
Ashland City Council

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

Wednesday, January 2, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

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

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 Regular Session

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the minutes for the Tuesday, December 18, 2012 Regular Session of City Council be accepted as written.

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

LEGISLATION: None

WARD REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a) The reappointment of Ev Devaul to the Board of the Ashland Area Council for Economic Development beginning 1/1/2013. The new appointment will go through December 31, 2014.

Mr. Stuart stated he has served on the Council with Mr. Devaul and said we are fortunate to have him on the Council and fortunate that he is willing to be reappointed.

Moved by Mr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Detrow that Ev Devaul be reappointed to the Board of the Ashland Area Council for Economic Development

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

The Mayor asked for reports from Tim Clingan and Jerry Mack.

Mr. Clingan provided information about the Christmas tree pickups. Trees will be collected free of charge through the month of January. The trees must be placed at the curb without a bag covering and without tinsel, lights, ornaments or stands. The trees are recycled for mulch. February 1st the pickup of trees will be charged as brush pickup.

Mr. Mack reported that the snowfall provided the opportunity for the Street Department to efficiently remove the newly fallen snow within 24 hours. Mr. Mack explained many of the blades have polyurethane cutting edges, a material that does not cut so the snow has to be softened by salting first before plowing. The salt trucks went out first and later the plow trucks went out. Some crews salted until 9:00, took a break and returned at 1:00 a.m. Other crews came back in at 3:00 a.m. to prepare the trucks and got out at 4:00 a.m. and began plowing in groups of four for the larger main streets. The units then break into fewer trucks for the smaller streets. By 10:00 a.m. the streets were cleared. It can take as long as an hour and a half to get the plows and equipment ready. Alleys are done on an as-needed basis. Mr. Mack’s goal is to do what is best for the safety of the community.

Mr. Stuart asked if the plows stay on for the season. Mr. Mack explained that when salting the plows are removed to lessen tire and vehicle wear.

Mayor Stewart stated the polyurethane blades are less destructive to the streets and will not pick up heavy rocks or manhole covers from the street. They do not wear as well as steel blades so must be replaced more often. Also, the poly blades require more maintenance.

Mayor Stewart read from the Codified Ordinance 357.01 regarding parking off streets 24 hours after a 3-inch or more snowfall and CO 521.06 regarding the duty of the property owner to keep sidewalks free of snow and ice accumulation within 12 hours after the abatement of a storm. Mayor Stewart stated he is providing this information to the residents, both commercial and residential, to encourage them to make the sidewalks and streets safe to pedestrians.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Dave Yanchunas stated the University had cleared the snow from the Convocation Center and left sheets of ice on the sidewalks.

Mayor Stewart stated his sidewalks are clear and the ordinance does not address the process. He stated it is the responsibility of the property owner to make their sidewalks safe.

ADJOURNMENT to Executive Session in the Mayor’s Office for the purpose of potential litigation and the potential sale of property: 7:15 p.m.

(No action will be taken.)

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

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

ADJOURNMENT from Executive Session: 7:28 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: 7:29 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

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