

lars, round trip, you can go over there and I would assume you could leave on the first one and you could stay; the earliest one leaves at 10:00 am and you could probably stay and come back on the one at 6:30 pm if you had that much energy and ambition and it is a really good thing for people who don't have transportation.

Paul Wertz: It leaves at 10:00 am, 12:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

Mayor Stewart: Leave from where?

Ruth Detrow: From Ashland.

Ellie Grubb: From the building here. If you cannot get here, he will pick you up.

Mayor Stewart: Would the last one be limited to if they take two full loads over and they all want to stay?

Ruth Detrow: I am sure that Ellie and all of the transportation people can solve it right away. It is a wonderful extra service that they provide for the people of Ashland. I also did not know exactly where the boundaries are for in-city service and out-of-city service and the boundaries are: a 3.5 perimeter around the city. I even have a list which I will not bother you with in its entirety but I have a list of the; some examples. For example, on 511, County Road 1600 is 3.5 miles out. On 250 north near BCU Electric Company. If you are familiar with those roads, that is quite a ways out, and you can still have service as if it were in the city. So I thought that was interesting and I am delighted with the way things are going with our Transit service. I am happy that I am the Council member that is appointed to do that. To take care of going to their meetings.

Ellie Grubb: Ruth, I would like to just mention that they are doing that in Mansfield one day but for the city of Ashland, they do that also the next day and it is free. They go to several different stores.

Ruth Detrow: Okay, the Shopper Shuttle? And that is free on the 5th of December. We have a Shopper Shuttle that runs every Saturday and if you look around town you can see the signs that are for the bus transit among other places; it goes to AU and it is a good place to go because there are students there who don't have transportation and I know it makes a run out to all of the stores; Walmart and that little mall out there. And I know it goes out Claremont. I do not know their route exactly. But anyhow, there is a charge usually, but it is free on the 5th.

Robert L. Valentine W1: Ruth, can I ask a question? You are talking about City Services, that is north and south. What about east and west?

Ruth Detrow: Oh, you mean how far is 3.5?

Robert L. Valentine W1: Yes. I identified it by that when you said it.

Ruth Detrow: East, it goes as far as the old Fin, Feather and Fur. So if you want to go shopping at the new one, that is within that. West, it goes; on 1356, which is west Main; it goes out as far as that Amish school house near 1353. So it is a long way. You can hike from there and play golf.

Robert L. Valentine W1: Well you are not too far from the par 3 there.

Ward 4/President
(a) No report.

Paul Wertz

OLD BUSINESS:

(a) 67.5374 acres golf course land.

Paul Wertz: There is golf course land to discuss.

Mayor Stewart: As I recall that is in Council's hands to determine what direction they would like to dispose of that land and when.

Stephen Stuart: Let me make a proposal to kick off the discussion, if that is all right. We have kind of a situation on the land with the Fairview Drive properties that abuts the acreage we are considering selling and they have been allowed a kind of a shelter zone, a strip there in back of those properties that has been formed as a buffer for their properties. I believe we ought to offer those property owners the first opportunity to buy that buffer strip and that, just to run a figure, that a fair price might be \$800.00 dollars per parcel. The way I came about the \$800.00 dollars is roughly 2.15 acres and I figured that a low price for lots, if you think about it, would be \$5,000.00 dollars an acre and divide that by the 16 properties, it comes out to \$797.00 dollars. So I rounded it up to \$800.00 dollars. We ought to make that offer as 'all or nothing'. In other words, the property owners get together and decide and if they all agree, then we would sell it on that basis. And there ought to be enough lead-time for that to be done before the bulk of the acreage is put up for auction. And I suggest an auction. In other words, depending upon the action of the property owners along Fairview Drive, that acreage, the buffer area would be excluded or it would be included in the total. So there needs to be a reasonable time for that to transpire and I suggest we, while it is very important to the long-term sustainability to the golf course to sell that property and have the proceeds from that property be reserved exclusively for the golf course; I don't think we need to give it away. We are aware of what the appraisals have been, you know that were submitted to us; I suggest we put it up for auction and we establish a minimum reserve of \$4,000.00 dollars an acre.

Robert L. Valentine W1: I am glad you had said, either everyone, or no one. I think that was a good point. You had mentioned that before. The next question, I probably have to, is; I would assume we will have to take the initiative to contact these people. That would be our responsibility and what did you say, that land was what? How many acres?

Robert M. Valentine W2: 2.1436 acres.

Robert L. Valentine W1: So does that take off of the 67? Yes. I see, 65. All right. So the point is, that could drag on if we don't watch it.

Mayor Stewart: It wouldn't have to Bob if you make the offer with a deadline.

Robert L. Valentine W1: That is fine. I wanted to make sure that we did have a deadline.

Stephen Stuart: I would think an auction in March would be a reasonable target date.

Robert L. Valentine W1: Yes. I was thinking spring too. You want to put it up for auction, what is the rationale as compared to not putting up for auction, just putting a price on it?

Robert M. Valentine W2: Yes, because when you get to people who want it, the price might go up. And you are going to set a \$4,000.00 dollar reserve so, either you are going to sell it for the reserve price or you are not going to sell it.

Ruth Detrow: Actually the history of auctioned properties, right now, is quite good and that is one reason why I agreed that an auction would be at least a good first step; and we might just be surprised at how well it goes.

Robert L. Valentine W1: Well, I don't disagree. I just didn't know that much about it and of course you have some background with it. We had some other people look at it too but I doubt if we asked that question when we did that, 'about what is the best way to do it'; but like you said if that is good; I don't disagree, I just wanted to make sure, if there is another alternative, would it be better to go that way or to go the way you suggested.

Paul Wertz: Shane Kremser, City Engineer, do you see any problems with anything we have discussed about the property?

Shane Kremser: Well, if that were to be developed as a residential subdivision, having one means of ingress and egress, deflates the value of it, there is no doubt about that. If I were a developer, I would ideally be looking to get an additional means of ingress and egress off of Baney Road. I think if we had that; we might get more for the property. But I know there is history with that. I figured you could get about 100+ homes back there.

Robert L. Valentine W1: Well Steve, I think your suggestion is a good suggestion.

Stephen Stuart: Rick from a standpoint of what is allowable as far as disposal of public property. Is what I have suggested; is that within parameters of what would be legal?

Richard P. Wolfe II: Yes, I don't see any problem with it. The legislation that you pass that would authorize the sale would make a declaration that it is no longer needed for a public purpose which is what we do anytime we sell property or auction property off. I think what Mr. Kremser was suggesting, is that we may want to consider or at least what I heard, is perhaps explore whether or not we could obtain the other means of ingress and egress in order to make that property more saleable. The one thing, that knowing the previous situation, there was a lot that was considered at one time; but has that been built on now?

Paul Wertz: Yes, it has been.

Richard P. Wolfe II: So, I don't know what is available there as far as a second access off of Baney Road. But in the meantime, at least we could look and see what properties are there and then bring back information to Council as to whether that is something; whether we want to put up more money in order to perhaps make more money because, right now there is only one means of ingress and egress.

Stephen Stuart: The first step, having at our second meeting in December an Ordinance to make that offer of that buffer area to the existing property owners as a first step.

Robert L. Valentine W1: Do you need a motion on that?

Mayor Stewart: Excuse me Bob. In that offer letter, are we, the city going to do the survey work and the lot descriptions and all of that so that it would be prepared for a deed?

Richard P. Wolfe II: I think you justify adding that cost into the price. The only logical thing to be for us to prepare those descriptions and then add that cost into the price. Pro-rate it over all the properties in there. Perhaps before you have legislation, in transition, may contact with all of the neighbors on that street to see if that is viable and then if it is, then you could have legislation to approve it. Or you could go the other way around, whichever you prefer.

Ruth Detrow: There is no sense going to the expense of having this all surveyed and so on until needed.

Richard P. Wolfe II: All right; we can have that ready for the next council meeting.

Mayor Stewart: So next council meeting will be strictly a consideration to offer the buffer zone to the individual property owners at a specified price plus surveying and deed work-up.

Stephen Stuart: Really, in the interim, we ought to proceed to have, if you can, to explore what other possibilities for egress there might be for that acreage.

Mayor Stewart: I would like to discuss that with the designated Council members or two offline. I would like to discuss those options. I have some thoughts on that I would like to share with a couple of you offline.

Questions or discussion?

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

(a) Yes, I have some comments that I would like to make. I would like to call your attention to the gentleman that is going to join me here; former Mayor Strine, would you step forward please?

Bill, it has been a pleasure to work with you over the past six or so months and your offer to come back, some months prior to that; I thought, well, you made the offer, I am going you on that and you still said yes. I appreciate that. This is an accommodation to William Strine:

Whereas, the city of Ashland, wishes to recognize individuals who has served the community and contributed to improving quality of life, and

Whereas, William E. Strine has demonstrated true leadership responsibility when he returned to the Division of Finance as acting Finance Director, and

Whereas, William E. Strine was able to guide the city through a difficult time working with auditors, asking for extensions, meeting deadlines and working to reunite the torn department.

Now therefore, I, Glen P. Stewart, Mayor do hereby thank you on behalf of the members of City Council, city employees and the residents of this community for your dedication to Ashland and for returning to service and when you were asked and when it was needed most.

Glen Stewart

William E. Strine: Thank you very much. I appreciate this honor and it has really been a joy to work with all of you and a special note should be made of one individual who made it through a mess that I created and that would be Lee Yarman. She stuck through some really tough times and did a tremendous job for the city and so not only Lee but also everybody in that office was very dedicated workers and I just wanted you all to know that. We are very fortunate. Thank you.

Mayor Stewart: Before you come to adjournment, I would like for you to come back and allow me to request adjourning to an Executive Session.

Robert L. Valentine W1: I would like to request the same thing, an Executive Session. First, though, my suggestion would be for just the Council to meet at first. That is my suggestion to the rest of Council.

Mayor Stewart: It is your call.

Richard P. Wolfe II: I do not have any problem with it.

Paul Wertz: State your reason for the Executive Session.

Robert L. Valentine W1: Personnel. [To consider compensation of a public employee.](#)

Ruth Detrow: And it will be a very short session.

Robert L. Valentine W1: Then we will continue on.

Comments or Questions from the Audience: (items that are not on the Agenda).

None.

Mayor Stewart: I would like to request that Council adjourn to Executive Session, including our Law Director and our Director of Human Resources and myself **to discuss compensation of public employees, current and potential.**

No formal action will be taken in Executive Session.

Motion to move to Executive Session by Paul Wertz, moved by Robert M. Valentine W2, seconded by Robert L. Valentine W1.

Ayes: Robert L. Valentine, Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Stephen Stuart.

Motion to return to Regular Session by Robert L. Valentine, seconded by Ruth Detrow.

Ayes: Robert L. Valentine, Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Stephen Stuart.

Motion to Adjourn Regular Session by Robert M. Valentine W2, seconded by Robert L. Valentine W1.

Ayes: Robert L. Valentine, Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Stephen Stuart

Adjournment at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by
Valarie F. Bishoff
Clerk of Council