

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

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Council President Stephen Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council-at-Large & President:	Stephen L. Stuart	Present
Ward 1:	Duane R. Fishpaw	Present
Ward 2:	Robert M. Valentine	Present
Ward 3:	Ruth Detrow	Present
Ward 4:	Sandra Tunnell	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that the minutes of the **Regular Session** of City Council held Tuesday, December 3, 2013 be accepted as submitted.

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart

**LEGISLATION**

**Ordinance Number 69-13**

**Item a)**

**AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN A FUND FROM ONE LINE TO ANOTHER;  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Moved** by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mrs. Detrow to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of this 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, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw

Mr. Paxton stated this legislation is to transfer funds. The attached exhibits were provided just prior to the start of the meeting. Some line items were in danger of being depleted, so funds needed to be transferred. Supplies and computers and telephone services were moved around. Additional equipment is needed so funds were moved around to cover those items.

There is an anticipated December invoice for the 911 dispatch contract. The budget for that area was reduced for this year. The cost for services has increased. Mr. Paxton stated he received bills for \$48,000 and a \$3,000 equipment expense; these expenses took all the remaining funds for the year.

Dr. Stuart asked about a comparison of the total cost of 2012 and 2013 for 911 dispatch and what caused the increase in cost.

Mr. Paxton stated the charges are \$50,000 greater than they were in 2012. Mr. Paxton stated the Sheriff provides documentation with his invoices; he did not have the details as to why there was the increase. November billing was \$48,000, up from a \$30,000 range in the previous months.

Mayor Stewart asked if \$450,000 was the amount appropriated for that department.

Mr. Paxton stated it is \$450,000 that is appropriated, and 2013 will be \$480 to \$490,000 in expenses.

Mr. Paxton pointed out expenses for gas lines in the park.

Fund 255 is a PERS, public employees retirement, expense of \$100.

He noted the B3 (a municipal bond issued in 2003) interest lines had to do with the refinancing of the 2003 bonds. The December principal and interest payment needed to be made and the remaining balance was refinanced. It was not anticipated that there would be some interest expense. It ran more than what was anticipated, but there were funds allocated to cover that expense.

Dr. Stuart asked for further clarification of the interest charge for 2013 for refinancing. He asked how it becomes a 2013 expense and not a 2014 expense.

Mr. Paxton explained there was a bond payoff statement that stated principal and interest needed to be paid. A bond retirement invoice is paid annually. The 2003 bond was retired as of December 1<sup>st</sup> with the interest payment. For the 2010 bond, the principal and interest are retired also. There is an expense in the 2013 bond that was refinanced; that is the expense that was not anticipated. This is a one-month interest expense for the 2013 bond.

Dr. Stuart asked about \$6,116 in the 615 line item, the municipal swimming pool.

Mr. Paxton stated the transfer had to do with the diving board and filters that had been inspected at the end of the season. It was stated the diving board could not be used as it had been fractured. The money had been appropriated for the year, so it was transferred from the General Fund.

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

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

**Moved** by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Detrow that 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, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

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

Ayes: Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Reappointment of Mr. Jim Gribble to the Board of the Ashland Area Council for Economic Development. The expiration of his current appointment is 12/31/13. The new appointment will go from 1/1/14 through 12/31/15.

**Moved** by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that Mr. Gribble be reappointed to the AACED.

Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Request for public hearing for alley vacation, 523 Claremont Avenue

Mr. Kremser asked Council to set a public hearing for the alley vacation. A resolution will be prepared at the next regular session to request that public hearing. The request for the alley vacation came from the City administration based on maintenance questions from the adjoining property owners. Petitions have been circulated and signed. This is the next step in the process.

Dr. Stuart asked about the timeline of 30 days from the resolution that a public hearing will be scheduled. It was decided that the resolution for this alley vacation will be prepared for the January 7, 2014 regular session of Council.

**Moved** by Mrs. Tunnell seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that a resolution be prepared to request a public hearing to vacate the alley on 523 Claremont Avenue.

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Valentine

b) Request for public hearing to establish zoning

Mr. Kremser stated the parcel in question at the Farmer's State Bank off of 250 East was annexed but has not been zoned.

Mr. Wolfe indicated a request to establish zoning was not needed, but a resolution would be prepared for the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Dr. Stuart welcomed Nate Whitmer, a Life Scout, and his father. Nate is working on his communication badge. Nate introduced himself and stated he is 14 years old and he is a Life Scout, which is one step below Eagle.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Paxton provided more handouts of a cash position statement for the year end. The other handout was a requested golf course update. Currently the City has transferred \$117,000 into the golf course fund. The golf course total expenses were \$521,281. Of the \$117,000 transferred they used \$76,008 of that amount that was transferred.

Mr. Paxton stated there is a need to have a special council meeting on December 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon to balance the books for the year end.

**Moved** by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to hold a Special Council meeting on December 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Stewart asked that Council confirm Dr. William Latham for an additional four-year term to the City-County Board of Health. His current term expires December 31, 2013. He has accepted the reappointment pending Council's approval. His term will run from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

**Moved** by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Detrow to approve the appointment of Dr. William Latham for an additional four-year term on the City-County Board of Health.

Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

Mayor Stewart asked about the progress on the Charter Review Committee that Council is to be coordinating.

Dr. Stuart stated there is one person interested in serving, but Council has not provided other names for the committee.

Mr. Valentine stated he thought there had been seven members of the committee, and they began the review in February.

It was discussed that no Council members were a part of the committee but that some had attended meetings occasionally. Mr. Wolfe had also attended some meetings.

Dr. Stuart asked that Council come with recommendations of people for the Charter Review Committee. He asked that those individuals recommended be asked if they were willing to serve before they are recommended.

Mayor Stewart stated the Golf Course Committee, Mrs. Tunnell and Mrs. Detrow, has had discussions. He asked that Council move to executive session to discuss the sale of property.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None**

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:23 p.m.**

**Moved** by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the sale of property. Dr. Stuart stated there would be no action taken at executive session.

Ayes: Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

**ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:06 p.m.**

**Moved** by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn from executive session.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:07 p.m.**

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

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kimberly S. Calhoon, Clerk of Council