

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
October 13, 2015

The Board of Mayor and Council met in a regular session on October 13, 2015 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, and Roger Jackson.

Council absent: Chris LaCrosse and Lisa Walker.

Others present: Thomas Richardson, Jane Bradley, Jerri Moore, Bill Bennett, Marc Coulon, Dan Bandy, Brenda Simpkins, Linda Wheatley, Janet Batson, Diane Treadway, Carin Casey, Sandy Reeves, Mary Sneed, Caroline Borum, Betty Harris, Lindy Murff, Kenny Ray, Jason Matlock, Chuck Walker, Kathy Nicholson, Tracy Noe, Harris Nicholson,, Michael Armstrong, Tim Adkins, Melissa Womack, Gary Norwood, Raymond Barnes, Ronnie Barnes, Alison Smith, Charles McEachron, Tammy Duncan, Paul Gupton, Tony Young, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and declared a quorum.

Mayor Johnson began the meeting with the public hearing on Ordinances 435 and 437. After the heading of each were read Mayor asked if anyone was present to speak on these matters. There were no comments. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve the regular meeting and special called meeting September 8th and 17th respectively. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Mr. Thomas Richardson approached Council and said he had a water leak and it was repaired. Mayor advised his bill is \$940 dollars and an average bill is \$69.72. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjust this water bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Jeremy Issac came forward also about his water bill. He said that it had not been re-read and he does not know what the problem is he does not have a leak. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Binkley to adjust bill to an average after it is re-read. After a discussion, the second and motion were withdrawn and restated as follows. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Binkley to adjust the bill to an average after it has been re-read and found to not be running and extend adjustment to next month if necessary. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said he has been requested to move some items around on the agenda as follows: award of accreditation for police dept, proclamation for Brain games, and the proclamation for Fred Nicholson then commence with the regular order.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to adjust the order of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chief Coulon introduced Chief Bandy from the Gallatin Police Dept. Chief Bandy advised the Council that the Ashland City police dept. had a great reputation. Chief Bandy awarded and read the accreditation certificate after which he said that this is an honor and a much coveted milestone. IT was a lot of work to achieve and it is something to be proud of. Chief Bandy congratulated Chief Coulon and his department. Chief Coulon thanked Jason Matlock, saying it had taken 2 years to achieve and a lot of hard work. Chief Coulon also thanked the officers, Ms. Schaeffer for their help and Ms. Noe who helped a lot and thanked the Council and all for their support.

Mayor Johnson presented the Proclamation to the Brain Games team.

Mayor Johnson presented the Proclamation for Fred Nicholson to his family.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said she did not have anything not on the agenda.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve ordinance #435 – per diem for the Ashland City members of the Port Authority Board – on second reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson, to approve ordinance #437 – rezoning portion of Elizabeth St. – on second reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen, to approve ordinance #439 – budget amendment on first reading. Mayor said this was for the computers in the front office and the server and air conditioner for the server/computer room. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker said the Fire Department contract is a Highway Safety grant for \$10,000 that they will use to buy extrication equipment. They need approval for the Mayor to sign the contract. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve the Amusement Attractions agreement. Mayor asked Ms. Noe if she had looked this agreement over. Ms. Noe replied she had and the agreement was okay. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes. Mr. Allen asked if their schedule could be changed. Mr. Young replied this agreement is for June 7th through the 11th. This has been moved up by 3 weeks from previous years.

Other:

Mayor Johnson said we had a very successful event Saturday and said that he gives credit to the event committee and employees. Mayor Johnson thanked everyone that helped get it done. Ms. Justice thanked the Council for forming the event committee. Ms. Womack said each department had a hand in it when we all work together you see what can be done. It turned out beautifully. Ms. Justice thanked

Tony Clark with the fire department and Jodie Cantrell along with the reserve officers all who did an excellent job. Ms. Justice said the vendors were talking about how smooth it all went. Ms. Justice also wanted to thank Tim Louallen who helped pick up all the barricades. Ms. Womack said they thought they could have the roads back open by 8pm the event was over at 6:15 and by 7:05 the streets were open and all back in order. Ms. Binkley and Ms. Womack said they had talked with the vendors and the businesses who said it was the best day they had in a long time. Ms. Binkley thanked the young people that helped saying they were very helpful and polite. Melissa also thanked Mike Rayburn and Amber Locke for their help. It was a day to be proud of our town.

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

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder