
Ashland City Council

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 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	Excused
Ward 3:	Ruth Detrow	Present
Ward 4:	Sandra Tunnell	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Detrow that Mr. Valentine be excused from the Council meeting.

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

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Dr. Stuart indicated a correction was necessary. The ordinance that was tabled at the last meeting was noted in the minutes as vacated. The correction is that the ordinance was tabled.

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the minutes for the **Regular Session** of City Council held Tuesday, March 19, 2013 be accepted as corrected.

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

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance Number 10-13

Item a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THE ASHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SERVICES AS OUTLINED; 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: Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mrs. Detrow

Mr. Burgess indicated this ordinance would allow the City to work with Ashland County. The County Commissioners had approached the City to discuss Workers' Compensation in an effort to reduce duplication and promote collaboration. A plan has been developed. In addition, the MCO and TPA for both the City and County is Comp Management, making the collaboration potentially smoother.

The Human Resource Department will soon be hiring a part-time person. The fees that will be charged to the County will offset the cost of adding an additional employee.

Mrs. Tunnell asked what impact there would be if there are more claims than outlined in the draft proposal. Mr. Burgess stated this number is an average and that some claims will be more complex and some will be less complex, which should balance the figures in the proposal.

Mr. Burgess stated there are preventative measures that can be helpful in bringing down the Workers' Comp claims, including combined training for City and County that will be done by the City for following best practices.

Mrs. Detrow asked if the County will work with their employees to reduce claims.

Mr. Burgess stated not just to reduce claims, but to work with the Safety Council. He explained that Workers' Comp is a part of the drug-free safety program that works together with Drug Free Workplace and Safety Committee to work on prevention and accident investigation. Sometimes accident prevention is helped with the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE), but a lot of the prevention comes from changing the way things are done and increasing training.

Mrs. Detrow confirmed that this is a one-year contract to see how it goes. Mr. Burgess stated that is the case and it will be reviewed at the end of the contract year.

Mayor Stewart stated he had served on a strategic planning group committee for the elimination of duplication of services. He stated this is an example of that type of collaboration.

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Request for advertising on private property: M&C Construction, James R. Bush.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that the request for advertising on private property has been approved.

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

Mayor Stewart asked if the applicant gets guidelines about how to disseminate information in our area when they apply for an advertising permit. It was discussed that the information would be provided to this out-of-town applicant when he returns to the Mayor's office to pay for the permit.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Detrow stated the spring cleanup items in her yard have already been picked up; they were efficient.

Dr. Stuart commended the AU Lady Eagles for their National Championship. He noted it is an outstanding accomplishment for outstanding ladies and coaching staff.

Mr. Fishpaw asked Mr. Mack if many televisions were coming in for spring cleanup since they had to personally take the TV to the site of the Street Department.

Mr. Mack stated the program has been successful and that approximately a dozen TVs have been dropped off at the Street Department (in two days). He stated there are also some TVs on the street for pickup, which he will deal with later.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Paxton was not at the meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The Mayor thanked the police and fire divisions for escorting the Lady Eagles into town to the University. He stated the ladies had been up 14 hours and were gracious in their welcome.

Mayor Stewart stated Sandusky Street curbs and excavation will begin on April 8th and the street will have one travel lane for approximately a month. He stated it will be a challenge, especially since work being done on a culvert on State Route 545 just north of 96 is rerouting drivers to State Route 96.

Mr. Kremser stated there are two different contractors working on the project.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:17 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Kimberly S. Calhoon, Clerk of Council