

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
August 13, 2013

The Board of Mayor and Council met in a regular session on August 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm. In the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

Council present: Vice-Mayor Steve Allen, Alwilda Binkley, Lisa Walker, Jimmy Gill, Roger Jackson, and Chris LaCrosse.

Others present: Alecia Parchment, Raymond Barnes, Paul R. Gupton, Polly Newcomb, Lynn Newcomb, Dwayne Noe, Anita Justice, Billy Harris, Melanie Miller, Scott Syler, Aleshia Gillihan, Kathy Temple, Shirley Bradley, Cindy Raymond, CJ Edrington, Greg Edrington, Tim Adkins, Molly Gibson, Michael Armstrong, Wade A. Reed, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. and advised before the meeting there would be a public hearing on ordinances numbers 408, 409, 410, and 411.

Ordinance #408 was read. Mayor Johnson asked if anyone had any comments. There being none he went on to ordinance #409 after being read Mayor asked if there were any comments there were none so ordinance #410 was read. Again Mayor asked if there were any comments. There were none so ordinance #411 was read. Mayor Johnson asked if there were any comments. There being none Mayor closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting.

Those present listed above were present for the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker, to approve the July minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Mayor asked if there was anyone that needed to bring any matters before the Council. Kathy Temple came forward and said she had a water line to bust under the concrete porch and she couldn't hear it. Last months' bill was about \$200 and this month \$400. Mayor asked if it had been repaired. Ms. Temple replied yes. Mayor said Ms. Temple's average bill is \$73.98 a motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen, to adjust the bill to a 6 month average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Melanie Miller and Aleshia Gillihan came forward and advised they live at 220 Hedges Lane #203 they moved into a 3 bedroom unit and have had a leak ever since moving in they were told by management the leak had been repaired but it wasn't and their bill has gone up each month. But it has been repaired now. They requested help with their water bill. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Allen, to adjust to an average and also pay the final bill of \$38.02 from previous residence. Mr. LaCrosse said he was glad to help these ladies but we needed to look at our ordinance as the owners of the property should correct the problem and be responsible. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Polly Newcomb came forward and said she lives in front of the Sonic and her daughter lives in front of Rite Aid and advised both houses have been flooded the last time it flooded the water is coming right off of Rite Aid property into their front door 6 months ago her bamboo flooring was ruined and had to be replaced and it is getting worse each time. Rite Aid has 6 gutters dropping off the front and one of their drains is broken. A berm has been placed in front of her daughter's but that has not helped. Ms. Newcomb is asking for help. Ms. Newcomb said she would do her part and help any way she could if someone could tell her what to do. Mayor Johnson replied they have something in the works and they would be in touch with her. After more discussion Mayor asked Ms. Newcomb to give the city a little time and that they would be in touch.

Ms. Alecia Parchment from Hickory Hills Condos came forward asking for help with her water bill and said there was a leak underground and that it has now been repaired. Next month's bill is also going to be high. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to adjust the August and September bill to an average.

Ms. Shirley Bradley from the Ashland City Times came forward regarding the conversation that took place last month about the Cheatham County Money Saver. Ms. Bradley said this has been in publication for 33 years there are so many businesses that use the money saver and now that there isn't a radio station, how else will they get the word out about their businesses. Ms. Bradley said they are addressing the issues, on the bag is a phone number if you want delivery stopped. Ms. Bradley said the point she is trying to make is that they are trying to fix the problem she herself has gone out on Brookhollow Dr. and has picked up the papers that were lying around. Ms. Bradley discussed the delivery they don't want to trash up the city. The delivery people have been told if papers are laying around do not leave any more at that residence. Mr. Gill thought they were doing an excellent job. Ms. Bradley said they would keep working on the glitches. Mr. LaCrosse said he appreciates them working on the glitches and could see the service it renders. Ms. Bradley said if there were any problems to please call. Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Bradley for coming.

Attorney:

Mayor Johnson said they needed to take a short attorney/client meeting and recessed the meeting. Council meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Old business:

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Jackson, to approve Ordinance #408 - Compensation planning commission land use committee- on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve ordinance #409 – compensation beer board, liquor board, and budget committee - on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Allen to approve ordinance #410 – compensation planning commission – on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to approve ordinance #411 – compensation Ashland City Flood Review Board – on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Binkley to approve ordinance #412 – regular meeting time – on 1st reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes. Mayor Johnson said this would take effect in October.

Resolution 2013-03. TML Safety Partner loss control grant. Mr. Armstrong said this is a matching grant we are eligible for \$1,500 this is for safety equipment or training. Public works already spends that so this will help. This grant should be awarded in September. We will use the receipts from public works and turn that in when we reach \$1,500 then we will receive a check from the grant if it is awarded to us. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to approve Resolution 2013-03. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Resolution 2013-04. This is to reduce the probationary period for new employees to join the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve ordinance #2013-04. Ms. Schaeffer asked if this was also going to include the change to the insurance benefits. Mayor Johnson asked Council if they wanted it to apply to both TCRS and insurance. Mr. LaCrosse replied that was the idea. The 2nd and motion were withdrawn and restated. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Resolution 2013-04 to reduce the waiting period and to include the insurances to 1st of month after 30 days. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Resolution 2013-05. Local match for the TN Disaster & Recovery Grant.

Mayor advised Council that the \$100,000 is our portion to pay it should be \$88,000 but added in a contingency of \$12,000. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen, to approve Resolution 2013-05. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Harris said the low bid on the Wastewater treatment plant blower building is Edwards Construction. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker, to award the bid to the low bidder – Edwards Construction for \$567,000. MR. Allen asked if anyone knew about Edwards Construction. Mr. Edrington said they were a good contractor. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker said we only received one bid for the Breathing apparatus from MES, this will allow us to put purchase 13 air packs and possibly 14 if he can find the money in his budget. Some of the ones we currently have are 15-20 years old. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to award the bid to MES. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to award the bid for the Hydrogen Sulfate to U.S. Peroxide, LLC. Mr. Harris said he would need the \$5,000 up front for the start up. It is \$475. A month for monitoring the equipment this is included in the \$32,820. Mr. LaCrosse said the monthly is included in the \$32,800 but the \$5,000 is not included in the bid amount. Mr. Harris said yes that was correct. . Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

This has not been budgeted. We will need to amend the budget. MS. Schaeffer said she would have to do an ordinance for amending the budget.

Mr. Noe said they received 2 bids for the excavator. One came in at \$87,361. With a \$950 add on and the other was \$100,015. With a \$4,217 add on. IF we do a lease purchase both are right at the \$15,000 mark for 5 years with no penalty for paying off early. This is what he has budgeted. Mayor said are they comparable we are looking to you for a recommendation. Mr. Noe replied they both have name brand equipment. A motion was made by Gill to award to the low bidder. There was not a second on this motion. Mr. Allen said he was not too favorable with Takeuchi. Mr. Noe said we budgeted to do the lease/purchase both are within his budget he finds it hard to spend the \$15,000 it will be your decision. Mr. Jackson said it would matter if you planned to sell it. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to go with the higher bid. Mr. LaCrosse said the only thing he has heard was that one has a higher resale price. Mr. LaCrosse said he would hope to use it for ongoing things like the trail and excavation Mr. LaCrosse would want the same thing that there would be no penalty to pay early that we have with the other one. He wants a guarantee. Power Equipment representative said there would not be a fee he would guarantee it. They have several different financing plans furthermore they have a lot more to offer with the Kamatsu next day parts and they have a lot of people working in Tennessee. The representative for Cumberland Tractor said they used to be Nashville tractor they have sold the city a lot of equipment over the years and stood behind them it comes down to the dealer backing it up. The second and motion were withdrawn. Mr. Allen said he has heard from several people how unhappy they were with the Takeuchi brand and they now have a Komatsu and love it. Mayor asked if he had a motion to by an excavator. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by LaCrosse, to lease/purchase the Komatsu. Mr. LaCrosse said with the assurance there would be no penalty on an early pay off. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-declared a conflict and abstained, Walker-yes, Gill-abstained, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Noe said he would accept the low bid on the zero turn mower from Dickens Turf and Landscape Supply in the amount of \$6,630.89 and Mr. Young said he also would accept low bid from Dickens Turf and Landscape Supply on his mower in the amount of \$11,428.13 Mr. Noe said both were commercial mowers. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Jackson, to award the bid to the low bidder – Dickens Turf and Landscape Supply. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Noe said the Fisher and Arnold proposal is for the detention pond, engineering and TDEC permits for cleaning out the streams. Mayor Johnson said this fee was not to exceed \$25,600. Mr. LaCrosse asked if we were able to do some of the work ourselves would it come in a little less. Mr. Noe replied this is all for engineering. Ms. Noe said she has looked it over and it is all for engineering but looks okay. Mr. LaCrosse said in theory we could save some money. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to approve the Fisher and Arnold proposal not to exceed \$25,600. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes. This is not a budgeted item. Mr. LaCrosse said a brief comment is that the construction on the lab building should be less so we should be fine on this.

Ms. Schaeffer said on the clean energy Grant this has been awarded and we need a motion for the Mayor to sign the grant. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson, to approve the Mayor signing the grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to reduce the speed on Hibiscus Drive to 15 mph. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve the proposed Charter changes. Ms. Noe replied well actually you already approved them she is waiting for Rep. Littleton's office. Mayor Johnson said lets vote on it anyway. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Young advised he gave the Automatic Electric bill to our insurance agent and thinks our insurance will pay this claim.

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

Mr. Allen said he had brought this up one time before but he would ask again about putting a lake in at Riverbluff and the road and have benches placed around it so people could walk around it and sit. Mt. Young said that would be very attractive but that is Corp property and we would have to get permission. This topic was asked to be put on the agenda for the budget committee.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder