
Ashland City Council

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 17, 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 Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the minutes of the **Special Session** of City Council held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 be accepted as submitted.

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

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the minutes of the **Regular Session** of City Council held Tuesday, September 3, 2013 be accepted as submitted.

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

LEGISLATION

Ordinance Number 55-13

Item a):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-13; 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: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

Mr. Paxton stated he would be reallocating the permissive tax and utilize more of the permissive tax money and less of the street and service divisions' money for the resurfacing program for this year.

Dr. Stuart stated this had been reviewed at the last Council meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

Ord Item b):

Ordinance Number 56-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIMONSON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS CATCH BASINS IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; 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. Kremser had provided a summary of the Ordinance in the packet. He stated our Sewer and Water Departments have been continually repairing and replacing catch basins in the City. There are over 200 catch basins that need repaired or replaced, and a list has been prepared. There are 16 basins that will be replaced with this piece of legislation that are scheduled to be replaced due to the degree of deterioration. Material bids will be received. The contract is for labor only.

Dr. Stuart asked if there is still time in the season to do the work before the end of the year.

Mr. Kremser stated there is.

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

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

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

Ord Item c):

Ordinance was withdrawn.

Ord Item d):

Ordinance Number 57-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CREATION OF THE WOOSTER-ASHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the ordinance 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

Mr. Wolfe stated that Wooster has adopted their similar legislation as of their meeting on September 16th. There will be an organizational meeting in October. Attorney Adam Miller indicated the City could take advantage of some of the grants that are available now. The final draft of the Council of Governments will be in "substantial conformity with" Exhibit A, the Articles of the Regional Council of Government, that was provided to Council at another time.

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

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

Resolution: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Consideration of the Ashland Golf Club for approval for non-conforming use.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that approval be given for the request for non-conforming use.

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

b) Beggars' Night

Mayor Stewart had an individual request from Mr. Mason Johnson, an Ashland City resident, that Beggars' night be two hours instead of one hour. His letter indicated he speaks for those in the community that like to decorate for Halloween.

Discussion was held regarding any legislation that dictated the times for Beggars' night. It has traditionally been 6 to 7:00 p.m. This year's Beggars' night will be on Thursday, October 31st.

Mrs. Detrow stated she had only heard of complaints that children from the country are driven into Ashland to participate. She stated she does not necessarily agree with those complaints.

Mr. Wolf stated the major consideration is safety coordinated with the commencement of darkness and the time change.

Dr. Stuart stated he was sure his neighborhood is representative, but the crowds come early and in 45 minutes the trick-or-treaters are finished.

Mayor Stewart stated if people want to be finished providing the candy, they turn off their porch light.

Mr. Wolfe suggested the Mayor solicit input from the various groups to see if there are any thoughts about making a change in the time.

Mr. Valentine stated one letter from a resident would not move him to make a change at this time.

c) Appointment of Douglas Zimmerman to the Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Zimmerman was in the audience.

Mayor Stewart stated Mr. Zimmerman comes highly recommended by another Historical Preservation Board member, Andrew Grudowski. Mr. Grudowski has been incapacitated so has not been able to attend meetings. Mayor Stewart took Mr. Grudowski's suggestion to ask Mr. Zimmerman to serve on the Board.

Mr. Zimmerman is an instructor of construction trades at Pioneer Career and Technology Center and grew up in building construction.

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that Mr. Douglas Zimmerman be appointed to the Historical Preservation Board.

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

d) Advertising on Private Property Application of Julia Stewart.

Mayor Stewart showed the advertising pieces of literature and a plastic bag that will be placed on doorknobs.

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the application for advertising on private property be approved.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Fishpaw stated sidewalks had been repaired in Ward 1, and he has heard positive comments about that. Another comment was a burned out streetlight at the traffic light at the 250/42 intersection that was making it really hard to see at that intersection.

Mrs. Tunnell stated that during the power outage last week, the police were very quickly directing traffic at Main and Claremont. She thanked Chief Marcelli especially, and stated that everyone did an incredible job in handling the situation/s well.

Mrs. Detrow stated she had had a complaint about the condition of the fire hydrants in the City. She agreed and stated we are very close to getting that solved. She stated she would have more information at the next meeting.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Paxton had no comments, but welcomed any questions or comments. There were none.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Stewart stated Mr. Ralph Tomassi had asked to have the University's colors and eagle mascot placed on specific street signs in Ashland – Davis-Broad; Jefferson-Broad; Moss Hill-Broad; Berry-Broad. Mayor Stewart stated he felt that was an idea that was acceptable as long as the signs have the specifications that need to be met. They will be larger signs with large letters and have reflective paint with University colors, purple and gold and an eagle.

Dr. Stuart stated the funds will come from the Gridiron Club.

Mayor Stewart stated on September 27th the railroad crossing on 9th Street will be repaired and will close the street. The closing will be only until October 3rd. The railroad will be opened up to the railroad crossing so it will not impact the businesses in the area, other than the fact that you cannot cross the tracks to get to the businesses. Another route will have to be taken to get to the businesses. Two rail crossings will be rebuilt in Ashland.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn. 7:24 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Kimberly S. Calhoon, Clerk of Council