

TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2019
6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee

CALL TO ORDER at 6:02 PM by Mayor Allen.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Roger Jackson

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

A motion made by Adkins, seconded by Walker to approve the May agenda as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by Binkley, seconded by Anderson to approve the April minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS

A. Department Heads.

- a. **Fire, Codes and Life Safety Department.** Chief Walker stated the new recruits are in the process of finishing their requirements to become state certified. He stated single family home permits have slowed down, but commercial is busy with Popeye's finishing up their construction while Taco Bell has pulled their permits. Chief Walker stated Caymas Boats has almost completed the 20,000 square foot addition to their building and they have also produced the first bass boat. Ms. Binkley asked when the new hotel will start construction. Chief Walker stated a representative with the hotel will need to have paperwork submitted by May 15, 2019 to be able to attend the next planning commission meeting. Ms. Walker asked how many hotels the City currently has. Chief Walker says two, but one of the hotels is operating as apartments. Ms. Kellie Reed said she will refer to the situs report on the status of the 2nd hotel's operations. Ms. Walker asked about Air B&B's operating within the City limits and if they are required to have a business license. Chief Walker stated the City currently does not have any legislation for Air B&B's. Chief Walker says there are around 300 Air B&B's in Cheatham County. Ms. Jennifer Noe stated Metro and Franklin currently have a policy for this and she would be willing to look into it if the council requests. Vice Mayor Anderson asked Ms. Noe what she would say if someone were to ask her if local government is digging too deeply into their personal property rights as a homeowner. Ms. Noe said it is a fine line and while other cities are looking into legislation for Air B&B's we might want to wait for the dust to settle. Mr. Chris Kerrigan stated he has been contacted by a resident about a home on Caldwell that sleeps up to 10 people and their complaint is parking. Chief Walker stated each home is set for 2.5 parking spots. Mayor Allen said he would like to look into regulations.
- b. **Police Department.** Chief Ray stated business as usual. Mayor Allen interjected and thanked the Police and Fire department for doing an amazing job with the field trip for the Ashland City Elementary students on Monday May 6th.
- c. **City Attorney.** Ms. Noe stated the Corp of Engineers rejected the original plan for mitigation and wants AO Smith to mitigate in another location and hopes to have more information by the June meeting. Vice Mayor Anderson asked Ms. Noe about Hidden Lakes. Ms. Noe stated they have disposition scheduled for June 2019. Ms. Noe said she will be going on vacation later this month and advised that Ms. Sandy Cannon and Ms. Reed know how to contact her if anything comes up.
- d. **Senior.** Ms. Melissa Womack stated Senior Center business is booming and the 8th annual picnic will be held at Riverbluff Park on Wednesday May 8th and will be accommodating over 400 citizens. Ms. Womack said there will be live music, vendors, carnival games and horse and carriage rides.
- e. **Parks.** Mr. Scott Sampson stated Riverbluff park has been very busy and the new playground is getting lots of use. Mr. Sampson said a new roof was put on the concession stand at the softball field behind Ashland City Elementary. Also, on May 18th Friends of the Trail will be cleaning the creek at Marks Creek to remove the trash. He further stated, CEMC met with him to discuss putting lights at the connector trail.

- f. **Water and Streets Department.** Mr. Clint Biggers stated his department has been staying busy with mowing, tree cutting and completing the taps at Popeye's. Mr. Biggers said he met with TDOT today to discuss the new bridge on Main Street at King Automotive and McDonalds and they plan to begin work either the weekend before or after the 4th of July. Mr. Biggers stated Session's Paving will complete the project and should take around 5 days to complete while working 24 hours a day; a detour map will be provided during that time.
- g. **Recorder.** Ms. Reed stated the Comptroller's office changed how budgets are presented and she is continuing to work with them on the new format. Ms. Reed said she hopes to have something available by week's end.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. **Disc Golf Course.** Mr. Ben Stevens, resident of Ward 3, approached Council with concerns about the proposed disc golf location at the walking track. Mr. Stevens addressed concerns such as the area not being large enough to support a disc golf course, frisbee's flying around with the potential of hitting walkers, and possible overcrowding of the walking track with disc tournaments that will discourage walkers using the track. Mr. Stevens asked the council to consider a different location. After much discussion it was determined that there has been a lot of positive feedback from citizens and the council still wants to bring disc golf to the park but will consider looking for a different location.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance: Budget Amendment** – Ms. Reed stated this will be the 2nd and final reading.
- B. **City Hall Discussion: Ashley Osman Murff Property** – Mayor Allen asked if the test results were back from the Braxton Lee property. Chief Walker said no and to expect another week before the results are in. Ms. Cannon presented the council with a packet showing one lot had been turned into twenty-nine buildable lots and was purchased as the one property, indicating this was the reason for the cost. Ms. Cannon stated a site plan has been completed and suggested to council it was an investment property. Mayor Allen opened the floor for any questions; no questions were asked. Mayor Allen said they would let Ms. Osman know more after the test results and discussion on the Braxton Lee property.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Raymond James Agreement.** Ms. Reed stated she had contacted Raymond James & Associates, Inc. a financial advisement company for municipal advisory work. Ms. Reed introduced Mr. Rick Delany. Mr. Delany provided the council with a Municipal Advisory Agreement and an outline of how they would provide us with a service for our current projects.
- B. **Buckle Up for Life Agreement.** Ms. Reed stated this is a 100% match grant for the fire department to receive around 75 new car seats. Chief Walker said Toyota provides the car seats.
- C. **Lindy Murff Contract Renewal.** Ms. Womack stated this is the contract to renew Ms. Lindy Murff for exercise classes at the Senior Center. Ms. Womack reviewed Ms. Murff's multiple exercise certifications.
- D. **Waste Management Contract.** Ms. Reed stated this contract is for sludge removal. Mr. Clint Biggers said Waste Management is our only option as Republic Services has dropped us. Ms. Reed stated this contract is for 3 years at fixed rates for a better price. Ms. Noe stated she would like the clause removed for auto renewal.
- E. **Paving Bid.** Ms. Reed stated the bid will be available this Friday May 10, 2019. Ms. Reed said the paving would be for the walking track and Old Cumberland Street by the tennis courts. She further stated the monies used for paving will not be the grant money but will come from money in this year's budget.
- F. **Resolution: Tourism Grant.** Ms. Reed stated this grant was to be presented by Ms. Cannon who provided the council with a packet. Ms. Reed said this grant is for Christmas lights and decorations for the City and the Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce will be applying for us.
- G. **Resolution: TDOT Right of Way Proposal.** Ms. Reed stated Ms. Cannon had an emergency and had to leave, but she did hand out a packet prior to the meeting regarding this resolution.
- H. **Resolution: Pay Table Adjustment.** Ms. Reed stated this was discussed at budget meeting to increase the highest salary on each pay grade of the pay table by 3%.
- I. **Increase.** Mayor Allen stated this is the yearly 3% water rate increase.
- J. **Ordinance: Budget and Tax Rate 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.** Chief Walker stated there is money in his budget to move around so as not to raise his salary budget but will be able to hire 3 full time employees; paperwork was given to council showing the proposed adjustment. Chief Walker discussed the possibility of the County providing the City with money next year, separate from the fire tax fund, to man outside city limit stations.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

None.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Walker to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



STEVE ALLEN, MAYOR



KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER