
Ashland City Council

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 4, 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 G. 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 **Regular Session** of City Council held Tuesday, October 21, 2014 be accepted as submitted.

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

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that the minutes of **Special Session** of City Council held Monday, October 27, 2014 be accepted as submitted.

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

LEGISLATION

Ordinance Number 69-14

Item a)

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN A FUND FROM ONE LINE TO ANOTHER; 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 the 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

City Finance Director provided testimony on behalf of the Ordinance, which transfers appropriations within a fund from one line to another to meet the needs of the City, including office supplies, equipment, and employee wages and benefits.

Director Paxton noted that the bottom of the transfer includes information regarding the receipt of income tax refund requests equaling to the amount of forty-three thousand dollars.

The Finance Director offered to answer any questions Council might have.

Dr. Stuart asked about a specific line item included within the Ordinance, pertaining to a transfer of fifty-five thousand dollars for “wages”.

Director Paxton explained that the Department missed providing funding for wages; however, there were no newly hired employees.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and 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 the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinances be passed on the second and third readings.

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

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

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

Ordinance Number 70-14

Item b)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF A “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF PAVING CITY ALLEYS IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; 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 the 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

City Finance Director, Larry Paxton, provided testimony on behalf of the Ordinance which authorizes the issuing of a “then and now” certificate.

Mr. Paxton stated that a few years ago, while the State of Ohio conducted audits for the City, the State requested that a Purchase Order be made and also accompany it with a “then and now” system.

Mr. Paxton stated that the City utilizes the above referenced system, which limits the City to approve purchase orders over three thousand dollars for items purchased before a purchase order is issued.

Mr. Paxton stated that this particular certificate is for a purchase of street paving services, which was purchased prior to when a purchase order was made.

Mr. Paxton respectfully requested that Council approve the Ordinance.

Dr. Stuart asked if there were any questions and there were none.

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. Fishpaw that the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinances be passed on the second and third readings.

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

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

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

Ordinance Number 71-14

Item c)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; 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 the 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

Mayor Stewart provided testimony on behalf of the Ordinance, which would authorize the Mayor to purchase certain real property.

Mayor Stewart stated that the property located near the Old Reservoir has been made available for purchase and that the City is interested in the purchase for numerous reasons.

The Mayor added that the City has a sixty foot right-of-way to the south of the property, which would give the property approximately two hundred and ten feet of buildable land for potential businesses.

Mayor Stewart stated that this buildable lot could be conjoined with the Old Reservoir land, which is approximately sixty acres, and make it a valuable property for recreational sports businesses.

The Mayor stated that the land was also surveyed for the value of standing timber on the property, which is estimated to be worth over eighty thousand dollars.

Mayor Stewart shared that if Council approves the purchase, the City plans to market the property in early spring.

Dr. Stuart asked about the price of the land, and Mayor Stewart responded that the price is sixty-seven thousand dollars.

Dr. Stuart asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and 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 the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinances be passed on the second and third readings.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Fishpaw commented about the problems the City has been having with the retention pond on Stone Creek, and noted that the area looks much nicer after the necessary repairs were made.

City Engineer, Shane Kremser, stated that the project at Stone Creek is not completed just yet and that there are plans next year to stabilize the bank and make changes to the inlet pipe as well.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Director Paxton commented about Ordinance 71-14, which was recently passed during the meeting, and how the funding for the purchase of the property will come out of the Capital Improvements Fund.

Director Paxton stated that the Ordinance intends to allocate the funds from the sale of the property back to the Capital Improvements account.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Stewart asked if the Director of City Services would like to comment about leaf pickup.

Mr. Mack commented that his Department has started the leaf pickup process, and as of this evening the City has pulled seventy-four loads of leaves off the street.

Mr. Mack stated that it is difficult to set a specified schedule of the pickup; however, it is just too difficult at this time.

Mr. Mack stated that slowly but surely the process will get done.

Mayor Stewart shared that his office has received requests that the City start leaf pickup earlier and explained that due to mother-nature, starting the process any sooner would be much less efficient.

Mayor Stewart and Dr. Stuart commended Mr. Mack and his Department's work.

Mayor Stewart stated that he would like the City Engineer to make a few comments this evening.

Mr. Kremser announced to City Council that the City is currently looking into applying for a U.S. EPA Brownfield Site Assessment Grant, which would help the City conduct assessments on contaminated sites and make some of the properties around town more attractive to potential buyers.

Dr. Stuart asked about the timeline for the application.

Mr. Kremser stated that the City intends to submit the grant application by December.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Dr. Stuart announced the presence of members of the American Boy Scout's Association and requested that the scout master introduce the scouts here with us this evening.

The scout master introduced Boy Scout Troop 507, which is one of the oldest troops in town, and that they are sponsored by the local PFW.

The Scout leader announced that the scouts are working on their "citizenship in the community" merit badges.

Dr. Stuart stated that it's a pleasure to have them all here this evening.

Mayor Stewart asked about the "home" for Troop 507.

The Scout leader stated that they meet over at the Moose Lodge.

Dr. Stuart asked if there were any further questions from the audience and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSION: 7:20 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. Gardiner, Clerk of Council