
Ashland City Council

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

January 17, 2006

Councilwoman Ruth Detrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She explained that Council President Glen Stewart and Mayor Strine were both absent, as they were out of state to attend the memorial service for Dyanna Irvine, wife of Economic Development Director Martin Irvine.

ROLL CALL

Ward 1:	Robert L. Valentine	Present
Ward 2:	Robert M. Valentine	Present
Ward 3:	Ruth Detrow	Present
Ward 4:	Paul Wertz	Present
At-large:	Glen Stewart	Absent

Note: *Throughout the minutes, Robert L. Valentine and Robert M. Valentine are designated as to their ward representation, W1 and W2.*

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Detrow to excuse Glen Stewart.
Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Valentine W1 that Ruth Detrow be elected Council President for the meeting.
Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

January 3, 2006 *Regular session*

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Valentine W1 to approve the minutes.
Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

LEGISLATION

Ord. 2-06

Item (a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION OF THE ARTHUR STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – SIMONSON EXCAVATION, INC. (NKA SIMONSON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.) CONTRACT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 57-05; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Valentine W1 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: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Comments:

Detrow asked City Engineer Jim Cooper for explanation of the legislation.

Cooper told Council that this is a final change order for the Arthur Street bridge project. There are a number of line items for projects, and as they go along sometimes these items come out a little less or a little more than budgeted. In this particular case, the City did some additional work along the house on the southwest corner, the house being of Civil War era. The wing wall of the Town Creek went out and didn't connect to the wooden ties that had been put there at the house along the stream.

Assistant City Engineer Kurt Brzyszc did the inspection of this, and Cooper agreed with him that the City should put more than just stone back there, because if high water from the stream came down getting behind there, it would possibly do damage to the bridge. But it would create havoc with the house and its foundation. The decision was to put concrete in there, laid it at an angle of repose, and then put stone into that as a way to help and keep from having a problem later.

There was also some additional asphalt work on the bridge itself. Cost information from Simonson was included with the ordinance, but basically this just cleans everything up. The job is complete.

Valentine W1 noted this was a \$10,000 addition, and Cooper affirmed that.

Moved by Detrow and seconded by Valentine W1 that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Detrow 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: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Moved by Valentine W1 and seconded by Wertz that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Motion carried.

Ord. 3-06

Item (b) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN LAND BELONGING TO THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO, TO BE SOLD THROUGH THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Valentine W1 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: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Comments:

Cooper told Council that this is vehicle by which the City will sell this land, utilizing the CIC to its advantage; the City will receive the money.

Law Director Rick Wolfe further explained that in 1999, the City entered into an agreement with the CIC for them to sell property in the industrial park area for the City. That enabling legislation just requires that the City identify periodically what land it wishes to sell; this legislation identifies a specific property to be sold.

The mechanism for selling the property through the CIC is a little more efficient than what the City could do itself, enabling the CIC to negotiate with the prospective buyers of the industrial park area. The process is authorized by statute, and the City implemented it in 1999 and has sold property this way several times since then. The City will execute the deed. The purchase agreement is attached to the legislation.

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Valentine W1 that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Detrow 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: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Moved by Detrow and seconded by Valentine W1 that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Motion carried.

Ord. 4-06

Item (c) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ASHLAND COUNTY FOR RECYCLING OF CERTAIN MATERIALS AT THE ASHLAND COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Wertz and seconded by 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: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Comments:

Wolfe explained that the City has had an agreement with the county for years to recycle materials through the recycling center; it is a year-to-year agreement, and this is a renewal of that authorization. The cost is \$2,400 per month as stated in the agreement.

Valentine W1 noted that the City is fortunate that many people do recycle and consequently keep things out of the landfill, and he stated that this is a good contract as well as good cooperation between the City and the county.

Wolfe added that from a cost standpoint, it is something that bears looking at, as the costs have changed over the last number of years. The overall program is essential to the City but needs to be reviewed, and in talking with the Mayor about this, they decided to continue the program for a year. In the meantime, if there is the need to review it, there will be time to do that.

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Valentine W1 that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Valentine W1 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: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Moved by Valentine W1 and seconded by Detrow that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Motion carried.

Ord. 5-06

Item (d) AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 933 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO, ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER UTILITY IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Third reading)*

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Valentine W1 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: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Comments:

Detrow stated that Council has discussed this for two separate meetings, and she asked if there is anything anyone wants to say before Council votes on this for the third and last time.

Valentine W1 noted his appreciation for Cooper explaining this program twice at the last two meetings; it is important that the public at large understands. Cooper added that he wanted to give notice to Kurtis Brzyszc, who has worked on this and will continue to work with storm water utility and the plan. He stated that Brzyszc has done a marvelous job with this and deserves credit.

Moved by Wertz and seconded by Detrow that the Ordinance be passed on the third reading.

Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Motion carried.

WARD REPORTS

Ward 1: Robert L. Valentine

(a) *Calls about King Road closing:*

Valentine reported a number of calls on the topic of closing King Road; also people have talked to him as he was out and around. He tries to discuss things with them as they talk.

(b) *Proposed housing development:*

Valentine also had a call about the proposed senior housing development at SR 511 that was discussed at the last meeting.

Ward 2: Robert M. Valentine

(a) *Calls about King Road closing:*

Valentine reported he had received a lot of calls and has talked to a lot of people, all about King Road. He has not had one positive call about closing King Road, but he stated also that he hasn't made up his mind yet either.

Ward 3: Ruth Detrow

(a) *Calls about King Road closing:*

Detrow also has had a lot of calls about closing King Road; she stated she encourages people to let her know how they feel. She honestly and truly has not made a decision yet, and she especially wants to know why people think it will be bad or why will it be good. She wants to know the reasons, not just opinion. The reasons should be based on something for a decision that is this serious and important.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

(a) *Request for building permit and sign permit:*

Lot number 29 S.A., 43 East Main Street; Petitioner, Barbara Tucker

Detrow opened the floor for discussion on this request. There were no representatives present to speak or answer questions.

Moved by Valentine W1 and seconded by Wertz that these permits be approved.

Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

(b) *Executive session cancelled:*

Detrow stated that an executive session had been planned for after the regular session. However, it is something that it is necessary to have the President of Council and the Mayor present for, so that executive session has been cancelled for now.

(c) *Reminder of work session:*

Detrow made mention of the work session scheduled for Thursday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. The topic to be considered is the proposed King Road closing. The location of the work session was discussed with reference to the capacity of Council chambers and how many people were expected to attend the discussion.

Fire Chief Mark Burgess stated that the occupancy restriction was approximately 70 to 80 people, and he will have the room measured and posted before the date of the meeting. Responsibility for enforcing the occupancy limit will be up to Council and the Mayor.

Council members decided that the situation will be discussed with Mayor Strine and Council President Glen Stewart when they return, and notification of the meeting site will be made.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Valentine W1 and seconded by Wertz to adjourn.

Ayes: Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Valentine W1

Council adjourned the regular session at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by
Elaine C. Hootman
Clerk of Council