
Ashland City Council

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 1, 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	Present
Ward 3:	Ruth Detrow	Present
Ward 4:	Sandra Tunnell	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the minutes of the **Regular Session** of City Council held Tuesday, September 17, 2013 be accepted as submitted.

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

LEGISLATION

Ordinance Number 58-13

Item a):

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, MAKING TRANSFERS WITHIN A FUND AND MAKING TRANSFERS FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Paxton stated he revised the Exhibit A attachment. Page 2 indicates \$5,142.11 of the Estate Tax refund. He stated this would be the last check from the County. He stated these refunds begin the process of resolving the expenses noted in "Revised Exhibit A".

Moved by Mr. Valentine seconded by Mr. Fishpaw 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

Resolution: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Confirmation of a new member for the City Board of Health.

Mayor Stewart stated he had received a letter of resignation from a board member, Mr. Bruce VanScoy.

Mr. Mike Huber was appointed by the Mayor to serve, and he is willing to serve if Council will confirm his appointment, as is procedure.

Mr. Huber's term will expire December 31, 2015.

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that Mike Huber be confirmed as a new member to the Board of City Health.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Dr. Stuart welcomed the students from Ashland University Community Practice class, Nicole, Liz, Amanda, and Jennifer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Paxton had no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Stewart stated the City has an opportunity purchase Miller Field owned by Hospira for \$10.00. Hospira was unaware they still owned the land. They were contacted two years ago about the land. Mayor Stewart stated they have done a Phase I study of the property and there was found to be no need for further examinations of the property.

Mr. Wolfe clarified that when the City acquires or sells property, Council is part of the process. A deed will follow the signed contract. It requires a City commitment to maintain the property. It took longer than usual because of an easement issue that needed to be resolved in order to get the proper descriptions of the piece of land; it is a 4.4-acre piece of land.

Mr. Valentine stated the City already takes care of the property and has been for years.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to authorize the purchase of Miller Field for \$10.

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

Mayor Stewart stated there will be a need to set up a Charter Review Committee. He stated it will take Council some time to set up the committee and it gives the committee time to do their due diligence. If there would be a request for changes to the Charter, it comes back and goes through the necessary process. Mayor Stewart wanted to ask Council to be thinking about whom they would like to recommend for the Charter Review Committee.

Dr. Stuart asked if the first step is to have Council appoint a committee.

Mr. Wolfe stated Council should get copies from the minutes of the last sessions of the Charter Review Committee to read. It could help guide the 2014 Committee's thoughts.

Mayor Stewart stated his records indicate they last met November 6, 2007.

Mr. Wolfe stated the public had been invited for input at the meetings.

Dr. Stuart asked the Council Clerk to distribute the minutes of the 2007 Charter Review Committee meetings to Council. He also told Council they should be thinking about appointees for the Charter Review Committee.

Mayor Stewart brought up the unlawfulness of sweeping leaves into the street. He wanted the TG reporter to note it. The dangers are that children like to play in leaves. There could be something under the leaves that could damage a car if they drove through the leaves. The storm sewers will be clogged by leaves. He stated the leaves can be put in a tree lawn or in lawn waste bags for pick up.

Mayor Stewart also stated he had been approached by the committee that is rehabbing the Siler Farm. He asked Council if it came to the point of relocating a property from Center Street to the Siler Farm, would there be objection to rebuilding an historical property on the Siler Farm. He stated the Siler Farm is owned by the City. He wanted to have input from the Law Director after he reviews the lease and looks further into what is needed.

Mr. Wolfe stated there would need to be a lot more information from all interested such as where they would like to place the home, what condition it would be in when it is relocated because a dilapidated structure would not be something that should be placed on the Siler Farm property. If they will be fixing up the house and making it suitable, that is one thing. The City would have to know what the intended purpose would be for the building. That information should be presented to Council. The cost of moving the structure is something that needs to be known.

Dr. Stuart stated that he questioned whether a property that is allegedly structurally unsound and needs to be demolished would be able to be moved.

Mayor Stewart stated they will not be moving it as a whole. They will be dismantling it and reassembling.

Mrs. Detrow stated that as someone that lives on Center Street and has a vested interest in every one of those homes, an historic home loses value when it is moved from its original foundation. She stated Council needs to keep that in mind.

Mayor Stewart stated there is a long way to go in this process.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn. 7:17 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Kimberly S. Calhoon, Clerk of Council