

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 21, 2014 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, January 7, 2013 be accepted as submitted.

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

LEGISLATION

Ordinance Number 04-14

Item a)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE HAULING AND ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF LIQUID SEWAGE SLUDGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES OF 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. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart

The Director of Water and Wastewater Treatment, Michael Hunter, presented testimony on behalf of the Ordinance, which will authorize the Mayor and Director of Public Service to advertise for bids to enter into a contract for the hauling and disposition of liquid sewage sludge. Mr. Hunter added that this particular Legislation has been renewed since its initial passage by Council as Ordinance No 8-09 in 2009, and is necessary to perform the obligatory sludge removal and disposition required for the continued efficient operation of the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Hunter added that the sludge is a biosolid byproduct of the water pollution control treatment process, which can be applied to farmland as a beneficial reuse as a fertilizer. The proposed Contract period will be for 2 years with the option to renew for an additional three (3) years in (1) one year increments.

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

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

Resolution Number 02-14

Item b)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THAT THE CITY OF ASHLAND MAKE APPLICATION FOR A WORKPLACE GRANT FROM THE ASHLAND COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL; 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: Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

Mark Burgess, Director of Human Resources, testified on behalf of the Resolution, which will authorize the City of Ashland to apply for a workplace grant from the Ashland County Safety Council. Mr. Burgess shared with the Council that the City has been a member of the Ashland County Safety Council for a few years, and was pleased to learn that this year the City has been awarded a grant for \$750.00. He noted that he had already applied for the grant prior to the authorization of Council. The money from this grant is intended for purchase of equipment that can prevent injuries and promote a safe work environment for City employees. Mr. Burgess mentioned the City's interest in purchasing a manhole cover lifter, which will provide water/sewer workers a safer and more ergonomic method to lift the covers.

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

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

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

Resolution Number 03-14

Item c)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING FUNDS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mr. Valentine 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, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

The Director of City Services, Jerry Mack, presented testimony on behalf of the Resolution, which will authorize the Mayor to apply for and, if awarded, enter into agreements with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for qualifying material and equipment purchases. The maximum grant award is \$100,000 and requires a 50% local match (up to \$50,000).

Mr. Mack stated that, if awarded the funds, the money will be used to purchase materials and equipment necessary to implement a community wide glass recycling program via drop off locations. Mr. Mack added that a glass crusher would enable the city to recycle significantly more glass by crushing the recycled material and reducing its volume by 80%. He also mentioned that the machine would also be available to crush aluminum cans, which the city could also include in its recycling program if it chooses.

Mayor Stewart brought forward his concerns over the cost of home pick-up of recyclables versus the City having drop-off points. After considering the safety of the workers who would pick up the glass, fuel, and mileage the City vehicles would incur, the Mayor stated that utilizing drop-off points would be a much more practical usage of City resources.

Mr. Hunter stated that the Department anticipates the recycling drop-off points will be an efficient method to recycle the glass and will be well received by Ashland residents as well.

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

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

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of 2014 Charter Review Committee Members

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Detrow that Jamie Andrews, Ron Baker, Jim Barnes, Nevin Bowers, Gene Haberman, Liz Hipp, Allen Steiner, Chris Tunnell, Paula Watson, Robert L. Valentine, and William Strine be appointed to the 2014 Charter Review Committee, and that the new appointment will go from January 21, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

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

Abstain: Mrs. Tunnell

Dr. Stuart welcomed and congratulated the newly appointment members of this year's Charter Review Committee, and also thanked the members for their commitment and devotion of their time and effort for the sake of reviewing the Charter and improving the City of Ashland.

Dr. Stuart also mentioned how fortunate the Council is that three members from the last Charter Review Committee will return to serve this year.

Renewal of Liquor License

Dr. Stuart brought forward a notice submitted by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor license renewal regarding a liquor license held by Masters Fratelli LLC. Dr. Stuart stated that the business has previously obtained a liquor license, but has since changed its ownership and name. Dr. Stuart advised Council members that requesting regarding Masters Fratelli LLC, and the renewal of its liquor license is not necessary.

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Valentine that City Council does not request a hearing regarding the

renewal of Fratelli LLC's liquor license.

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

Establish Two Public Hearings for Consideration and Adoption of 2014 Appropriations

Dr. Stuart proposed that the Council establish two public hearings for the purpose of considering and adopting appropriations for 2014, and that dates and times for the hearings be established. The recommended dates and time are be February 4th, 2014 and February 18th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Stuart mentioned that the two meetings would coincide with regularly scheduled City Council meetings.

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that City Council schedule two public hearings, February 4th, and February 18th, 2014 to consider and adopt appropriations for 2014.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Tunnell reminded her fellow Council members that Council needs to schedule a work session for the purpose of discussing priorities and goals for 2014.

Mayor Stewart and the Council concluded that the best time to hold the work session will be Monday, January 27th, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Mayor's office.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Council hold a work session in the Mayor's office January 27th, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or later).

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

Mr. Valentine commented about recent road services, particularly the distribution of salt, and how effectively the material was put down by workers in the last weeks. He specifically expressed appreciation and gratitude to Jerry Mack, Director of City Services.

Mrs. Detrow offered commentary regarding a resident's trouble with a tree and the City's replacement of the sidewalk.

Mayor Stewart added to Mrs. Detrow's comment and shared also talking with the same individual that contacted Mrs. Detrow. Mayor Stewart clarified the appropriate actions the resident will need to take to resolve the issue. The Mayor recommended the resident submit an application for a permit to the Street Department, and go from there.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Stewart notified the Council about a constituent's concern for the ducks and geese at Brookside Park. He shared that residents are growing increasingly concerned for the health of the wild birds that reside by the lake at the park, and requested the advice from City Council.

Mrs. Tunnell added that she has also been contacted by that same individual, who expressed concerns for the well-being of the birds. Mrs. Tunnell asked if there is any kind of material the City currently possesses that can be used to help the animals at no cost to the City. She also stated that straw was specifically recommended by the concerned resident.

Dr. Stuart and Mr. Valentine weighed the practicality of the City intervening with the wild animals in their natural environment, and recommended that the Council be mindful of the long term impact of an

intervention.

Mayor Stewart and the Council concluded that contacting the wildlife officer and consulting with an expert, who has a better understanding of wildlife would be the most appropriate action to take at this time.

Mayor Stewart presented another item to the Council, where a local church requested ideas for volunteer work that the congregation could do to help the City. The Mayor stated that due to the harsh winter season, he expects volunteer opportunities to be very limited.

The Council came up with possible opportunities for the church volunteers, which included minor repairs within the Municipal Building.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Dan DeVille, from First Energy, who was in attendance at the meeting offered to entertain any questions the Council might have at this time.

Mayor Stewart took advantage of the opportunity and asked if retrofitting current lights within the City with LED lights is practical when considering the cost and effectiveness of the new lighting.

Mr. DeVille answered that the cost of the new LED lighting is currently relatively expensive when considering the overall performance of the new lighting; however, he believes that once the market for LED lighting grows, the product will become more affordable. Mr. DeVille stated that First Energy is currently considering the adoption of tariffs; however, warned that just as the market for LED lighting is still maturing, so is the quality and performance of the products. Mr. DeVille stated that with so many companies producing variations of the same types of lights, some of the retrofits the Mayor referred to can present various consistency problems.

Dr. Stuart questioned Mr. DeVille on the longevity of the light and asked if 20 years is the correct life expectancy of the light. Mr. DeVille answered that predicting an LED light to perform for 14 years would probably be a more accurate prediction.

Mr. Fishpaw brought forward his concern for the effectiveness of the street lights near Ashland University's campus, specifically on College Avenue. Mr. DeVille stated that First Energy has been grappling with this issue and is currently weighing their options to improve the lighting in that area.

Mayor Stewart stated his concerns for the pedestrians who cross the section of College Avenue near Ashland University and mentioned that traffic traveling North has a particularly difficult time spotting pedestrians. This concluded the questions for Mr. DeVille.

Dr. Stuart thanked Mr. DeVille for answering the Council's questions.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:26 p.m.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REGULAR SESSION: 8:07 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn from Executive Session to Regular Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSION: 8:08 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn from Regular Session.
Ayes: Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

Respectfully Submitted by
Lindsey M. Queen, Interim Clerk of Council

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