Miller stated now granted a decade has passed but he does agree it needs replaced or something.

Mrs. Detrow stated but we can't afford to do it.

Mr. Miller stated maybe ask the Bi-centennial Committee.

Mayor Stewart stated this would not be a pretty sight to get down either.

Mr. Miller stated maybe go to the Community Foundation and asked for a grant.

Mr. Miller stated it would be a relatively small grant to replace it.

Mr. Miller stated it might be worthwhile to involve Main Street and they can decide what needs to go up there.

Mayor Stewart stated the lady that funded it has a brother and family.

Mayor Stewart stated maybe it would be a good idea to go to the family first but the lady is just deceased.

Mayor Stewart stated so timing would be a atrocious.

Mr. Valentine stated it was gorgeous when they first put it up.

Mr. Miller stated we need to be mindful that a lot of people contributed towards it.

Mr. Fishpaw stated he heard several times it was guaranteed not to fade.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Stewart stated he wanted to comment on the July 4th weekend.

Mayor Stewart stated people and organizations in the community did an outstanding job for July 4th weekend.

Mayor Stewart stated the Balloon fest, Ice-Cream Social; Push and Pull were some just to name a few.

Mayor Stewart stated the Band Shell also had some great events.

Mayor Stewart stated the weather cooperated and we had a great weekend.

Mayor Stewart stated he talked to Chief Anderson and Chief Marcelli and there were no significant events that they are aware of.

Mayor Stewart stated it was a safe and good weekend.

Mayor Stewart stated he applauds our community.

Mayor Stewart stated how many times we hear there is nothing to do in Ashland, Ohio.

Mayor Stewart stated he could have been away from his home every night this week doing something in the community and being very well entertained.

Mayor Stewart stated we would like to have a sign, not a permanent sign, put in our front yard.

Mayor Stewart stated this would be a portable sign that can come and go.

Mayor Stewart stated we get more response from posting jobs on the sign than we do from any other form of advertisement.

Mayor Stewart stated we borrowed the libraries a few times and had great success with posting jobs on it.

Mayor Stewart stated we would like to have council consider going along with purchasing a sign to have out in our front yard.

Mr. Kremser stated this allowed.

Mr. Valentine stated as long as it matches the building and doesn't look junky.

Mr. Burgess stated it has been budgeted.

Mayor Stewart asked council's thoughts on it.

Mayor Stewart stated we post jobs for 10 days.

Mr. Burgess stated yes.

Mrs. Detrow stated we should probably stop borrowing the libraries.

Mayor Stewart stated they are good neighbors; they park in our parking lot and we use their sign.

Mrs. Detrow stated she thinks it is a good idea.

Mayor Stewart stated so council is ok with this.

Council members all agreed they are ok with getting the new sign.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mrs. Karen Emery stated that since we are discussing the appearance of the city, which she stated is very important to her, she has some concerns.

Mrs. Emery stated she wanted to know if there are any restrictions on what businesses can do on the outside of their building as far as displaying items.

Mrs. Emery stated she brought it up because the Dollar Store at Claremont and Mifflin looks like a continuous garage sale.

Mrs. Emery stated they load up the sidewalk with stuff they are trying to get rid of.

Mrs. Detrow stated she honestly does not know if there are regulations against that or not.

Mr. Valentine stated it's all new stuff that is boxed up.

Mrs. Emery stated but its hanging on racks and looks bad.

Mr. Valentine stated its not trash or rubbish, its new materials for sale.

Mayor Stewart asked which dollar store she was referring to.

Mr. Valentine stated Claremont and Mifflin.

Mrs. Emery stated she hasn't looked at the others.

Mrs. Emery stated that is just the one she sees the most.

Mayor Stewart stated he will look at it on his way home tonight.

Mayor Stewart asked if it is under their overhang.

Mr. Valentine stated yes it is.

Mr. Fishpaw stated if they are storing anything out there that is flammable that could burn and if they don't have an outside sprinkler then it could fall under a fire ordinance.

Mr. Fishpaw asked Chief Anderson if he thinks it would.

Chief Anderson stated he would have to check it out.

Mr. Valentine stated there is charcoal out there.

Mrs. Detrow stated it sounds like some people are going to check it out.

Mrs. Emery stated she also notices there was a semi- trailer parked in front of the Family Video Store for a couple of nights.

Mrs. Emery stated she didn't know if they were staying at the hotel.

Mrs. Emery stated she assumes this is ok.

Mayor Stewart stated it is a private lot so as long as the property owner is not complaining about it.

Mayor Stewart stated if it is not impeding any traffic then there is probably nothing we can do.

Mr. Wolfe stated you just can't park in a residential area.

Mr. Wolfe stated we would have to check out the zoning there.

Mr. Wolfe stated some places prohibit and some do not.

ADJOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSSION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:58 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw to move to Executive Session.

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REGULAR MEETING: 8:22 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mr. Valentine to move to Regular Session.

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

ADJOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSION: 8:22 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mr. Valentine to end the meeting.

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

Absent: Mrs. Tunnell

Respectfully Submitted by
Jody Toms, Clerk of Council