



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Budget Meeting
January 21, 2020 6:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Mayor Steve Allen
Committee Member Tim Adkins
Committee Member Daniel Anderson
Committee Member Gerald Greer
Committee Member Chris Kerrigan
Committee Member Lisa Walker

ABSENT

Vice Chairman Roger Jackson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Committee Member Anderson, seconded by Committee Member Kerrigan, to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 11-19-19 Budget Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Committee Member Adkins, seconded by Committee Member Anderson, to approve the 11-19-19 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. MTAS Training

Mr. Gary Jackel with MTAS, part of the UT Institute for Public Service, gave a training for new council members. He stated that their mission is to help cities in Tennessee only with any issues or questions they have regarding their Charter. Mr. Jackel went over the Sunshine Law, the ethics policy, and sections regarding city council members. He stated that Section 10, part C in our charter states "Notice of such special sessions shall be given to all Councilmen at least twelve (12) hours in advance of the meeting". Mr. Jackel stated that it should be updated to state "at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance" instead. Councilwoman Lisa Walker asked when the City should appoint the City Recorder and City Attorney. Mr. Jackel stated that they are appointed by council and could be appointed on an election cycle.

3. Proposed Employee Manual Changes Discussion

Mrs. Gayle Bowman stated that there are some changes to the employee manual she is proposing because of payroll issues. She stated these changes would pertain to overtime, use of vacation/sick/comp/holiday time, and salaried employees.

OTHER.

4. Mr. Scott Sampson stated he had catalogs for Christmas lights for next year that he would like Council to take a look at. Councilman Adkins asked if the money was already in the budget. Mr. Sampson stated he will request for this to be in the budget next year.
5. Mrs. Bowman presented a letter from the auditor. She stated that if council was interested, she could give them monthly financial reports.

6. Mayor Allen stated that they are deciding whether to keep General Sessions or get rid of it. He stated that we should get rid of it if it will save the City money. He further stated that Dickson eliminated General Sessions and they saved \$250,000.00 the first year and over \$500,000.00 the next year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Committee Member Walker, seconded by Committee Member Kerrigan to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


MAYOR STEVE ALLEN


FINANCIAL MANAGER GAYLE BOWMAN