

## TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 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, Gary Norwood, and Roger Jackson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER** – Led by Paul Gupton

### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC FORUM

- A. **Gloria Ford Water Adjustment.** Ms. Ford came forward, stated she had a high water bill, and she asked for an adjustment. Further, she had taken care of everything on the inside that created the problem and the water department had replaced a regulator and meter. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjust Ms. Ford's bill to an average. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Komail Khalili Drainage Issue.** Mr. Khalili came forward and he owns the building across from the post office. He further stated there is a drainage issue because of which there are several potholes on this property and asked if there is anything the city can do to assist him in this matter. Mayor Johnson asked for Mr. Cherry to look into the issue.
- C. **Denise Mathis Water Adjustment.** Ms. Mathis came forward and stated she had a leak repaired at her condo. In addition, she is requesting an adjustment due to a higher than average bill. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjust Ms. Ford's bill to an average. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.

### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Buris, Thompson, and Associates Salary Study Agreement.** A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Marks & Head Farms Agreement and River Bottom Property Lease.** Chief Walker stated the Marks & Head Farms Agreement is for the 4 acres used as training grounds and the property lease is to plant crops on the 30 acres the city owns. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve both the agreement and to lease the property for farm land. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **American Red Cross Agreement.** Ms. Womack stated this agreement is to use the Senior Center as an emergency facility in the event of an emergency. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **TCRS Employer Rate Contribution.** A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve 6.5% as the employer contribution rate for TCRS. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Yeary, Howell, and Associates Audit Contract.** Authorization for the Mayor to sign an updated agreement with Yeary, Howell, and Associates. Ms. Noe stated she had reviewed the agreement and it is basically the same as last year with the exception of the rate increase. A motion was made by Norwood,

seconded by Gill to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- F. **A.O. Smith Agreement.** Authorization for the Mayor to sign an agreement with A.O. Smith regarding the ECD Grant. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Binkley to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Codes Software Agreement-iWorQ.** Authorization for the Mayor to sign the iWorQ software agreement. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **Resolution 2017-05.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY SUPPORTING A SAFER ROUTE ON STATE ROUTE 49. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve Resolution 2017-05. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Ordinance 467.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE 16/17 BUDGET. A budget amendment for appropriations from the General Fund and the Water & Sewer Fund. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance 468. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes and Mayor-yes.
- J. **Schedule Title 16 Workshop.** Mayor Johnson stated a date needed to be set to discuss changes to the Title 16 code. After some discussion council agreed to set the workshop for May 8 at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Tap Fees.** Councilman Gill made a motion for the sewer and tap fees to be reduced by half for a period of six months. Motion declined for lack of second.
- B. **Liquor Store Limitations.** Councilman Gill made a motion, seconded by Allen, to remove the limitation of 3 liquor stores. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-no, Jackson-no, Binkley-no, Walker-no, and Mayor-no.
- C. **Lighting on Hwy 12.** Councilman Norwood requested the Mayor send a letter requesting support for lighting of Hwy 12.
- D. **Royal Oaks Apartment Update.** Councilman Norwood requested an update of the situation with Royal Oaks Apartments. Ms. Noe stated the judge approved the sale of the property; however, the buyer was set to close on April 1 and she understands that due to a misunderstanding in regard to the parcels being sold the deal has fallen through. Further, the property is still in receivership status and she recently received a call in regard to someone else being interested in the property.
- E. **Tennis Court Permission to Bid.** Mr. Young requested permission to bid both the resurfacing and repair of the tennis courts. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to bid these items. All approved by voice vote.
- F. **Nicholas McCloud.** Ms. Reed informed the council Mr. McCloud, who was just before council last month in regard to an adjustment to his water bill and making arrangements to pay his arrearage, had not yet made his payment of \$125 as he agreed to do so at the last council meeting and still owes a substantial amount on his bill. After some discussion a motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Binkley to cut-off Mr. McCloud's water. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-no, Walker-no, Gill-no, Jackson-no, and Mayor-no. After further discussion a motion was made by Allen, seconded by Jackson to inform Mr. McCloud he has 5 days to come in and make his \$125 payment. In addition, if he doesn't do so his water will be turned off and he will assess a cut-off fee which will be added to his total. Further, if we are required to turn off Mr. McCloud's water after he makes a payment of \$125 his water can be turned back on. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Tennessee Environmental Hall of Fame Recognition.** Councilman Gill stated he wanted to congratulate Mayor Johnson on his induction into the Tennessee Environmental Hall of Fame.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER



RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR