

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
Ashland City, Tennessee  
June 13, 2006

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on June 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Tommy Nicholson, Dwayne Noe, Rick Johnson, Carol Macha, and Chris LaCrosse.

Others present: Chris Cherry, Michael Armstrong, Lisa Cantrell, Chuck Walker, Marie Pickett, Anita Justice, Marc Coulon, Curtis Bennett, Cory Gossett, Yvonne Stinnett, David Young, Greg Edrington, Bryan Price, Cindy Groulx, Murry Hawkins, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Norwood called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Mayor started the meeting with the public hearing on Ordinance #318 – 06/07 budget. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed and the Mayor commenced with the regular meeting. All persons listed above were present for the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the May 06 minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

James Taylor came forward and said his concern tonight was on an investigation why was it taking so long to get back to him. Mayor replied he has the answer and signed the letter today; he will be given the letter tonight.

Corey Gossett approached and said an ordinance was passed and most of the individuals got a letter 1-2 weeks ago concerning the water and sewer increase based on the units and having to pay a base fee for each unit. This is an increase to taxes only to those people and he feels it is unjust. He said there were some that should be on that list but he wouldn't rat them out. Mr. Gossett would like to know why they chose to do this he has heard water & sewer needs money - he'll pay his taxes but this is unfair that the few should subsidize everyone that this is taking money away from the elderly and poor as it will be passed to them.

Mr. LaCrosse said the owners of a residence are subsidizing the apartments and asked Mr. Gossett if he thought that was fair. Revenue is tight and before raising water for all they needed to check to make sure everyone is paying fairly. It was never an intention to single anyone out it is to be fair to every family in the city. Mr. LaCrosse said he takes exception to the way Mr. Gossett stated it was affecting only the elderly and less

fortunate. Mayor Norwood said he takes exception also as this is effecting him also. Last week it was taken into consideration on the motels and hotels.

The other question he had is how do you define hotel and motel.

Mr. Noe said he wasn't trying to be rude but if Mr. Gossett didn't like the fifteen dollars he is welcome to get four (4) meters and solve it that way.

Mr. John Hadley approached and said he had recently purchased Royal Oaks and said he would be catching the brunt of this (20%) he can't legally change their lease payments at least the next 6 months to a year. It is going to hurt him. If he can't show a better revenue margin the property value will go down. Mr. Hadley said if it was done it's done but if not could it be deferred.

Old Business:

Johnson made a motion, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Ordinance #318 – 06/07 budget on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor advised R.A.C. is working on a couple of grants but some are too late for this year.

Ms. Noe went over the contracts for Mr. Rankin and went over the highlights and said the break down is on the next to last page. There is a contract each for water and sewer. It is an understanding that Mr. Rankin wants this effective July 25th. Ms. Noe would like Council approval. There was some discussion on the fees and they asked Ms. Noe to change the contract.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Macha, to approve the contract with John Rankin contingent upon changes that Mr. Rankin will be responsible for engineer fees and city costs. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse, to defer the Deerfield Inn and Community Progress to the workshop. Mr. Johnson asked if the workshop would give them enough time or do we need a special called meeting. Mayor said he thought we should have a special meeting to address this subject. The second and motion were withdrawn. A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse, to defer any action on Ordinance #317 for 30 days. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

There will be a special called meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse; to approve Ordinance #319 – amends Ord. #179 adult establishments - on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, Noe-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor advised Council he had spoke with Tony in reference to him taking over the Senior Center responsibilities. This change will move him up to next pay level to compensate for the extra work. He will be on 90 day probation and if all well this will

become permanent. Mayor said Tony thinks he can do it and with the good employees there the Mayor thinks it will work out. The objectives are to keep the parks and trails clean and have more activities for the senior center we need to take the center to the next level. Mayor said he sincerely thinks this is a good move for the city.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by LaCrosse, to appoint Tony as the new Senior Center/Parks & Rec. Director. The Mayor advised nothing had changed for Cynthia he will talk to her when she comes back to work as she is on medical leave but her salary and benefits will remain the same. We need to amend the budget but can wait until after the probation period. The motion and second was withdrawn and will re-visit after the probation period is over. Tony will get his raise during this period of probation.

Last week the Mayor was talking about the parks board and not having enough members to the board and is requesting the Council's blessing for expanding the board using residents outside the city limits. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Noe, to approve expanding the parks board with residents out of city limits. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to approve Resolution 2006-04 – Personnel Policy. There were several different comments, Mr. Nicholson asked about the probation period and wanted to make sure the new employee is reviewed several times during this phase, also, we need to address FMLA and civil leave, and also the paragraph on light duty assignments should be deleted. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, and Mayor-yes.

This is to be brought before the next workshop and amendments will be made at that time if necessary.

Mr. Joe Cook with Cheatham County Emergency Management was present to request the authority to change street names. This is reflected in Resolution 2006-05. They will have authority to name and number new streets but established streets will have to have board approval before any changes made. A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Resolution 2006-05 with noted changes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. There was much discussion on changing the name of Oak Street. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to leave Oak Street the same. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. By next month Council will work on the other street names.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve surplussing the police computer. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Cherry advised he would have prices next month at the workshop for the water line and sewer odor problems. He is scheduled to take a trip to Louisville to see how they handle the odor at their sewer plant.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Macha, to approve pay request #6 for Hughey Construction in the amount of \$10,000 on retainage. Motion passed with a roll call vote

of: Noe-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Noe, to approve the W & O Construction pay request #7 in the amount of \$242,263.72. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Noe-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha, to approve Hart Freeland Roberts pay request in the amount of \$9,597.65. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to approve GeoScience's pay request in the amount of \$785.25. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Lose & Associates pay request in the amount of \$4,685.73. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha, to pay Gibbs Brother's pay request in the amount of \$148,984.61. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, Noe-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mayor advised everyone this was Curtis's last Council meeting as he will be retiring and wanted everyone to know the retirement dinner would be on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He has been with us many years and has done a tremendous job. Chief Bennett said he has appreciated the Council's support and the support of Marc and the officers. It has been great it's been a long time but it is time to go. He has enjoyed working here. He was congratulated and a standing ovation took place.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to pay the bills. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Pickett asked if she could say a few words. The 150<sup>th</sup> is Friday night and welcomed everyone to participate. Ms. Pickett advised they all had a schedule of events in front of them.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

