
Ashland City Council

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL February 20, 2007

Council President Glen Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

February 6, 2007 *Regular session*

Moved by Detrow and seconded by Valentine W1 to approve the minutes as received.
Ayes: Paul Wertz W4, Glen Stewart, Valentine W1, Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow W3

In our agenda, we have included minutes from our Charter Review, however, we do not vote on those since we are not in attendance. We receive those minutes simply as a courtesy from the Charter Review Committee so we will not be voting on those. We are going to t o short on the minutes from the February 15, 2007 and will be handled next meeting.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE: We will accept comments or questions from the audience on items that are not on the agenda this evening and what I ask that you do, stand, give your name, your street address so that our Council Clerk can get that recorded and make their comments. Anyone like to start?

David Price, address 141 S. Countryside Drive, - We are here to address the issue of sidewalks. There was a Resolution to pass a year or two ago. An Ordinance was revised. We turned a petition in as you know signed by almost 100 residents from Countryside opposing the plan because we feel it is unnecessary, we feel it is not needed out there and the residents don't want it. In reference to a repair bill down here somewhere down here somewhere on a side street, that might be 2000.00, We are looking at 10, 20, 30, 40,000.00 dollars in expenses out there. People who have corner lots like Dr. Mayo's, Dr. Wolf, and many others, Dr. Shin, The Barnes family, I mean we are talking a tremendous amount of real estate and expense that could be 20-30-40,000.00 dollars for something the residents don't want and feels it not necessary. When I circulated this petition last fall, several of the senior residents out there,

one of whom are here tonight, Mrs. Strauss, mentioned that there was an agreement made with the City back before it was annexed that the sidewalks would not be required in Countryside and we dug and dug and couldn't find anything in writing out there. We did however come across the gentleman who was the Mayor, Paul L. Chorpening between 1954 and 1957 and he is with us tonight he was also Judge. He told me that while the City Council and the Mayor's office did not publish a finding, (the meeting was informal and took place at the Country Club) forever and ever agreed with Countryside that we would not have sidewalks. They were given assurances at that point, that sidewalks would not be required, they are not necessary out there, not needed. Residents felt the same way we do now that they didn't want them. About 80 years ago without sidewalks, it has been functioning well throughout the development, it is almost fully developed now, but there is still a lot of water too, but there has been no need for them up to this point and once City Council passes the Resolution requiring us to have sidewalks, that wasn't like I said, not a small bill. It is going to be a tremendous amount of money for something the residents don't want and obviously don't need. There hasn't been an issue out there where somebody has been hit by a car, no problems, in fact the residents walk the streets, wave to the neighbors as they drive by us and there are no problems and I want to ask Mr. Chorpening if he would stand up and tells us what happened at the meeting that took place back in the 1950's. It was at the Country Club because there was, the City Council Chambers were so small at that time they could not accommodate the large group of people. So it was at the Country Club and attended by City Council Members, He is the Mayor and several residents from the Countryside Division, so I would like him to stand and tell us anything that I have left out on answering your questions about that meeting.

Paul L. Chorpening, 507 Jay Street – When he says to stand, he does not realize how much effort it takes to stand. This, if you have a couple of minutes, this is a wonderful time, last week I was up at the courthouse and in that beautiful courtroom, and I was in there for awhile. I worked with tremendous people and it was in here I worked with tremendous people so It was quite an honor to be in both of these places the last time. I hope all of these coming together is not signaling something. But in any event go back 50 years, 1955, 1956, 1957 in there sometime, brought Countryside in then in a year or two they brought in the fairgrounds. Through all the time I was in as Mayor and through the years, sidewalks have been a problem for probably every Council and Mayor and I think that the problem and even myself and the constable when I was back there, it was more a perception that what we thought was needed then what the people thought was needed. I think that if you explored the history of this community that you won't see many demands from the people on many of the streets for sidewalks. What you see, back when I was a young boy, I have been on all of these streets, Sandusky, Claremont, Ohio Street, King Road, Smith Road down to the Football field at Myers, all the streets practically I've walked them. And the infrastructure down around town you get complaints, it is more from Walnut and Washington, and Liberty and Grant, Park, Chestnut and then over on the other side of town, it's the repair and maintenance. That meeting back then, there was no specific promise that they would never add sidewalks. No one could ever promise that. You don't know what's going to happen in 25-50 years. They may not even have a Countryside, it may, the times can change so fast, quickly, what they envision could be from the balance of the light may or may not be. We had that meeting down at the Country Club, that was an informational meeting, it was not a regular Council Meet-

ing. We didn't have Council meetings all over town, we had them at the old City Building above the Fire Station but it was an information meeting. Those people out there wanted to know what to expect if they came into the city. They had problems and we had problems just as you are having problems you do not like to get more tax revenue. We as a City have problems. We wanted more tax revenue and they wanted to know what they would get for that. Well they did not want sidewalks, that was pretty plain right to begin with and did not want utility poles. And at that meeting on the sidewalk issue, they were told, in affect, not verbatim, but in essence, they were told that they would not need sidewalks unless it became necessary. Unless at that time, Council looking it over and we talked to the Police Department about the traffic situation and so forth and unless there was some thru street to bring traffic from the West or Southwest over through Countryside to increase the flow of traffic, it didn't seem that it was necessary and at one time while I was in there, there was a street proposed, not for there, but for the Children's Home property to Center Street. The traffic situation at that time was very, very small and in reality it is small today. In the 1990's, I had one of your traffic people in the Police Dept. because of requesting a sign for a particular person about cutting down the speed at the Countryside up there. The traffic study, to slow the traffic down so the people turning in there, they did not want to get hit. The study showed that there was not that much traffic to be concerned about. My position here is, I don't represent these people, I live on Jay Street, I don't live at Countryside and never did. But I have been very familiar with that area for over 50 years and in reality there is no necessity for sidewalks out there. If you ask the Police or Fire Dept. that it is not needed, I was more concerned about the lighting out there because they had a lot of break-ins all the studies that have been made with reference to break-ins the more street lighting you have the less crime you have. When I was in there I could only promise while I was in there that there would be no street lighting unless they had underground cable for electric and the Ornamental poles. One of the things I want to address here is this maintenance of the sidewalks, the people, the founders that originated the State Law on sidewalks and streets were pretty wise, they did not mandate that the different City Councils and the Cities put in sidewalks or put in streets, they gave them authority to and that authority was to be used when it was necessary to pave a street or cement to have a sidewalk and that law provided in their wisdom, they did not state that every place had to have a sidewalk. They said it might be that in certain areas you only need one sidewalk, put it on one side and you could assess both sides of the street. I have been through all of that many years ago and I do not think one thing has changed; people have walked out there, not just because it is Countryside, you go to East Commons, they don't have any. I lived up on Olde Post Road, I walked that street clear up to the corn fields and they put some sidewalks down in the courts and actually in one area it was really awful, a sidewalk here and a guy has to jump up to get up on the next level. Sidewalks are very important if they are necessary and I go back to when walking on some board sidewalks downtown here and I just think on the maintenance, you spend a lot of money on the streets and the street is put in by a developer or it is assessed and if it is assessed it is same requirements as far as the construction and when that street is worn out, or it needs repair you use your Tax Gas fund from the State and that does it. I was Mayor when almost all of these streets in town were blacktopped for the first time. They were brick before that. South Street just was nothing and College Avenue and all of those were blacktopped and you have doing it ever since and you don't assess or charge those people anything. These sidewalks are within the right of way and these ones down here on the streets that I mentioned that

really need repair and those people, many, many of them cannot afford it. You don't charge for redoing the streets or maintaining the streets and these sidewalks are within the right-of-way and it is a part of travel. It is the same thing and they should be maintained free of charge for repairs. It is the City's trees that up-root the sidewalks. So I am asking Council to re-think this thing because these people don't compare because they might have a couple of bucks, maybe they don't have as much as they have on the other streets, they may be in hock, you don't know. But I had another fella today that is in another area and the architecture is beautiful, I didn't mention sidewalks, he looked at me and said you know I have been ordered sidewalks. Why do I need sidewalks? No one out there to walk, they don't drive there and park. Sidewalks should be put in when they are necessary and my advice to Council would be that you wait till the people ask for those sidewalks and put them in when they sign a partition to have them put in but the repair of them is your legal obligation and you should be repairing them. It is easier out here than it is back there, I remember that. I am not complaining, you are doing a good job and it is a hard and difficult job but please everyone, I implore you, not to make them mad of the city and say that we want the sidewalks in if they are not necessary. There are legal limitations. I don't have a license anymore and don't take this as gospel, but if someone came to me from a litigation standpoint on being ordered to put sidewalks in where in reality you couldn't support it, I would say that the ordering of it would be set aside. That is my answer. I thank you for listening to me. I wish you all well, cause this was a great part of my life down here. I enjoyed my relationship with the city because it is a wonderful one. Thank you.

Glen Stewart – Thank you for sharing your wisdom and your thoughts with us this evening.

Ross Gill, N. Countryside Drive, Ashland Ohio – I would just like to echo what Judge Chorpening said and I really don't understand the need for sidewalks, it is not a thorough fare, it is next to no traffic, streets are very wide; and speaking personally, I don't want the expense of the sidewalk in my front lawn, I do not want it to detract from the beauty of my front lawn and it would not be only the cost of putting in the sidewalk but additional cost for removing whatever might be in the way of the sidewalk, like trees, lampposts, mailbox. It is really an expensive proposition for a lot of people and I just don't see the need for it whatsoever, but I would like the water delivery to the homes out there a little bit more consistent. It is always being dug up out there, we have brown water.

Robert Studeny, 271 S. Countryside Drive – As I look around, I came from a city that had sidewalks and it was very nice and it was well planned, but the type of sidewalk situation we have here in Ashland, the ones that where we need sidewalks is where we have all of the soft Maples Trees, planted between the road and the sidewalks and the sidewalks we have in so many places are more dangerous than not having any sidewalk at all. And if the Council has money to spend for sidewalks, lets repair the ones we have and not spend a lot of money or spend the tax payers money on situations and things that we don't need in Ashland. There are plenty of sidewalks around here that could use tax payers money to be repaired.

Ruth Strauss, 412 Woodhill Drive - I have lived here 50 years, and I have no more traffic walking or driving, maybe every once in a while in the morning I will see 3 de-

livery trucks in front of somebody's house doing repair work but that is about all. When our children were small, our children played out there, no accidents with youngsters on the streets. I cannot imagine spending money for something that doesn't make any sense.

Chris Jacobsen, 148 S. Countryside Drive – I would just like to say, I don't think we are asking for favoritism, I think there are other areas of the community that have the same situation that we do. There are areas where there are creeks and people would require bridges, the dollars start adding up so you are actually imposing not only a pretty significant upfront cost but I am sure the county auditor is going to trail behind deem the project in improvement and raise our property taxes on a continuing basis so I just ask that you revisit the issue and amount of dollars we are talking about because it is significant, at least place the issue before the voters and otherwise I guess the only other course we would have would be to have to try and create a petition to repeal the ordinance or vote Council members according to the particular issue. I ask that you revisit.

Terry Baker, 407 South Countryside Drive – I was actually born there and I reside there now. I am trying to figure in my heart of hearts what is the reason, and someone to make it clear to me, what exactly is the point, to what benefit to the community other than maybe tax revenue, what benefit is it to us?

Joyce Pagano, 429 North Woodhill – I am relatively new to the area, not quite 2 years. I love it here because Ashland is unique and charming and I just can't even imagine what sidewalks would look like. What bothers me is my property I think would be about impossible by any stretch of the imagination to even put a sidewalk in because there are woods and a steep hill. It would take thousand of dollars to even level it for the sidewalk so I felt probably down the line if it came it wouldn't effect me personally because I don't know how it would be possible but really driving in today from an appointment, it is just so lovely. Why would you want to do that? I want it the way it is. I walk a lot at night, I work the night shift at Samaritan Hospital. I never had any problem walking at night.

John R. O'Lear, 266 N. Countryside – I am new to the area, we moved here less than 1 year ago. I don't see a need for a sidewalk. It is not a through street and the issue regarding water delivery, I am very familiar with. In December, there were 3 water main breaks right in front of my house. From a practical point of view, if a sidewalk is installed, it will have to be dug up.

Paul Chorpening - I wanted to suggest you are possibly looking into issuing either general obligation bonds based on that 3 to 400,000.00 whatever it takes to repair the sidewalks. This is not new sidewalks, just to repair sidewalks around the city on a regular basis. General obligation bonds, formerly Renewable Notes for maybe 5 years and secure that amount of money and pay it back out of the auto and tax fund of the general fund towards the notes or bonds and pay them off.

Jerry Gerwig, 228 N. Countryside Drive- Basically everything that everybody said is my comment, but one other thing I wanted to mention was in the last week I probably talked to 10-13 people in the community and told them about the situation and I think a lot of people in the community would know that this exists. Not just from our

area but from other areas. What I thought for the amount of money a lot of these people are going to have to spend, we vote on school issues. This should be a ballot issue for a lot of those people as well.

Glen Stewart – When this issue came up, it took us several months to bring the issue to a vote on this Council and it is not like it was hidden from anyone and as a matter of fact, there are rather old ordinances that were updated. The ordinances, some of them have been in place for several years. This is a not a hearing this evening, it is an opportunity for all of you to make comments and make us aware of your thoughts. This Council is a body, can make a determination where we feel we need to go from here. I will not promise you that there will be a change and I will not promise you that there will not be a change. We have offered the opportunity and we have heard from the majority if you are here this evening and it will be, all of your comments will become a permanent record of our Council meeting this evening. We record it and at the same time Valarie Bishoff takes the notes to supplement the recording so all has been heard and will be recorded and Council will work with it from this point.

Richard Wolfe – no comments.

Evan MacDonald, 231 S. Countryside Drive –I have lived here for 5 years and if you will check the sewer department's records; every 2 years in your right-of- way from my home, a very large sinkhole develops somewhere over the poorly maintained sewer system. Sinkholes that are several yards wide and in one occasion swallowed a child. When you put your sidewalk over that decaying sewer line, how often are you going to have to come out and lay new concrete and who is going to pay for that. If you want to put down a nice looking sidewalk because you were just adding to the beauty of the neighborhood, but I think it is rather foolish to cover something up that you are going to have to dig up every couple of years because you did not take care of what is down in the ground first.

David Price - It seems, that I have known you for many months to come to this vote and a lot of deliberation brought into it and a lot of thought before you come with a 10 year plan and I understand the issue of people down on Walnut street having a problem and why is Countryside getting away from it. I know it took you many months to deliberate this and I thank the public view but I don't believe you would spend City money on something people did not want and that was not necessary, like you are making us spend money except we don't want and it is not necessary. I trust you would not be that loose with the purse strings, but what you voted in is costing us a tremendous amount of money. Some more than others. I wish you would revisit it and go back and change what you have addressed there at Countryside. Thank you.

Kyle Jacobsen, 148 S. Countryside Drive - I want to thank my neighbors, I work for the city schools and I know at levy time, a lot of signs go up in my neighborhood and we get a lot of support from our neighbor groups according to our levy's and as it was pointed out, that is miniscule compared to what we are talking about in your cost of sidewalks and repairs of the sinkholes which I am quite familiar with. I do walk those streets every morning, you don't see me because it is at 5:00 am and I am out there everyday just so you know. Another concern, we try to clean our walks for the postal carriers to get to our doors and if I am not mistaken I thought there were rules about keeping your sidewalks clean when there is weather like we had the last couple of

weeks and I just think it is not necessary and we have so many seniors in our development and I don't think the burden is necessary and my teenagers are not going to be out there doing everybody's sidewalk because our corner lot would be a big enough burden.

Glen Stewart – Thank you for your comments. There will be no decisions made on this, as it is not an agenda item this evening, it falls under the comments. We have received your comments and we received a hand written document that shares with us the kind of the recollection of the meeting with the Mayor and Council at the Country Club so that you are fully aware we also have copies of the petition that was presented and I do have the letter that was sent to me by Mr. Price and I responded to Mr. Price and I asked if there were any documents that you could present that would support the agreement to date I don't think there is anything in writing. We went through the document process up here, we did not find anything here. I just wanted to clarify that. We have been in communication, you have communicated with us and we with you and you shared again with us this evening and we appreciate that.

Robert Valentine 1- They have communicated with me because I represent Ward 1 and I had probably 2 or 3 calls and we have gone back and forth and they have advised me they were coming down here and are going to petition.

LEGISLATION

Ord. 12-07

Item (a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 1386, AFL-CIO; 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 W1, Valentine W2, Detrow, Wertz, Stewart.

Comments:

We have had this legislation and this contract in our hands for sometime. It is also basically a contract that we had shared with us some weeks back. Are there any questions ?

Motion to pass on the first reading by Valentine 1, seconded by Valentine 2 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: Detrow, Wertz, Stewart, Valentine 1, Valentine 2

Move to suspend the rules 3 separate meetings, 3 separate nights Wertz, 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 1, Valentine 2, Detrow 3, Wertz 4, Stewart

Move that the Ordinance be passed Stewart, seconded by Valentine 1

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 2, Detrow 3, Wertz, Stewart, Valentine 1

We are rotating through the names.

Ord. 13-07

Item (b)AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION PLAT OF SCOTT STREET IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; CONFIRMING THE DEDICATION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY SHOWN THERON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Move to non-reading in full by Wertz, seconded by Valentine 1.

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 1, Valentine 2, Detrow 3, Wertz, Stewart

Jim Cooper, City Engineer – This is a little bit different than normal where we have a dedication plat in that we already own the land. The reason we are doing this is because we are also accepting the utilities, the water, the storms and the sanitary sewer, and the curb and building in the street itself which was constructed by the contractor and the subdivision developer so that is the reason it is here.

Glen Stewart – All is in compliance with all construction codes etc. and the final pavement is on.

Any other questions for Mr. Cooper?

Motion to pass Ordinance by Detrow, seconded by Stewart.

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 2, Detrow 3, Wertz 4, Stewart, Valentine 1.

Move to suspend the rules 3 separate meetings, 3 separate nights by Wertz, seconded by Valentine 1.

Ayes: Detrow, Wertz, Stewart, Valentine 1, Valentine 2

Motion for Ordinance to be passed by Wertz, 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 1, Valentine 2, Detrow, Wertz, Stewart

That concludes the Legislative portion this evening.

WARD REPORTS

Ward 2: Bob Valentine

(a) *Appreciation:*

Jerry Mack, Street Dept, took care of a call: Alley.

Ward 1: Bob Valentine

(b) *Sidewalks:*

Eastbrook; it dealt with waivers and my understanding is that there is possibility to ask for another waiver. I think the deadline is March 2. Waiver has been requested. Original waiver in 2003. There are two houses by The Muffler House.

Ward 3: Ruth Detrow

(c) *Fence on Property Line*

Last Council meeting, the house where they are having a problem on Arthur Street, I have gotten an E-mail from her also, Jim Cooper also got an E-mail and Roger Gordon has written a letter today, same issues apply, a private property issue. It is a difficult situation.

The Law Director, Richard P. Wolfe II, need to defer to him for the legal aspects of this. We responded to her long ago and nothing has changed, both of the issues she raises are between private property owners and it does not involve the city. There is nothing as I understand it improper about the location of the fence, and so it is really not an issue for us at this time (Richard P. Wolfe, Law Director).

Ruth Detrow: at the last meeting, it had to do with the fact that the gentleman has added to his garage and did you every find a permit for it?

Jim Cooper – he does not have a permit to my knowledge but he is within the requirements of Code. We can send him a note.

Ward 3: Ruth Detrow

(d) *The Ethanol plant.:*

Public are educating us on Ethanol and receiving all sorts of copies of articles and all sorts of interesting things about it and I appreciate it, I am not complaining. Anyone who wants to add to that is more than welcome.

Ward 4: Paul Wertz

(e) *Appreciation*

Just want to Thank the Street Dept. for taking care of some smoke problems in my area.

Council At Large: Glen Stewart
(f) Appreciation

From my view point the Street Dept did a good job keeping roads cleaned from all the snow. You served the community well.

Ruth Detrow: I had a lot of praise regarding the Street Dept also, no complaints at all.

Robert Valentine 1- When you get into situations like with the snow that we had, what is our role in enforcing it? Ordinance is within 12 hours after the cessation of the storm for sidewalks to be cleaned off. Few complaints.

OLD BUSINESS: Ethanol.

Glen Stewart -Ethanol is taking an inordinate amount of time because there is a lot of interest and I share with you most of it is positive with questions, how are we going to be handle water if we get this facility and there is an ongoing attempt to try to get in to an operating Ethanol plant and the reason for that is I don't personally need to understand how a plant operates, I would like to be familiar with it and I am extremely interested in the periphery of that plant and the neighbors that join as well as the community leaders whether they be township leaders, county commissioners or city council and I have to share with you to date as late as this afternoon, no one was ready to receive visitors with open arms into their operating plant. I am going to some other avenues to try and get some rather large organizations, Ohio Corn Growers Association, they have a tremendous interest and they do belong to a national corn growers association. Unfortunately those people are all at an Ethanol seminar in Arizona and believe it or not, the 3 calls that I made today one of them was returned by a cell phone from Arizona and a plant manager, a board member is away. One of our goals is to be able to go to a plant not to learn how to make Ethanol but feel it, touch it and look at it and ask questions. So there is a great amount of interest and I too have a stack of information. I have had numerous phone calls and welcome any information that I can gather because we need to make an intelligent decision for our community if that opportunity presents itself.

Any other comments or questions?

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Budget Update with Anna Tomasek and Mayor William Strine in 2 weeks.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: *Not present.*

MOVING RIGHT INTO WORK SESSION:

1)Brief update Mr. Cooper on the Water Development:

Jim Cooper – We talked to our consultants Burgess and Niple and in about 3 weeks we will have a final report and the feasibility for the Reservoir on the Riley property.

Basically so far things look favorable and they feel we can probably get 2 Reservoirs there, possibly ½ billion gallons or more. From the discussion I had they sounded very positive. There is a lot of sand and gravel and they think there are possibilities there as far as being able to get that Reservoir dug at no expense to the City.

There are short- term opportunities for water. There are 2 or 3 locations at least that we feel we can get some wells in and get ½ million to 1 million gallons in a rather short period of time. With drilling and everything about 2 year time frame. We are going to do some more testing and some other possibilities.

2)Housing Code/Maintenance-

The Blue Book, the 1, 2 and 3 residential units in previous Work Sessions. Also a possibility we could go to an International Code and it is about 20 pages. We could get more copies, and there is a charge. Roger Gordon could order those. On the Web is a copy of the complaint form Building and Zoning has and quite a few of those have been received by Building and Zoning and when appropriate Building and Zoning will be working with the Fire Dept. and the Health Dept. to help take care of some of the problems as soon as the weather gets better and the grass gets going and other things occur we will have more need for this. We do have an additional man working for Building and Zoning, Kevin Bentz. We can also have complaint forms in the Council Office and the Mayor's office downstairs with Julia and other areas. But we do have that on the Web.

Ruth Detrow- Did you say International Code?

Jim Cooper – Yes there is an International Code and I was talking to Roger today about it that he thinks if you do want away from the Blue Book it might have many areas of the country in it.

Glen Stewart – Building Maintenance Code was given to me. Valarie can make copies for Council. It is just to look at. I am not sure how it compares to other codes you are speaking of but it may add something to it.

Any more questions for Mr. Cooper?

Budget Update:

The Mayor shared with all of the Department Heads that Council may approach you with some questions about specific updates. Council in general is not, I would like to think we could handle this in the next couple of weeks so that we don't run into a crunch time, maybe we could have the proposed appropriation request on the 1st Tuesday in March and is certainly no necessary but it would be good if we could get it behind us and I question the department heads. I don't know if any of you have contacted any of the department heads, but the cover letter I put with Anna's book and the Mayor is okay with that. Then I personally have some questions that I would like to speak with Anna and The Mayor together on the budget overall and I will do that when the Mayor gets back. Are all of you okay with the people to contact?

Anna Tomasek, Finance Director – I am available anytime for Council in answering any of your questions.

Glen Stewart - Any general questions regarding the Budget?

Do you think it is possible to get it ready in the next couple of weeks?

Any other questions for Council this evening?

Motion to Adjourn Glen Stewart, moved by Valentine 1, seconded by Valentine 2
Ayes: Valentine 2, Ruth Detrow 3, Paul Wertz 4, Glen Stewart, Valentine 1

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

Council adjourned the regular session at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by
Valarie Bishoff
Clerk of Council

ATTEST: _____ Clerk of Council
Valarie F. Bishoff

APPROVED: _____ President Of Council
Glen P. Stewart