

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Council- At- Large: Matt Miller	Present
Ward 1: Duane R. Fishpaw	Present
Ward 2: Robert M. Valentine	Present
Ward 3: Ruth G. Detrow: President	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, January 5, 2016 be accepted as submitted.

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

LEGISLATION

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 5-16

Item a)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEED TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND.

Moved by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw 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. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

Abstain: Mrs. Tunnell because it came out of an Ashland Main Street Initiative.

Law Director, Rick Wolfe, provided testimony.

Mr. Wolfe stated this is a procedural requirement to accept parcel.

Mr. Wolfe stated the Commissioners had given us the deed some time ago.

Mr. Wolfe stated they are taking care of this at this time.

Mr. Wolfe again stated this is a procedural requirement.

There were no additional comments.

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

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mr. Miller

Abstain: Mrs. Tunnell

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Valentine 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, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw.

Abstain: Mrs. Tunnell

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

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

Abstain: Mrs. Tunnell

Ordinance No.6-16

Item b.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF A “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATE FOR THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMRGENCY.

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, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

Finance Director, Larry Paxton, provided testimony.

Mr. Paxton stated at the beginning of the year expenditures come in before we can issue purchase orders.

Mr. Paxton stated this is why this is attached to this legislation.

There were no additional comments.

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

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw 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: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller

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

Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw

Resolution No. 2-16

Item a)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING FUNDS THROUGH THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND AND THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 164 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS 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: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine.

City Engineer, Shane Kremser, provided testimony.

Mr. Kremser stated every year we apply for issue 1 through the Ohio Public Works Commission for a qualifying improvement project.

Mr. Kremser stated back in 2014 we had applied for a traffic signal replacement for Baney and Claremont Avenue.

Mr. Kremser stated we were not funded that year.

Mr. Kremser stated this past year we applied for the traffic signal replacement at Claremont, King Road, and College Avenue.

Mr. Kremser stated last week the Ohio Public Works Commission called and said they have money available through grant funds.

Mr. Kremser stated they asked if we would be interested in doing both projects with the grant funds that they have available.

Mr. Kremser stated he got with the Mayor and Finance Director because it would be funded 80% through the Ohio Public Works Commission and we would only have the required 20% to match.

Mr. Kremser stated he was asking for Council's approval because we would be committing funds and we would get this grant money in July.

Mrs. Detrow asked if this was a replacement of these signals.

Mr. Kremser stated yes, a complete replacement.

Mrs. Detrow asked if it was because they weren't working well anymore.

Mr. Kremser stated they are old and typically their lifespan is 20 years.

Mr. Kremser stated the traffic detection is better now than it was back in the day when they were put in.

Mr. Kremser stated it would also help Safety Services and the Fire Department with facilitating intersections.

Mr. Kremser stated it also helps do new pedestrian crosswalks and signals with compound timers.

Mayor Stewart stated it would be very similar to the one at Morgan, Hillcrest and Center.

Mr. Kremser agreed with Mayor Stewart that it would be similar to Morgan, Hillcrest, and Center.

Mrs. Detrow stated we only pay 20% right.

Mr. Kremser stated correct and that the actual intersections get reengineered.

Mr. Miller stated he was glad they thought of us for this.

Mrs. Tunnell asked about the intersection at Claremont, College and King Road.

Mr. Kremser stated yes that intersection will be replaced as well.

Mr. Kremser stated there will also be signal replacements at Claremont and Baney Road.

There were no additional comments.

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

Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

Moved by Mrs. Detrow 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: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

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

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow. Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Miller

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Miller stated he shared at the last meeting that they had a brief conversation about the letter the City received from Senator Obhoff.

Mr. Miller stated he was asking if we had any possible projects that we could apply for through State Funding that would benefit our community both economically and culturally.

Mr. Miller stated Council had a brief conversation about it and it was suggested that we might inquire about offering financial support to making our Theatre ADA compliant.

Mr. Miller stated the Ashland Schine Theatre Organization is working on cleaning it out and one of the major expenses will be making it ADA compliant.

Mr. Miller stated he did speak with Scott Donley, the President of the Schine's Theatre Group, and he thought it was a wonderful idea.

Mr. Miller stated with our blessing he will submit that as a possible project.

Mr. Miller stated even though this is a great idea and fits in with the criteria, there will be committee's all over the State submitting projects.

Mr. Miller stated there is no guarantee we will get the funding but we will never know unless we try.

Mr. Miller stated he will submit our information.

Mrs. Tunnell stated she has received compliments from someone of the great work Jim has done in her Ward so she thanked Mr. Kremser for that.

Mr. Kremser stated he would pass that information on.

Mrs. Tunnell also stated Main Street has also applied for funding through the Capital Improvement Fund for a downtown project.

Mrs. Tunnell stated hopefully they send us money.

Mr. Miller asked if Mrs. Tunnell knew what that project was.

Mrs. Tunnell stated it was for a plan for Lot B.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Stewart stated he would like Mrs. Detrow's permission to initiate this evening a brief report on committees that are a part of this community.

Mayor Stewart stated there are eighteen different committees that comprise of this.

Mayor Stewart stated he has two openings that he is aware of now.

Mayor Stewart stated one is being on the Enterprise Zone but that has to be taken care of through the school.

Mayor Stewart stated Gina Deppert is no longer with the school so she needs to be replaced.

Mayor Stewart stated the other opening was filled today.

Mayor Stewart stated he feels it is appropriate the community know about these eighteen committees.

Mayor Stewart stated at our next meeting he has four of our Committee Directors coming to speak briefly on their division.

Mayor Stewart stated this will be a two minute presentation and that we can learn a lot in two minutes.

Mayor Stewart stated then the following meeting he will have four more Directors speak briefly on their committees.

Mayor Stewart stated he went to a Council Meeting in New London last week and they do this.

Mayor Stewart asked Mrs. Detrow if that was ok with her.

Mrs. Detrow stated yes it is fine with her.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mrs. Detrow introduced Tyler Townsend who is here tonight working on a Boy Scout badge and he has some questions.

Mr. Townsend asked if there is anything young people can do to help with the issues raised tonight.

Mrs. Tunnell stated do not jaywalk at the University.

Mrs. Tunnell stated there will a new light with new equipment and signals.

Mr. Miller stated one of the things Tyler mentioned to him was he would like to know if we had any ideas for a project that the Boy Scouts can do to earn their eagle badge.

Mayor Stewart stated he was just tapped on the shoulder by Mr. Anderson about a project to help out the Fire Department.

Mayor Stewart stated back in 1976 the Scouts used to paint all the fire hydrants red, white and blue.

Mayor Stewart stated we don't want them red, white and blue but some of them are pretty shabby.

Mayor Stewart stated the Fire Department would be elated if there was a group of Scouts that would take on this project.

Mayor Stewart stated to contact Fire Chief Anderson.

Mayor Stewart stated obviously this won't happen right now with the weather, but there are a lot of them that need to be coded and painted the right color.

Mayor Stewart stated this would be a very appropriate Scout project.

Mr. Townsend asked how he would get in contact with Chief Anderson.

Mayor Stewart stated he will give you a business card at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Denny Bittle stated he wanted to thank the City of Ashland for working with them on the parking lot in the downtown area.

Mr. Bittle stated they are trying to make downtown more vital and there is more to come as Mrs. Tunnell is aware of.

Mayor Stewart thanked President Bittle.

ADOURNMENT FROM REGULAR SESSSION: 7:20 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jody Toms, Clerk of Council

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