

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Council President Stephen Stuart called the meeting to order at 8:03 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 the **Regular Session** of City Council held Tuesday, June 2, 2015 be accepted as submitted.

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

LEGISLATION

Ordinance No. 42-15

Item a)

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO 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. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stewart, Mr. Fishpaw.

City Engineer, Shane Kremser gave testimony about the annexation process which was one hundred percent (100%) approved by each property owner.

Mr. Fishpaw asked for clarification of the property that is involved in the annexation.

Mr. Kremser clarified the annexation boundaries.

Dr. Stuart commended Mayor Stewart and all who worked on this annexation as a positive step for the future of Ashland.

No additional comments.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and 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 Mrs. Tunnell that the 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.

Ordinance No. 43-15

Item b)

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR 911 DISPATCH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ASHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE FOR 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 gave testimony on expenditures for 911 Dispatch Services submitted by Ashland County Sheriff Office.

Mrs. Detrow asked for clarification on whether the city is still paying for one (1) additional person more than the half.

Mr. Paxton clarified this as affirmative.

No additional comments.

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 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 No. 44-15

Item c)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIMONSON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. FOR THE CLARK AVENUE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT 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: Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

City Engineer, Shane Kremser gave testimony about the contract with Simonson Construction to replace an existing box culvert that is under Clark Avenue.

Shane Kremser stated it has to be more than 75 years old.

Shane Kremser stated the pricing is under the threshold for bidding and he is looking at replacing this culvert this year.

No additional comments.

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

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

Ordinance No. 45-15

Item d)

AN ORDINANCE MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2015 APPROPRIATIONS; 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: Mrs. Tunnell, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow.

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

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

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

City Finance Director, Larry Paxton gave testimony about additional funding to complete resurfacing project as well as being directed by the State Auditor's Office to realign our appropriations.

Mr. Paxton stated the State Auditor's Office has asked us to fund Economic Development out of the General Fund instead out of a separate fund as we originally planned.

No additional comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Rescinding National Cash Advance Advertising Permit**

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to rescind the permit to National Cash Advance which means they cannot advertise door- to- door at all under the permit that was granted.

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

Abstaining: Mr. Valentine.

Carissa Fliit, National Cash Advance Representative, was present and apologized for what happened saying there was a "Blitz Campaign" using people to physically distribute the information.

Dr. Stuart explained that when permits are applied for, there are conditions required to fulfill the requirements of the permit and those conditions have not been met.

No additional comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance Adopting The Ashland County Mitigation Plan for Natural Disasters**

City Finance Director, Larry Paxton introduced Mr. Mark Rafeld, Ashland County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Director and Ms. Laura Cerrito, Contractor.

Mr. Rafeld stated this plan is required of the County every five (5) years in order to stay within Federal compliance.

Mr. Rafeld stated this plan covers the entire County during Natural Disasters.

Mr. Rafeld stated this plan is a renewal and rewrite of plan approved five (5) years ago.

Mr. Rafeld explained the Mitigation Plan and how it is used.

Mr. Rafeld stated without this plan we cannot apply for reimbursement of money spent during Natural Disasters.

Mr. Rafeld stated each Village and City within the County is required to pass this resolution in its entirety so we can move forward with the approval.

No additional comments.

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mr. Valentine that Council consider the Ashland County Mitigation Plan for Natural Disasters as an Ordinance at the 7-7-2015 meeting.

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

- **Advertising Permit - Ashland Downtown Dream Cruise and Car Show**

211 Claremont Ave (Ashland Downtown Dream Cruise and Car Show- Sandra Hedlund Tunnell)
Ashlandmainst 2011@gmail.com.

Moved by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Dr. Stuart to approve Advertising Permit - Ashland Downtown Dream Cruise and Car Show.

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

Abstaining: Mrs. Tunnell.

Mrs. Tunnel stated that the advertising will be distributed by Ashland City Police Chief Marcelli who is aware of Advertising Permit requirements.

No additional comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Fishpaw stated he has received several comments concerning the improvements to the Golf Course stating that the course is in better shape than it has been in years and things are going well.

Dr. Stuart stated this is a real tribute to the new Superintendent, Billy Christiansen.

Mr. Fishpaw stated there was a large drop-off -box at Mifflin Avenue and Claremont Avenue that will be removed by the request of the Dollar General within the next seven (7) days.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Stewart made a presentation to City Engineer, Shane Kremser for the Engineering Department and Building & Zoning Department receipt of a certification from the State of Ohio which allows the City to be a **“Certified Residential Building Department”**.

Mayor Stewart stated that this means if you are building a **“Residential Structure”** in town, the permits will now be issued within the city, essentially **“One Stop Shopping”**.

Mayor Stewart stated he attended an Appreciation Dinner for the Bi-Centennial Committees and those who have committed \$511, 000 to the Bi-Centennial celebration.

Mayor Stewart stated “what a tribute to the generosity of this community”.

Mayor Stewart stated that this generosity was shared with the United Way, our Schools and the Ashland County Foundation as a continuing endowment.

FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Paxton stated it is coming Tax Budget time and he requested a public hearing be set for the 7-7-2015 Council meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Stewart asked when a draft of the document will be available.

Mr. Paxton stated it is still being worked on and should be ready sometime next week.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Resident, Dan Devore stated his concerns about the condition of the buildings at the Pump House Ministry.

Mr. Devore asked for an Ordinance to condemn the buildings and have them torn down.

Mr. Devore commented about the concrete slabs on Claremont Avenue.

Mayor Stewart stated that the City has a commitment from the Owner to remove the concrete slabs at the proposed Rite Aid site within a week.

Mayor Stewart stated the city does not have the money to tear down the Pump House Ministry buildings.

Mayor Stewart explained the State will not grant money unless the City would assure them that at time of demolition there are a given number of new jobs available at that site.

Mr. Devore stated there is a house on Lee Avenue just off Cleveland Avenue that has very high grass.

Mr. Kremser stated he will take a look at that property.

ADJOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSSION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:33 p.m.

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to adjourn from Regular Session to Executive Session to discuss the potential sale of public property.

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REGULAR SESSION: 8:43 p.m.

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Valentine.

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

- **Potential Sale of Public Property**

Moved by Dr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell for the City to advertise for sale the Steiner Building located on Cleveland Avenue in a **sealed bid** sale with the **highest and best bidder** be awarded the property. The sale will be in **“as is condition”**. The City will consider within the sealed bid the possibility of the City to lease some of the rear of the property for storage of fire equipment.

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSION: 8:47 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Elizabeth E. Woodruff, Clerk of Council