

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

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, February 16, 2016 be accepted as submitted.

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

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the minutes of the **Special Session** of City Council held Friday, February 19, 2016 be accepted as submitted.

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

Abstain: Mr. Valentine

LEGISLATION

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 19-16

Item a)

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

Finance Director, Larry Paxton, provided testimony.

Mr. Paxton stated this is authorizing the payment to Medicount Management for the monthly service charges for EMS transport invoices.

Mr. Paxton stated unfortunately the invoice came before I could create a purchase order.

There were no additional comments.

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 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.20-16

Item b.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (PATROLMAN); 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.

Human Resources Director, Mark Burgess, provided testimony.

Mr. Burgess stated this is part of our routine and the patrolmen have signed a tentative agreement after negotiating.

Mr. Burgess stated this is a routine ordinance.

Mr. Burges stated the three year contract will allow police officers to get a 2% wage increase.

Mr. Burgess stated the old contract has expired.

Mr. Burgess stated the agreement is tentative until Council agrees and signs to it.

Mr. Burgess stated this is team process with the unions, the Mayor, Finance Director, and Law Director

Mr. Burgess stated this year negotiations have went very well and fairly quickly.

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

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

Resolution No. 3-16

Item a)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION: PY 2016 STATE OF OHIO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM; 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.

Director of Engineering, Shane Kremser, provided testimony.

Mr. Kremser stated PY stands for program in case anyone was confused by that.

Mr. Kremser stated this is our annual direct allocation grant and we are one of twenty five direct cities.

Mr. Kremser stated we get money directly through the State for different city projects that also benefit low to moderate income residents.

Mr. Kremser stated typically we have been getting \$75,000 annually.

Mr. Kremser stated the goal of that funding is to meet national objectives through CBG, Hut.

Mr. Kremser stated we also reach out to local nonprofits that are community stake holders that perform services that benefit low to moderate income households.

Mr. Kremser stated the Kroc Center fence was done last year as a project.

Mr. Kremser stated there will be a Public Hearing where we will discuss potential projects to fund through the grant that will happen next council meeting or the following.

Mr. Valentine stated in the past we have paid for a freezer at the Senior Citizens Center and we also helped demo down on 9th Street.

Mr. Kremser stated again we will have a Public Hearing that will be advertised seven days before 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 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. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

- **Larry Paxton – Public Hearing for 2016 Appropriations**

Mr. Paxton stated a part of the budget process is the charter of the City.

Mr. Paxton stated the charter dictates that in order for this body to enact an appropriation ordinance, there have to be two separate hearings that are advertised in the newspaper ahead of time.

Mr. Paxton stated he did advertise the hearing in the newspaper for tonight's Public Hearing.

Mr. Paxton stated the overall budget is 44 million and this includes the general fund, several special revenue funds, income tax funds, enterprise funds and internal service funds.

Mr. Paxton stated an example of special revenue funds could be a permissive tax fund or an equipment fund for fire or police.

Mr. Paxton stated enterprise funds are for entities like water and sewer and those funds have to make money to operate.

Mr. Paxton stated service funds involve income tax that is used within departments like health.

Mr. Paxton stated even though the general fund is 12 million this year, the total operating expense of the city is 44 million.

Mr. Paxton stated this includes 231 full-time employees, with a slight increase in the summer months.

Mr. Paxton stated this is a business and has a lot of responsibilities.

Mr. Paxton stated according to the charter, it is City Council's responsibility to pass the budget by the end of March.

Mr. Paxton stated we are working on the budget and there will be another public hearing at the next council meeting which will complete the process so we can then pass appropriations.

Mr. Paxton stated the goal is to have this done by next council meeting so you don't have to have another extra meeting.

Mr. Paxton stated by law, we are required to pass the appropriations by the end of March so that we can comply with the state regulations.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Miller would like to thank everyone that came to all his town hall meetings, including City Officials and Division Directors.

Mr. Miller stated there were about 221 people that attended and some of those were duplicates.

Mr. Miller stated he was very pleased with the turn out.

Mr. Miller stated the good news is the list of reasons why people love Ashland is far longer than their list of concerns and dislikes.

Mr. Miller stated notes were taken and they will compile them all and he will get back to everyone with a common list of themes.

Mr. Miller stated the concerns are ones that we all share so there won't be any surprises.

Mr. Miller stated he would like to thank the Department Heads, Mayor and City Council President for attending.

Mrs. Tunnell stated the Fire Department is very expensive because of all the training they have to have.

Mrs. Tunnell stated there was a member of the community that suffered a heart attack this past weekend and he was saved because he was sitting next to an off duty fireman.

Mrs. Tunnell stated so when we do share the budget with everyone to remember that's is why that department is more expensive and why they have so much training.

Mrs. Tunnell stated the Ashland High School wrestling team has three guys going to State.

Mrs. Tunnell stated there is going to be a Police and Fire Escort as they head down Main Street on Thursday on their way to Columbus.

Mrs. Tunnell stated if you happen to be downtown at 8 a.m. Thursday morning then feel free to stand out and cheer them on as they go by.

Mrs. Tunnell stated how cool it is to have 3 young men going to State and that it would be awesome to have a lot of people cheering them on as they head to Columbus.

Mrs. Tunnell stated it would be great to have future Council Meetings down here, where it would be cooler in the summer.

Mr. Miller stated it is nice to have the sound system down here referring the microphone that we have.

Mr. Valentine stated we just picked this sound system up because we had some money left to use.

Mr. Valentine stated Mrs. Detrow got it and it is a good system.

Mrs. Detrow stated the sound system came from Mike's Music here in town.

Mr. Valentine stated we bought local.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Stewart stated we also have a State Champion swimmer at Ashland High School, his name is Hudson McDaniel.

Mayor Stewart stated Ashland has a lot of good teams and he does not know how the men and women's basketball team did tonight in tournament action.

Mayor Stewart stated we have lots of issues but we have lots of good things too.

Mayor Stewart stated we are living in a very low cost city but a safe city.

Mayor Stewart stated our safety forces, made up of police and fire, are second to none.

Mayor Stewart stated when you need them they are there and they do their job very effectively.

Mayor Stewart stated he is proud to say they are a part of the team.

Mayor Stewart stated we have a great community and unfortunately you have to pay for it.

Mayor Stewart stated he is asking for a very brief Executive Session after the meeting in his office to discuss potential litigation.

Mayor Stewart asked if we have a boy scout in the room.

Mrs. Detrow stated we do and asked if the young man would stand and tell us his name.

Mr. Ivan Wasielewski stated his name and that he is with Troop 586.

Mr. Wasielewski needed to attend a meeting to work on his citizenship and community merit badge.

Mayor Stewart congratulated him and thanked him for attending.

FINANCE DIRECTOR:

- Report was given during the 2016 Appropriations Public Hearing.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mrs. Karen Emery stated as a citizen she is very happy to see Council more involved in the budget process.

Mrs. Tunnell stated so are we.

Mayor Stewart stated we are not done in regards to the budget.

ADJOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSSION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:37 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to adjourn to executive session for the discussion of potential litigation and no action would be taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSSION TO REGULAR SESSION: 8:15 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn to regular session.

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM REGULAR: 8:15 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Jody Toms, Clerk of Council

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