
Ashland City Council

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL Monday, August 19, 2013 at 12:00 noon Mayor's Office

Council President Stephen Stuart called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

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

LEGISLATION

Ordinance 46-13

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND MAKING TRANSFERS WITHIN A FUND AND MAKING TRANSFERS FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER; 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 this 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, Dr. Stuart

Mr. Paxton distributed an update of the attachment to the Ordinance. The transfers from the column on the left to the column on the right side are to continue the operation of the various departments.

Dr. Stuart asked for more details about the need for the transfers in some of the departments. Mr. Hunter offered an explanation of the transfer of \$101,750 to 611 [Waste Water Treatment Department] and \$88,700 to 601 [Water Treatment Department], in that these were to have been estimates for the year based on past figures.

Mr. Hunter stated there are several things that have factored into what is seen on the paperwork. \$10,000 to the meter department is for the meter change-out program and these funds will allow the continuation of the changeover from the current manual system to the electronic system.

The water line has added funds because Mr. Hunter stated he is not comfortable with the level that column has reached and feels there will be a need for more purchases before the end of the year. Incidentals, Mr. Hunter stated, is a catch-all column for unanticipated expenses. He watches it closely and it actually went into the negative.

Equipment maintenance is for repairs, which they are anticipated be more by the end of the year than what was in the column.

Under computer expenses, Mr. Hunter stated his department needs to purchase some interface with the new GIS system and also for the new water distribution supervisor. The utilities: electric, gas and telephone line items were increased by \$5000, \$3000, and \$1500 respectively even though the historical number was used. At the Water Treatment Plant, \$10,000 was put into equipment maintenance due to the antiquated equipment.

At the Waste Water Treatment Department the equipment, the total increase is \$88,700. \$25,000 was put into equipment maintenance to replace a boiler that began to fail after the budget was put into place.

The sludge disposal increased by \$30,000 and that is due to the wet spring and summer. The sludge press has been used a great deal and the sludge has to be treated with lime. The capacity to store the sludge is not available, so they have to haul it out frequently.

Dr. Stuart asked if the utilities had been estimated based on the first seven months of this year.

Mr. Hunter stated that is the process he used.

Mrs. Tunnell asked who is department 617.

Dr. Stuart stated it is the golf course.

Mrs. Tunnell asked about what department received an administrative assistant (101).

Mr. Paxton stated there had been a resignation of one employee and a replacement employee being put in that line for the Finance Department. He stated Department 703 (Income Tax) did the same thing with the specialists.

Dr. Stuart asked about the account title of 619-800153209.

Mr. Mack stated it is commercial equipment repair of the commercial packer trucks.

Mr. Mack stated he had some “extreme” problems with the newest truck. It is in service regularly for the engine. The exhaust, gas, recirculating and repair and replacements take up most of that cost. He stated it is a 2008 International truck. Last week it was in for an oil pump problem.

Mr. Mack stated International is trying to warranty the last EGR, but he is not sure it will be able to be warranted since the truck is out of warranty. The company is trying to avoid the City spending extra money on the \$2000 repair.

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

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

Moved by Dr. 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: Mrs. Detrow Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

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

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

Ordinance 47-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION OF THE CENTER STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT – DIRT DAWG EXCAVATING, LLC CONTRACT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 25-13; 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 this Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

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

Mayor Stewart stated the ordinance is being generated to keep Center Street open while the culvert is being replaced. It had been anticipated that the job would be completed well before school started. Since there had been a delay in receiving quotes and delay in the order of materials, the repair of the culvert is now during the start of school. Center Street would have had to have been closed four weeks except for fire and emergency vehicles. With a revision of the Means and

Methods by keeping a lane open, the quote is an additional \$28,000. The construction will be extended by two weeks. There will be a portable traffic signal placed in the area of construction.

Mr. Fishpaw asked about the note on the estimate stating: “After further inspection of the culvert, it may not be possible to remove half without compromising the structural capacity of the other half. This would need to be evaluated by the engineer and a demolition and support plan drawn up.”

Mr. Kremser stated he felt there should not be a problem with working on half of the culvert. He stated the culvert will need to be saw cut because of the way it had been originally built and added on to.

Mr. Fishpaw asked if they had to shut down the street, would there be an extra cost.

Mr. Kremser stated there would be a credit if the whole street is closed.

Dr. Stuart stated he feels Center Street needs to be kept open, but he feels the cost to keep it open seems to be excessive and the extension of time seems to be excessive as well.

Mr. Valentine stated maintenance of traffic is excessive. Also, when doing only one side, the full culvert cannot be worked on and takes longer.

Mrs. Detrow asked if the culvert is coming completed. It was stated it will come in pieces and be put together; it is precast, pre-engineered.

Mrs. Tunnell asked about before this plan to keep the road open, if there had been an issue with fire and police what would have been done.

Mr. Kremser stated the contractor would have used trench crossing plates that can handle the weight of service vehicles.

Mayor Stewart added the plates for emergency vehicles provide no protection on the edges of the road. When the road is opened to public traffic, the side protection needs to be there with concrete barriers.

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

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

Moved by Dr. 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. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw

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

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

ADJOURNMENT from Special Session: 12:22 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Kimberly S. Calhoun, Clerk of Council