



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2019
6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee**

CALL TO ORDER at 6:03 PM by Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson. Vice Mayor Anderson turned over the meeting to Chairman Roger Jackson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Steve Allen, Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson, Budget Chairman Roger Jackson, Mr. Tim Adkins, Ms. Alwilda Binkley, Ms. Lisa Walker, and Mr. Chris Kerrigan.

Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Walker, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson to approve the June 18, 2019 agenda as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Binkley, seconded by Mr. Kerrigan to approve the May 28, 2019 minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Fire Hall and City Hall Discussion.** Chief Chuck Walker stated the council hired Mr. Josh Wright to determine the square footage needs for the city hall/fire department building. Chief Walker said CSR engineers were hired for the analysis for Braxton Lee property and the Murff property. Chief Walker stated he would request to hire Mr. Wright for the design of the building. Chief Walker stated if Mr. Wright is hired, he has designed the fire hall to have 15,000 square feet, which will include eight individual sleeping cubbies, training center, office space and bays. Mr. Wright stated if the city decides to hire his company for the design the \$12,000 the city had paid for square footage analysis will be rebated for the fire hall and city hall project. Mr. Wright presented the sketch of the design and structure materials to be used for the fire hall, the building would be all brick, framed with concrete block, 2x6 exterior walls and metal roof. Mr. Wright stated the design can be altered to be able to stay in the budget. Mr. Jackson questioned the cost of this project. Mr. Wright stated the building is \$180.00 square feet and roughly \$200,000.00 for the site work. Ms. Walker questioned if the training room would be able to be used as a conference room. Chief Walker replied yes, if the community would like to utilize the space they could enter through front and have no access to the fire department main building. After much discussion, Mr. Wright stated his fee is 6.5%, which covers all the contractors, excluding civil engineer which would be a separate contract. Mr. Jackson questioned the final cost would be around \$4.1 million. Mr. Wright stated until the figures are on paper, he would not be able to give an estimate. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned if the county is still interested in purchasing in the current city hall building. Chief Walker stated we would need to set up a meeting with the County Mayor. Vice Mayor Anderson stated we should wait to see if the county is still interested in purchasing city's building before moving forward with this project. Chief Walker stated Jason with CSR engineer sent site analysis and opinion of probable cost as follows the cost for site 1 (Murff Property) \$649,037.00 and Site 2 (Braxton Lee Property) \$791,305.00. Vice Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Wright's professional opinion on the sites. Mr. Wright stated I would prefer the Murff property because it is downtown. Chief Walker questioned if the council would like to continue to work with Mr. Wright on this project. Mr. Kerrigan stated he would like to continuing work with Mr. Wright on the fire hall/city hall project. Mr. Jackson stated he would like to discuss with the county their interest in the current city hall building before proceeding. Chief Walker questioned if Mr. Wright should bring a contract to the July 2019 council meeting after Ms. Jennifer Noe reviews the contract. Mr. Jackson agreed to continue working with Mr. Wright for the design on

the fire department. Mr. Jackson further stated city hall can remain at this location if the county is not interested in the purchase of the building.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MAYOR'S UPDATE-

- A. Election.** Mayor Allen stated he has spoken to the election office about changing the election time to 9 am-7 pm. This change would need to be approved by election board.
- B. A.O. Smith.** Mayor Allen stated A.O. Smith will be attending the workshop meeting to discuss the digging out of the lake for the berm. Chief Walker stated the lake would be recorded as wetland so it would never be able to be touched.

Other Business-

- A. City Vehicle Complaint.** Mr. Jackson stated he would like to make a formal complaint to the mayor. Mr. Jackson stated department heads that drive vehicles home should report to emergency situations, otherwise they should not be using a city vehicle to drive home.
- B. Announcement.** Ms. Walker stated the city needs to notify customers when water is out. Ms. Gayle Bowman stated with the Tyler Software we are able to send out automatic phone calls to the water customers as long as we are provided with the streets that have lost water and someone physically has to be in the office to send out the notification.
- C. State Champion Signs.** Mr. Adkins stated TDOT approved the state basketball champion signs to be hung.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Walker, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Mayor Steve Allen