

TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2016
6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee

CALL TO ORDER at 6:02 PM by Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Richard Johnson, Vice-Mayor Steve Allen, Alwilda Binkley, Gary Norwood, Jimmy Gill, and Roger Jackson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER – Led by Paul Gupton

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Walker to approve the October minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Christine Vanbuskirk Adjustment.** Ms. Vanbuskirk came forward and stated she had a high water bill and she is asking for a reduction. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Gill to adjust Ms. Vanbuskirk's bills to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Mars Court Complaint.** Mr. Gary Norwood stated Allen Nicholson and Chief Walker have looked at it but he wanted council to be aware of the problems at 105 Mars Court. Chief Walker told the council he has reviewed the codes and has not been able to find anything in regard to the fence issues and new codes need to be adopted in order to prevent these kinds of things in the future. Further, he stated the containers on the property were submitted 15 years ago and they may be able to address it more, but that is something that he will need to look into further.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 456.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. An ordinance to rezone parcel 5.08 of the Cheatham County Tax Map 049N, located on North Main Street to the C-2 Zoning District. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to approve Ordinance 456. Vote on the motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Credit Card Vendor for Tyler Software.** Ms. Cannon asked for this to be taken off the agenda as new information had come to light in regard to some fees associated with the development.
- B. Roofing Bids.** Chief Walker stated they had received two bids one from Collier for \$38,000 and one from TS for \$24,900; however, after thinking about the project he proposed holding the insurance money until next fiscal year and requesting additional money to put a metal roof on the building that will last longer. In addition, if everyone wanted to accept the \$24,900 bid that is fine, but it is whatever council would like to do. He further stated the roof has been patched and the only thing is the insurance wouldn't pay anything if more damage occurs. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Binkley to reject all bids and earmark the \$34,000 received from the insurance company and look at adding to it next fiscal year to buy a metal roof for Fire Station II. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. Street Paving Bids.** Mr. Chris Cherry presented the costs of all bids received and stated a budget amendment in the amount of \$22,846.00 would need to be made in order to award the lowest bid to Carver Construction which was the lowest bidder. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to accept bid to Carver Construction, and amend the budget, which will be added to Ordinance 459. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- D. **Verizon Agreement.** Mr. Cherry presented the agreement with Verizon Wireless for the city cell phone service. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to accept the agreement. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Novacopy Agreement.** Ms. Noe stated this was on the agenda some time ago and was rejected but after negotiations and some changes she has brought this before the council for approval for the Senior Citizens Center. A motion was made by Norwood seconded by Gill to accept agreement. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. **Ordinance 457.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE 16/17 BUDGET. A budget amendment for appropriations from the General Fund to the Police Department and the Drug Fund. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance 457. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Ordinance 458.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND TITLE 12 CHAPTER 1, SECTION 12-101 AND 12-104. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance 458. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-no, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **Rail Line Extension.** Mr. Tony Young explained that he needed permission to work an agreement which will add 2,400 feet to the trail. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Allen for Mr. Young to work an agreement to add 2,400 feet to the trail. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Line Item Transfer.** Ms. Kellie Reed explained this request is to take money out of the salary line item and move into the overtime line item. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Binkley to increase the overtime line item to \$10,000 in the general government and administration budget and move the money from salaries line item. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Binkley to approve the transfer. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- J. **IT Request Ordinance 459.** Chief Walker explained the IT Committee approved some requested items for the Tyler project and several other things that needed to be purchased and had put together this appropriation to be added into the General Fund budget. Mayor stated there is over \$40,000 earmarked for the IT purchases. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Allen to round the appropriation up to \$10,000 and amend the budget. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- K. **Drug Free Workplace Application.** Ms. Noe stated this is something we have done in the past in order to get a discounted insurance and it outlines the responsibility of payment and terms. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the application. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- L. **Title 16.** Mr. Cherry told the council our current Title 16 dates back to 1973 and needs to be updated. Mayor stated council may need to do a special called meeting to work through the changes. Council decided to pass this to be discussed at a later date.
- M. **Topped Out Employees.** Mayor stated several employees and department heads have not received raises in some time and this is to change their salaries and move money into the salary line item in each department. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to raise the salaries of the topped out employees and to move the money within each departments budget as necessary. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- N. **Sodium Permanganate Bid.** Mr. Cherry stated one bid was received at .948 cents per pound and the last bid on this had been rejected due to origin of material. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to accept the bid. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- O. **Speed Limit Lizzie, Doty, and Vaughn Road.** Mr. Cherry stated a speed limit needed to be set and he and Chief Coulon agreed and suggested a 15 mph speed limit. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Allen to set the speed limit on Lizzie, Doty and Vaugh Road at 15 mph. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Traffic Lighting.** Mr. Cherry told the council CSR Engineering is scheduled for December to sync the red lights and will actually save money from what was originally projected to be spent.

- B. Lighting of Highway 12.** Ms. Binkley asked where we stand on getting the lighting on Highway 12. Mr. Cherry responded CEMC is scheduled to begin December 1st.
- C. Tennessee Regulatory Water System Letter.** Mr. Cherry distributed a copy of a letter from the Tennessee Regulatory Water System. Mr. Cherry then pointed out in the last paragraph the letter commends the improvements in the water system.
- D. Upcoming Dates.** Ms. Justice reminded the council the Thanksgiving lunch is scheduled for November 22nd. Ms. Noe invited everyone to the open house at her office on November 21st.

BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER

RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR