

TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2017

**6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee**

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 PM by Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER – Led by Paul Gupton

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to approve the February minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Rachel Keaton Water Adjustment.** Ms. Keaton stepped forward and stated she had a high water bill due to a leak that has since been repaired. Mayor stated Ms. Keaton's bill was a total of \$227.29, but normally averages \$67.12. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to adjust Ms. Keaton's bill to an average. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Jack Bates Rezone Ordinance.** Mr. Bates stepped forward to speak in regard to the reading of ordinance 478. Mr. Bates stated his understanding is this parcel is to be rezoned to I-2 which would allow storage containers to be stacked on the property. He further stated he several residents agree this is not something they want to see on the property and feel it would look similar to the property across from Lewis' Country Store on Highway 12. He further stated he could get a petition from the residents surrounding the area together and feels it would decrease the owner's property value.
- C. Larry Taylor Water Adjustment.** Mr. Taylor came forward and stated he had a leaky flapper on his toilet which caused a high water bill and has been fixed. Mayor stated his water bill was a total of \$217.20, but normally averages \$90.19. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to adjust Mr. Taylor's bill to an average. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. Karen Stanley Water Adjustment.** Ms. Stanley came forward and stated she had a leak in the water meter line to the utility closet and presented a receipt which shows it has been repaired. Mayor stated this leak affected 2 months of bills one in the amount of \$176.06 and the second for \$112.26. He further stated her average bill is \$53.06. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Norwood to adjust her bill to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Mayor-yes.
- E. Tracy Wolf Water Adjustment.** Ms. Wolfe came forward and stated she had a high water bill due to a leak in the toilet which has been fixed. Mayor stated Ms. Wolf's bill is \$188.75

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- A. Jennifer Noe.** Ms. Noe made the council aware of the notice sent out to Royal Oaks Apartments condemning complex D due to structural issues. She further stated a hearing is scheduled for Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Council asked several questions regarding who would be affected by the condemnation and what would need to happen to correct the issues.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 463.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE 16/17 BUDGET. A budget amendment for appropriations from the General Fund. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance 463. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- B. Ordinance 464.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE OFFICAL ZONING MAP. An ordinance to rezone parcel 2 of the Cheatham County Tax Map 055F, located on Turner Street to the R-4 Zoning District. Chief Walker informed the Council Mr. Reigle, who had requested the rezone, has asked this be deferred for the time being as he thinks it may not be needed. Council deferred the rezone until next month.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Library Donation.** A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to approve the Library Donation for the 17-18 fiscal year. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Underage Alcohol Operation Fund: Cheatham County Sheriff's Department Donation.** Chief Coulon stated this is to approve a \$100 donation for the purpose of this fund. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Gill to approve the donation. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **Resolution 2017-03: Employee Manual.** This item was deferred for further review.
- D. **Resolution 2017-04: Wage and Salary Policy.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY UPDATING A WAGE AND SALARY POLICY GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve Resolution 2017-04. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Verizon Agreement-Police Department.** Authorization for the Mayor to sign an updated agreement with Verizon Wireless. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. **Rail Agreement.** Authorization for the Mayor to sign an agreement for the rail. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Gill to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Blue Heron Agreement.** Authorization for the Mayor to sign the annual agreement with the Blue Heron. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Gill to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **TML Discussion.** Mayor stated this fiscal year the city has paid \$19,477 in commission fees to our broker. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to eliminate our current broker, Southpoint Risk Advisors, and deal directly with TML for our insurance. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Ordinance 465.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE 16/17 BUDGET. A budget amendment for appropriations from the General Fund and Street Aid Fund. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance 465. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- J. **Ordinance 466.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-4) TO RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (RPUD). A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance 466. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- K. **Clear Renewal.** Authorization for the Mayor to sign the clear renewal agreement. Chief Coulon stated this is a renewal contract for the program currently used for background checks for permits and licenses. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Tap Fees.** Councilman Gill made a motion which was seconded by Allen for the sewer and tap fees to be reduced for six months. Councilman Norwood stated with the current condition of the water system he would be more inclined to reduce building permits to half than to reduce the tap fees. Councilman Allen withdrew his motion and asked this be taken to budget in order to look at figures. Motion failed for lack of second and council asked to discuss this further at the budget committee meeting.
- B. **Exhibit II of Resolution 2017-04.** Councilman Norwood asked to move the Court Clerk position up to Grade 9 and to move the Deputy Court Clerk position up to Grade 2 in Exhibit II of the Wage and Salary Policy. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to make these changes. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **Christian Oman Water Adjustment.** Mr. Oman came forward and stated he had a high water bill and asked for an adjustment. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to reduce Mr. Oman's water bill to his average of \$111.03. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **Burger King.** Chief Walker informed the council Burger King had a rough in and final inspection scheduled and anticipates opening to be in approximately a month.
- E. **Dollar General.** Mr. Young informed the council Dollar General in the Owen Place Shopping Center will be closing and moving to the new location on River Road.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER



RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR