

TOWN OF ASHLAND WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2017
6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee

CALL TO ORDER at 6:01 PM by Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Richard Johnson, Vice Mayor Steve Allen, Ms. Lisa Walker, Mr. Jimmy Gill and Mr. Roger Jackson.

Absent: Ms. Alwilda Binkley

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Mayor Johnson stated the allowance for taller buildings needs to be stricken from the agenda. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda with the change.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS

- A. Christmas Parade Winners.** Ms. Reed stated the parade winners will be announced at the council meeting next week and trophies will be presented to the winners.
- B. Department Heads.**
 - a. Fire, Codes and Life Safety Department.** Chief Walker stated the recruits will be graduating Thursday night and the Codes side has been extremely busy with inquiries.
 - b. Police Department.** Chief Coulon thanked the council for allowing the department to hire new officers and further stated one of the new officers should be able to attend the academy in April.
 - c. Court Department.** Ms. Justice stated everything is business as usual and she doesn't have anything to report.
 - d. Parks Department.** Mr. Young reported being busy with maintenance and meetings for soccer, baseball, and softball making preparations for the Spring.
 - e. Senior Center.** Ms. Womack stated everything is going well and reported getting the door fixed at the building. She stated the center now has 1,102 members and serves approximately 35 people daily. She further stated this is up 10 people from the numbers reported last year. She also reported there are 112 members going on a trip to Cheekwood Thursday night.
 - f. Water and Streets Department.** Mr. Biggers reported ordering the new street sweeper and further stated a demo of a sewer vacuum truck is scheduled. In addition, he stated there are several water and sewer taps coming in and the Christmas lights are up throughout town.
 - g. Recorder's Office.** Ms. Reed stated she didn't have anything to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 477: Municipal Floodplain Zoning.** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, TO MINIMIZE DANGER TO LIFE AND PROPERTY DUE TO FLOODING, AND TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. Chief Walker stated this is set for the second reading and allows for building in the floodway. Further, ninety-five percent of cities and counties allow for this type of building currently, if done properly.
- B. Ordinance: Establishing Honorarium Policy for Retiring and Disabled Officers.** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 6 CHAPTER 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING HONORARIUM PRESENTATION OF GUN AND BADGE TO RETIRING OR DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY OFFICERS. Ms. Reed stated this is for the second reading on this policy and explained this was discussed at last month's meeting.
- C. Ordinance: Budget Amendment.** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 17/18 FISCAL YEAR. Ms. Reed stated this is for second reading and adds fifteen thousand from the Drug Fund into the budget to help fund the training facility. In addition, it will also add several grants into the budget such as the volunteer safer grant and Tennessee Highway Safety Grants for the Police and Fire

Departments.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Building Fees.** Mr. Brian Stinson stepped forward and presented a PowerPoint presentation. He stated the current fee schedule for codes are from 1997. Further, the code has been updated to the 2012 code. Mayor asked if the county has already updated their fees. Mr. Stinson replied yes. Mr. Jackson asked if blasting is permitted in the city limits. Chief Walker responded as long as state regulations are followed. Mr. Gill voiced concerns about using a table to calculate the fees rather than charging a flat fee. After much discussion Mr. Stinson further pointed out Ashland City has the lowest fees in Tennessee.
- B. **Tap/Capacity Fees.** Mr. Biggers stepped forward presented his findings for our tap fees in comparison to the other utilities in the surrounding area. He also stated with the current fee schedule we are losing money every time we sell a tap. Mayor asked Mr. Biggers to come back next week with a recommendation with something for them to vote on either in ordinance or resolution. Mr. Gill asked if we are behind on taps. Mr. Biggers stated he estimated approximately forty taps behind currently. Ms. Reed stated this will need to be in ordinance form and will need two readings.
- C. **Ordinance: Title 15 Chapter 6 Parking Fees.** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 15 CHAPTER 7 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT. Ms. Reed stated this is for first reading to update the fee schedule discussed at the previous council meeting and will require two readings.
- D. **Ordinance: Rezone Graham Road at Highway 12 from R-1 to C-2.** Ms. Reed stated this encumbers all the verbiage requested from the last meeting. Mr. Jake Brooks stepped forward and stated he is the development consultant for Mr. Cole Calligan, who is the property owner for this parcel, and he is available to answer any questions. Mr. Jackson asked if they have decided what will be going on the parcel. Mr. Brooks stated if rezoned, it will be whatever the allowable uses for the zoning. Ms. Reed clarified this is set for first reading next week and will be for second reading in January.
- E. **Request to Bid- Training Facility.** Chief Walker stated this is for the FEMA grant for the training facility and the funds to match the ten percent have now been requested; therefore, he would like to request to bid out.
- F. **Request to Bid- Farmland Lease.** Chief Walker identified a one-year lease on the farmland has just expired. Further, they only did the bid for one-year due to the A.O. Smith project, but at this point we are unsure when the berm project will start; however, if the project does begin and they destroy any crops they will be required to pay for it.
- G. **Resolution: Accept land donation- Turner Street at Boyd Street.** Chief Walker stated Mr. Reigle is giving the city .63 acres for a detention area after recommendation for the area when Chris Cherry initially looked at the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Updates and Reminders.** Mayor informed council of a mandatory training for council on January 4 at 5:30 p.m. He also reminded the council of the Christmas gathering at Station II on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor asked Ms. Reed to announce the upcoming meetings for the month. Ms. Reed replied on December 12 there will be a Special Called Council Meeting, Beer Board Meeting, and Council Meeting also on December 19 there will be a Special Called Council Meeting and a Budget Meeting. Ms. Walker asked if we have any applications. Ms. Reed responded she will be picking up the applications after the cut-off to submit applications on Friday. Ms. Binkley stated she thinks Ashland City should do something to commemorate Pat Head Summit. Ms. Walker asked if the council can get an update on the status with the Census. Ms. Reed stated the last count she heard was approximately three thousand five hundred. Ms. Walker then asked for an update on the Downtowns Grant. Ms. Reed stated Ms. Cannon informed her A.O. Smith will be donating one thousand dollars to add to the grant in order to help with an awning for El Rey. Mr. Gill stated he would like to make a motion for council members to get a raise. Mayor informed Mr. Gill that will need to be done at the Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR



KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER