

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
Ashland City, Tennessee
November 13, 2012

The Board of Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City, Tennessee met in regular session on November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Vice-Mayor Steve Allen.

Council present: Alwilda Binkley, Lisa Walker, Jimmy Gill, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Mayor Rick Johnson and Roger Jackson.

Others present: Tony Young, Chuck Walker, Brandi Hall, Young Hunter, Rick Dulaney, Steven McCoy, Michael Armstrong, Melissa Womack, Marty Logsdon, Dwayne Noe, Billy Harris, Tim Adkins, Rick Mayo, Paul R. Gupton, Greg Edrington, Mary Glasgow, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Vice-Mayor declared we have a quorum.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley, to approve the regular October minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve the Special Called minutes dated 10-22-12 as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Brandi Hall came forward to ask the Council to adjust her water bill. Ms. Hall said she had a plumber come out and he fixed both toilets that had been running she had an adjustment on last month's bill but this was a carryover from the same leak. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to adjust her bill to an average of \$51.33 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Allen-yes.

Mr. Logsdon came forward for the Bowman's water bill asking for an adjustment on this water bill he has had a plumber fix his leak. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to adjust the bill to an average of \$24.24 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Allen-yes.

Mr. Young Hunter came forward and said he wanted to talk about the sewer plant bid. Mr. Hunter said that he spoke with Mr. Harris and Mr. Noe trying to get a sense of what they wanted in the building. There seems to be a discrepancy between the plans and what they wanted. This has been re-bid and Mr. Young said there were still discrepancies so in the worst case scenario he put in allowances. An example was the railings pressure treated wood or metal railings he put in a bid of 18,000 but he did not have all the information as the plans hint to use pressure treated he feels it would be in the best interest of the city to talk with each bidder. And see how they bid. Other examples were the flooring ceramic tile versus vinyl flooring, residential doors or commercial doors that would be about a 6,000 difference. Mr. LaCrosse said so your bid includes the higher items and could be backed down. Mr. Hunter said yes, the cabinets at the water plant are commercial grade. The counters told granite so he bid granite. Mr.

Edrington said he should have bid the specs on what was on paper not what he had been told. Mr. Harris said he talked with Mr. Hunter on the 1st bid he was getting the 2 confused. Mr. Edrington said they worked on the specs and they should have bid what was in writing. After much discussion Vice-Mayor said he appreciated Mr. Hunter's information but this was on the agenda and they would get back to it.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said everything she had was on the agenda.

Old Business:

Vice-Mayor Allen said we had the resolution on refinancing the 2005 Revenue and tax bond. (RUD loan). Ms. Schaeffer said we have the resolution for refinancing for Piper Jaffray, Morgan Keegan or TML Bond Fund. Mr. LaCrosse said they kicked out the TML Bond Fund because of the variable rate. Has the city attorney looked over both of the other resolutions? Ms. Noe replied that both resolutions were fine but she has a problem with the indemnification on the Jaffray's proposal and would have to talk with bond counsel, if the Council decides to go with them, she is sure they would be amenable changing the wording. Mr. LaCrosse said these figures are just illustrations these rates are not fixed in stone. Ms. Noe said both had sent in proposals and as Chris said actual figures will be what the load is bearing at that time. Mr. LaCrosse said they were both so close if the rates stay the same he would like to see Morgan Keegan get it. There is a problem with the wording on Piper Jaffray's and no one is here to discuss with them. They both have a 10 year call both having the provision that you can't refinance before that time.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to let Raymond James (Morgan Keegan) have the refinancing. Mr. LaCrosse asked if there would be any communications between us and you if there is a variation in the market. Mr. Dulaney said they would continue as they always do they know about the targets Ashland City wants since election night the interest rates have gotten better. He feels safely in the range they showed us they will not blindly go into this. Mr. LaCrosse said any lines of communication should be with our CFO and Mayor. Mr. Dulaney said they would be in contact with us. Mr. Gill said he would like to amend his motion to have Chairman of the budget committee be involved. Mr. LaCrosse said let it come from our CFO don't need to amend the motion Vice Mayor Allen said a motion had been made we need to proceed with the vote. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Allen-yes.

New Business:

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker, to accept Resolution 2012-09 – Authorizing MTAS to coordinate a comprehensive management review. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. LaCrosse asked Mr. Dulaney what the time line is once the Mayor has signed the resolution. Mr. Dulaney replied they gave Phyllis the preliminary statement and a list to be completed then it goes to the credit agency. He hopes to be in the market the 1st week of December we are at the mercy of the rating agencies. Mr. LaCrosse asked about 3 weeks. Mr. Dulaney replied yes. Mr. LaCrosse said thank you.

The next item is the Fisher & Arnold engineer agreement. Mr. Mayo said this proposal is basically for performing the design, study, and replacing screw pumps or re-vamping them and on the 2nd page survey and preliminary design to get a better handle on what you want and when. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to let the Mayor move forward with \$1,200 for the survey and \$13,125

for design to Fisher & Arnold to proceed with the grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Allen-yes.

Chief Coulon asked for a proclamation for approval to retire Tigar the drug canine. Ms. Noe said she has not done a proclamation. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Gill, to retire Tigar. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice Mayor Allen said he would like to see a picture of Tigar and his handler to put in the Council room.

Chief Coulon talked about the accreditation program he said he sent everyone an email and would like their approval. This program would save about \$120 a year per officer; also if the city were to be sued you can get a lot of help. This is just an application. Mr. Allen replied this is just an application process. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the process for the accreditation program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next item Chief Coulon spoke about was the list of surplus items to put out in a reverse bid. We will advertise in the paper items to be purchased and interested people will put in a bid. Ms. Noe said that this is not a problem to solicit bids. Chief Coulon said you can set a limit. Ms. Noe advised yes you could set a minimum and there is no issue with soliciting bids. Mr. LaCrosse asked if it would be online. Chief Coulon said this money would then go to the drug fund. Mr. Noe replied it can go on Craig's list. After some discussion a motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Gill to allow Chief Coulon to use his discretion on how to handle this and proceed with the property surplus. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chief Coulon said he had one more thing that 2-3 budget meetings ago he asked that the money going into the general fund for transport fees be put back into his budget in the fuel line item. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley, to authorize to begin immediately transferring the money in the general fund for transport fees go into the police fuel line item. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Allen-yes.

Mr. Young said they had talked about getting an agreement with Blue Heron; he and Jennifer have not had time to meet on the Blue Heron agreement. If we are going to lease we have to get approval from the Corp. Vice-Mayor Allen said he had one question he proposes to us and then we have to send to the Corp for their approval. Mr. Young said the Corp, has to approve the lease. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to postpone until they receive a proposal and asked Tony to get with Ms. Noe. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Young said the property in the parks if you choose the conversion, last week he handed out a map and discussed what we would need to do to get state approval. Mr. Young gave out another map with the description. If you vote tonight on the piece of property he can begin process to see if the state says it is suitable for the conversion then he can get started. Mr. Gill said you have a recommendation. Mr. Lacrosse replied yes, under the bridge and part of the island. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to use this property, for Tony to move forward with the paperwork using parcel 30.01; 2-3 acres page 22 deed description. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Young said if the state accepts this property it will have to stay park property.

Vice-Mayor Allen said the next item on the agenda is the senior center flooring bid. Ms. Womack said they received 1 bid from Midway on the flooring in the amount of \$6,472.11. Ms. Noe said they will

need to provide a bond. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to award the bid to Midway for \$6,472.11 contingent upon the city receiving the required bond before any money is spent. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Allen-yes.

Vice-Mayor Allen said next up is accepting Lizzie Rd as a city street. Mr. Noe said we have the letter requesting it become a city street and the city is ready to take it over if Council approves.

A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Gill to accept Lizzie Rd. as a city street. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice-Mayor said ok, back to awarding the bid on the Wastewater plant lab office, Ok Mr. Billy, Mr. LaCrosse said the plans were put out they are what they are – pressure treated lumber for deck and wood railings. Mr. Gill said he should have looked at it longer he thinks it is wrong to put pressure treated wood on a commercial building. Mr. Edrington said they can make specs to go with the plan for commercial codes. Mr. LaCrosse asked what our options are - would rather see something that will last is there any problem to spec out further. Ms. Noe said you can reject all the bids. Vice-Mayor Allen said what is the best way to go about doing this. Mr. Harris said you can get an architect to draw it. Mr. Edrington said you are already paying me on another job I will do it all for free. Mr. LaCrosse said Mr. Edrington said he would spec it but it needs to be plain for everyone that they are bidding the exact same thing. That would be the only fair thing to do. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to reject all bids and have new specifications showing exactly what is to be bid. Mr. Gill said it should be comparable to the water plant. Mr. Edrington said FEMA wants you to replace what was there and they will only pay for what you lost. Mr. LaCrosse said we will be voting to spend our own money anyway. Phyllis said it is built like kind to like kind any difference is on the city to pay. Mr. Gill said if we are going to pay for it then we need to do it. After more discussion Mr. LaCrosse said we have a motion on the floor we can discuss the figures at the budget meeting. We need to take that into consideration and make a decision based on our own liquidity. Mr. LaCrosse said what he has heard is there was a lack of clarity we need to bid without any confusion he would rather re-do.

Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Allen-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to pay the bills. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Allen-yes.

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.