

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
November 10, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Council met in a regular session on November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

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

Others present: Michael Armstrong, Thomas McCormick, Herman W. ?, Bill Garrett, Zach McCarver, Mary Glasgow, Paul R. Gupton, Tim Adkins, Wade A. Reed, Clate ?, Jeremy Gupton, Randy Bane, Marc Coulon, Anita Justice, Chuck Walker, Tony Young, Jennifer Noe, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Norwood started the meeting with a public hearing on Ordinance #363. Mayor Norwood said this was a rezoning on property belonging to Bill Garrett. Mayor asked if there were any concerns to come forward as now was the time to do so. There being none, Mayor Norwood closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Norwood commenced with the regular meeting.

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

Public Forum:

Jeremy Gupton residing at 402 Meadowview Circle, Pleasant View, approached and said he was with the Cheatham County Soccer Association and on behalf of 400+ children and their families would like to say they appreciate the city, he would love to see the relationship with Ashland City continue and just wanted to thank everyone for the use of our fields.

Mayor Norwood made an announcement that Greg Horton requested he read a memo that there will be a meeting on November 13th at 6:30p.m. regarding the 2 candidates for the Director of Schools position.

Mayor asked Ms. Noe if she had anything.

Mayor Norwood talked about the compensation on retirement. Ms. Noe said there is a provision in the TCA code 8-34-612 that permits a city to allow employees to pay back their time. The provision allows an employee to pay back the 6 month waiting period. There is a liability to the city. Phyllis spoke with Melissa Davis from TCRS and was advised there was no way to figure the liability as there were too many variables. A resolution would need to be done and it would include all past, present and future employees. Every year our figure changes. It is an aggregate total, and without knowing how many people would be interested in this and their salaries at that time there would be no way to tell a city what their liability would be. Mr. LaCrosse requested that we talk to them again and ask if they would give an example for one person or a couple of examples and then they could guess. Mr. Gill said he did not think it would be that big of an impact. Ms. Macha asked how far back would you go. Phyllis replied since we have had TCRS, sometime in the 70's. Mayor Norwood said he did not think it was that many

employees. Mayor said to get more information on it and Ms. Noe said she would get with Phyllis and have a conference call with TCRS. Mayor asked if we could have anything by the budget committee meeting next week. Phyllis replied they will try.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Ordinance #363 – zoning amendment – on 2nd reading. Ms. Noe said there was a change on the legal description of the property. Mr. Armstrong said yes, he has more property but this would stay as it is. The changes came after the meeting. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

Mayor asked Ms. Noe if she has looked at this contract. Ms. Noe said with a legally binding contract she doesn't think they have to worry about the city. Tony Young replied that they were requesting a down payment to ensure we don't cancel. They are afraid with the economy that people might back out. Mayor said we have been with them so many years we shouldn't have to pay now. Mr. LaCrosse said with a signed contract every year the city is obligated to pay and asked Ms. Noe what she thought. Ms. Noe said with a contract there shouldn't be any issues. Mayor said he would be more concerned about them. Ms. Macha said she wouldn't offer them any money at this time. Mayor advised Tony to get with them and bring this back next month.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson to waive the open air market fees. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Tony Young brought up the topic of fees or help from organizations for the parks. After a short discussion Mr. Johnson said we could talk about park fees all night and Mayor Norwood said we should defer this to the budget committee.

Other:

Mayor said he received an email from Chris Camp saying they had a meeting today and Thomas McCormick was present CEMC gave a schedule and should get started about the 30th. Mayor asked if there were any issues or concerns. Mr. McCormick replied no sir; he is looking forward to getting started.

Mayor said the Monday after Thanksgiving they will be taking down the water tank.

Mayor said he had a long conversation with Chris Camp on the \$95,000 in the budget for parks for the connector – the trail head to the walking track. Mr. Johnson has not found more funding and we just do not have enough money for this project. Mr. Camp is going to see if we can use this money for the Beautification project. As the economy goes down we need to make up those funds.

Mayor said the Shoe Dept. is closing.

Mayor asked the Council if they had anything else.

Mr. Gill asked about the timber did Tony have any quotes. Tony said he did not know where our boundaries are he would still like to do this but doesn't know where to start or stop. Mr. Allen said there are 10 acres. Tony said there was a conflict with the boundaries that has not been resolved.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by LaCrosse, to pay the bills.

Mr. Johnson said before we pay the bills has the apron been put on Maple. Thomas replied they had not done anything yet he was waiting for the next paving. Mayor said we need to do that now to use the cold mix. Mr. McCormick replied he would be glad to do it with the cold mix and would get right on it.

Motion to pay the bills passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder