

Town of Ashland City  
Board of Mayor and Council  
August 12, 2014

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on August 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

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

Others present: Chuck Walker, Marc Coulon, Raymond Barnes, Bill Garrett, Paul R. Gupton, Anita Justice, Shatoya Cartwright, Billy Harris, Sondra Thompson, James Thompson, Dwayne Noe, Wade A. Reed, Melissa Womack, Eugene King, Tony Young, Sam Vuocolo, Melanie Vuocolo, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:10p.m. and declared a quorum.

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

Public Forum:

Mr. Bill Garrett came forward saying he was here last year about this same time he has a bit of a problem with his property at 604 N. Main St. This is an ongoing problem the last 20-25 years and that is the parade lets out at his property. The horses were making messes and people walking everywhere looking in his windows. The biggest problem was last year when his wife was so ill cars were pulling in his driveway and he was blocked in and couldn't get out if he needed to. He spoke with some last year and they threatened him when he asked them to move. Mr. Garrett said he is asking the city to do something about this the police didn't do anything cars were lined up and down Lenox Street. He would like to know why they can't be let out at the Bypass – the original plan. It makes sense to go to the Bypass. He is simply asking the city to do something about this, this year. He likes the parades he just doesn't want to be blocked in.

Mayor Johnson replied that this was discussed in the dept. head meeting and Chief Walker suggested putting cones up at the end of the drive-way and block it off. Mayor said they will discuss and work on it.

Mayor asked if there was anyone else that would like to come before the Council.

Shatoya Cartwright said she lives at Donetta lane 104C she had a toilet that was fixed but the maintenance man said there were no leaks. Mayor said she would need to fill out the affidavit that the toilet was repaired and that Mr. Noe could go by and check the meter and make sure it was not running. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to adjust this bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Eugene King approached and said he was present on behalf of his sister as she had a problem 3 weeks ago with the water gushing out near the meter and running into the road. One of her neighbors stopped and told her the water was running into the road. Mayor asked if it had been repaired and Mr. King replied that it was repaired. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Jackson to adjust this bill to an average bill. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. James Thompson approached and said he was here on behalf of George Woodson. They found a leak under the house from the tub but it was fixed. Mayor asked them to fill out an affidavit and that Mr. Noe would go by and check the meter and make sure it is not running. Mayor Johnson advised Mr. Thompson that he might want to continue checking for other leaks because their average is still a high bill. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to adjust the bill to an average consumption. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

#### New Business:

Ordinance #420 – E-ticketing. Ms. Justice said this is for the \$5. Fee on all guilty pleas one dollar would stay with the courts to be used for technology and the other four dollars would go to the police dept for what they needed such as paper or equipment. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance #420 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Womack said the GNRC amended contract is where they left a page out it is the same contract as the one in June with the one addition. Mayor asked Jennifer if it was ok. Ms. Noe replied it was fine. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley, to approve the amended contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Noe advised they met with Kat and had a conversation on the Start2Finish contract. Prior to this the JECD contract had a fee or donation to them for 5,000. This donation/fee has now been taken out. Also, in the contract is the property being used is to have the trash picked up and there is now a provision of compensation for the employee's time of \$25 an hour. Chief Coulon said that should be for the reserve officers and the employee's should be paid their overtime rate. Ms. Noe said the contract would have to be changed to reflect the difference. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve the Start2 Finish contract after it has been amended to say that 25 an hour would be paid to the reserve officers and employee's would be paid their overtime rate where applicable. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker said he spoke with Andy and Bill and that we can strike out the 1,700 in the contract he will work to reduce that even if they have to pick up the new lift themselves. He would work it out and take it out of his budget. He thinks that swapping out the boat for the new lift is fair. Ms. Noe said it is ok not to bid as the Marina controls the lifts and they are a sole source provider. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to approve the contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Schaeffer said the Farmers Market grant was already approved but when Anne left the Chamber they wanted the grant to be dealt directly with us. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to accept the Farmers Market grant contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Young said they are still going to look at different dates. Dixieland wants to come back but they can't change their schedule. Put this on hold and he will get back with us. Mr. LaCrosse asked if they will hold it open for us. Mr. Young replied that since they want to come back they would probably hold it for a time but if we wait too long they might not. Mayor told Mr. Young to keep them posted.

Chief Walker said the codes enforcement FEMA grant was awarded to us for one section that entails the software and pre-planning. Our portion is like \$800 plus. He also has the Firehouse contract that he would like to sign for a three year contract as it goes hand in hand with this contract. They have used Firehouse for the last 15 years. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to accept the FEMA grant contract for codes enforcement. Motion passed with a roll call vote of Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker said the Firehouse contract is for three (3) years the first 2 years are paid for by the grant and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year is in their budget. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve the Firehouse contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to pay the bills. Mr. Jackson had a couple of questions on the Safe Industries bill. Chief Walker explained that was for the thermal imagers. Mr. Jackson asked if the large bill to TML was for our insurance. Ms. Schaeffer replied yes, that is for all of our insurance coverages. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder