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# Ashland City Council

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## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL Tuesday, January 15, 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. Valentine that the minutes for the **Special Session** of City Council held Monday, December 31, 2012 be accepted as written.

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

**Moved** by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the minutes for the **Regular Session** of City Council held Wednesday, January 2, 2013 be accepted as written.

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

### LEGISLATION

#### Ordinance

#### Item a):

#### Ordinance Number 1-13

**a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF FUEL FOR THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; AUTHORIZING SUCH FUTURE EXPENDITURES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Moved** by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell 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: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

Mr. Paxton indicated this Ordinance allows for the purchase of fuel as needed throughout the year for the City up to the maximum amount of funds appropriated by Council in the 2013 appropriations.

Mr. Stuart asked about the process to find the supplier with the best price.

Mr. Mack explained that a tankard of fuel is purchased to get the best price. A diesel

tankard is 7500 gallons; a gasoline tankard is 8500 gallons. There are five suppliers that are called for the day's price. Fuel needs to be ordered by 9:00 a.m. to receive that day's price.

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

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

**Moved** by Mr. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.

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

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

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

## **Resolution**

### **Item a):**

#### **Resolution Number 1-13**

#### **a) A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW THE LEVY OF A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION.**

**Moved** by Mrs. Detrow seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of this Resolution 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. Stuart

Mr. Paxton stated this is a Resolution to renew the .5 mill levy for Recreation and Park. The City is already collecting this levy through the end of this year. And by placing this on the ballot for the voters' consideration, hopefully it will be passed early in the year so the levy will continue with no interruptions.

Mr. Stuart stated this is a renewal of the existing five-year levy. He also noted it will be on the Primary Ballot on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Fishpaw asked when this resolution will take effect.

Mr. Paxton stated it will take effect and be collected through 2013 through 2017. The levy is collected through the end of this year and then it will drop off.

Mr. Wolfe further clarified the existing levy goes through the tax year 2012, which is collected in 2013. If it gets passed before the end of this year, there will be no interruption.

**Moved** by Mrs. Detrow seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Resolution be passed on the first reading.

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

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

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Request for Advertising on Private Property. Nova Telephone, Direct TV

**Moved** by Mrs. Tunnell seconded by Mr. Valentine that the permit request be granted.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Fishpaw stated he had streetlight problems and the electric company took care of them quickly. The electric company emailed Mr. Fishpaw back to tell him what was done for the repair and then called Mr. Fishpaw to tell him what they had done.

Mr. Fishpaw also received a call about trash that had been left on the curb; there was yard waste was hidden in boxes. The City workers are not to pick up yard waste unless it is in the proper bags. This issue was taken care of. If yard waste is not in the proper container, the City is not responsible for picking it up.

Mayor Stewart stated if there is yard waste inside a purchased bag with a green label for pickup, the sanitation workers will pick it up.

Mr. Mack added that the drivers notify the office when they leave a bag on the curb. When the resident calls to find out why their bag was not picked up, that person is told why the bag was left. This time of year it has to be called in for a pickup and it has to be in the proper container. The same procedure must be used for TVs and electronics. There is an additional charge for these additional pickups.

Mr. Valentine stated he had some thank yous on the blue house on West Main. [The house had been torn down.]

Mrs. Detrow stated there has been a lot of admiration relayed to her about the City Street Department. Leaves that were messy and frozen were removed quickly.

Other concerns are complaints to the Realtors and Mrs. Detrow that Claremont Avenue looks tacky when vacated businesses have not maintained their property. A resident asked if volunteers could cut the weeds down.

Mayor Stewart stated it is private property. He cannot control people going on other people's property. The formal procedure is to give the owners a week to maintain it. If it is not maintained, a contractor is hired by the City to mow, and the property owner is billed for the work done.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

The Police Division will be selling 75 bicycles on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be a live auction and they will be selling five bikes at a time to the highest bidders. The auction begins at 10:00. The doors open at 9:00 to review the bike bundles.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

**The Mayor** stated and read from a paper that ODOT is scheduling a meeting to address US 42/US 250 interchange. The public is invited to attend the meeting at the Sheriff's Annex,

East Main Street, on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The doors will open at 6:30. The presentation will be approximately 30 minutes long. Anyone who wishes to speak will have two minutes to say what they want. The meeting will be wrapped up at 8:30.

Letters from ODOT will go to the property owners that adjoin the construction process to advise them of the meeting.

Mayor Stewart handed out the 2013 Council Committees list. An additional Committee has been placed on the list for 2013, Engineering, Street, Maintenance, Sanitation.

The Mayor requested adjourning to Executive Session to discuss the status of ongoing negotiations with the labor union.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Mr. Stuart welcomed Dan DeVille from Ohio Edison/First Energy.

Mr. DeVille stated he was there simply to ask if anyone had any questions or issues that he could help with.

Mayor Stewart stated someone from the Public Utilities Commission would be coming to review the City Aggregation Agreement.

Mr. DeVille explained this is a new four-member State of Ohio Department that will be visiting assigned areas to see how things are working. They want to make sure the word is getting out to the citizens that there is now electric de-regulation in the State of Ohio. For areas that are involved under contracts, the Department is meeting to get feedback regarding how the process is working.

**ADJOURNMENT to Executive Session in the Mayor's Office for the purpose of reviewing Negotiations: 7:22 p.m.**

(No action will be taken.)

**Moved** by Mr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to adjourn.

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

**ADJOURNMENT from Executive Session: 8:54 p.m.**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT from Regular Session: 8:55 p.m.**

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

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

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kimberly S. Calhoon, Clerk of Council