

Town of Ashland City  
Special Called Council Meeting  
Board of Mayor and Council  
November 25, 2014

The Board of Mayor and Council met in a Special Called Council Meeting on November 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussing/acting on the Lose & Associates Contract and the designation on funding for Hillcrest.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

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

Council absent: Jimmy Gill.

Others present: Lee Davidson, Robin Wollaeger, Marc Coulon, Tony Young, Michael Armstrong, Mary Glasgow, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Mayor Johnson said there were two specific things we can act on the first is the Lose and Associates contract. We have Lee here to discuss. Lee if you would step up to the podium.

Mr. Davidson said the contract he gave Robin is based on the grant awarded in July. They attended a meeting and were given the go ahead to get started on the documents. He used the original numbers that were put together in 2013. Some of these items will have to be re-done. The NEPA information is one of the biggest to get done and re-submitted. The other is excess lands - going under Hwy 49 will be in R-O-W on the By-Pass thought this was covered but now they have to re-do them through excess lands also goes to the Corp to ask for more land. After approval by TDOT then all is 80/20 match. The rest is the same information you had at last meeting.

Mr. LaCrosse let's see He missed NEPA. Mr. Davidson said they were originally prepared but now there is a new format so it has to be re-done and re-submitted. This is about \$4,000 of our time.

Mr. LaCrosse asked where that was on the contract. Mr. Davidson replied items 1-6 they are not broken down. Mr. Davidson gave the following break down for items 1-6 as follows: \$910 kicking off Task 2 is \$4,335. Task 3 & 4 are combined \$5,615 construction plan documents and regulations; some have changes to them. Task 5 & 6 working with excess lands and the Corp of Engineers - \$5,625 The next task is the bid and award \$2,170. This one is an 80/20 match the city is responsible for 20%. Task 8 is 80/20 \$54,400 for straight hours for onsite inspectors for 4 months.

Mr. LaCrosse asked if he expected them to be there for 120 days. Mr. Davison replied yes, they are required to be there the whole time it will take 4 months; to be honest we have never gone short on this. Mr. Jackson said he would rather do the presented amount rather than an hourly rate.

Mr. LaCrosse said in comparing the final breakdown to this sheet handed out tonight we budgeted 99,612 this sheet says \$115,953.94 and prep. Mr. Davidson said the difference is \$16,000 which is engineer's fees. Items 1-6 are non-reimbursable construction dollars. The original did not include design fees. There is a 20% contingency. If we come in under budget everyone is happy; if it is under that is good if it goes over it is 100% on the city. Mayor said "and we don't want to do that". Mr. LaCrosse said we were over last time on the renaissance budget and had to take some from both sides that is why he

is asking. Mr. LaCrosse asked Mr. Davidson if he was comfortable with these figures. Mr. Davidson replied he is very comfortable with these numbers. Mr. LaCrosse said we have until Nov 2017. Mr. Davidson said yes, he is good with the number and if there are problems with the bidders being busy but right now he is comfortable with these numbers once the bid is in solid we will review these figures. Only bidders approved by TDEC can bid on this.

Mr. LaCrosse said if it is high we can adjust? Mr. Davidson said once you have settled the scope of work the State doesn't want any changes they don't want you adding things they are getting very strict on this. Mr. LaCrosse said I mean if things came in over budget we can adjust. Mr. Davidson said if it is over budget we can re-bid.

Mr. LaCrosse said that answers all of his questions.

There was a discussion of adding more land. Robin said they have Larry Nash's blessing on that. Mr. LaCrosse said better move while Larry Nash is there to bless it.

After more discussion on this Mayor asked what is the best case scenario to break ground. Mr. Davidson said 6 months on NEPA; 3 months on legal on top of that he thinks spring of next year.

Ms. Wollaeger said they just got certified to go on with the grant. Eventually Sandy will have to get certified but for now she will be ok; 56 weeks is very common. We are a little bit further along. Our contract was the next step we are on time doing well.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to accept the Lose and Associate contract.

Ms. Noe said the contract was fine except for page 2 ownership of documents. Mr. Davidson said that was fine he could take that paragraph out.

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

Mayor thanked Mr. Davidson for coming.

Mr. Young said that White Hose and Germantown came to our town to look at the trails. They are 300 feet from the Montgomery County line and are interested in coming here to connect.

Ms. Wollaeger said the Sam Balthrop replacement land was approved by TDEC. Mr. Balthrop wants to take that property off the table by January 1, 2015. We may want to consider buying that land. Ms. Noe said the option to buy may be taken off the table. Mayor advised we probably do need to buy it but it is not proper to discuss tonight we can bring it up at the next meeting.

Mayor said the next item to discuss is the funding for the fire pump at Hillcrest. Ms. Noe wrote an agreement that will take us out of the pump business. Mayor said he would like to fund the expenditure out of the general fund.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to fund out of the general fund. Mr. LaCrosse said there will be new monies from the Braxton and the assisted living. Eight months of water sales translates to \$7-8,000 a month taking care of those folks so he sees revenues going up. Mr. LaCrosse tries to retain 3.5 million in the general fund. Mayor, what is your thinking on this. Mayor said until we get the pumps in and another one just broke. We have to work on I & I he wants to keep the money in the enterprise fund. He wants to take the money from the general fund.

Ms. Binkley asked if we were having more problems over there. Mayor said those water lines along Main Street are going to have problems the lines were put in in the 30's. We are going to have to work on I & I. Mr. LaCrosse said we better leave the rates at 3% next year. Mr. LaCrosse thinks the economy is raising we are on the right track.

Mayor said he had a meeting today with a person from Owens Place. It is 2/3's in the floodway but the creek is not in the floodway so we have in correct mapping. We need to get this mapping fixed.

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

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder