

# TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting January 14, 2020 6:00 PM Minutes

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT
Mayor Steve Allen
Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson
Councilman Tim Adkins
Councilwoman Alwilda Binkley
Councilman Roger Jackson
Councilman Chris Kerrigan
Councilwoman Lisa Walker

#### PLEDGE AND PRAYER

Chaplain Charles Gains led the pledge and prayer.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

12-10-19 Council Meeting Minutes
 A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the
 12-10-19 meeting minutes as written. All approved by voice vote.

# **RECOGNITION PRESENTATION**

- 2. Certificate of Achievement
  - Mayor Allen presented Ms. Gayle Bowman with a certificate of achievement honoring her efforts in achievement of the Certified Municipal Financial Officer designation.
- 3. Appreciation Award
  - Mayor Allen presented Ms. Alwilda Binkley with an appreciation award for her years of service as a councilwoman.

## **SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- 4. Mayor Steve Allen
  - Ms. Kellie Reed swore in Mayor Allen as the newly elected Mayor of the Town of Ashland City.
- 5. Councilman Chris Kerrigan
  - Ms. Kellie Reed swore in Councilman Kerrigan as reelected Councilman representing ward three.
- 6. Councilwoman Lisa Walker
  - Ms. Kellie Reed swore in Councilwoman Walker as reelected Councilwoman representing ward one.
- 7. Councilman Gerald Green
  - Ms. Kellie Reed swore in Mr. Gerald Greer as the newly elected Councilman representing ward two.

## PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

8. Ashland City Girls 14U Softball Team

Mayor Allen presented a proclamation recognizing the 14U Ashland City Softball Team as state, district, and regular season champions. Coaches Jeffery Cannon and Rebecca Davis, and Team Members Kaylie, Proctor, Mary Davis, Mallory Dyrbala, Katlyn Sisco, Abbigail Cannon, Autumn Glover, Alayah Sheppard, Emily Cannon, Skyler Stocker, and Bailey Cohen, stepped forward and was recognized for their hard work and tireless effort as the first place champions of the 2019 District 4 Championship and first place champions of the 2019 Fastpitch of America Softball Association REC State Championship.

9. Ashland City 12U Fast Pitch Softball Team Mayor Allen presented a proclamation recognizing the 12U FASA Ashland City All Star Team as state, district, and regular season champions. Manager Michael Harter, Coaches Daniel Anderson and Steven Cox, and Team Members Lauren Anderson, Mercedes Bowden, Aviva Casey, Makenzie Cox, Annalese Cunningham, Haylee Dowlen, Willow Greene, Macie Harter, Mylah Harter, Amelia Waldron, and Gracie Weakley, stepped forward and was recognized for thier hard work and tireless effort as the first place champions of the regular season, first place of the 2019 District 4 Championship, and first place champions of the 2019 Fastpitch of America Softball Association REC State Championship.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Barbara Ashford- Water Adjustment. Ms. Ashford stepped forward and stated she had a high water bill due to a leak in a water heater. Mayor questioned if this affected all three bills. Ms. Bowman responded yes. Mayor stated the water bill normally averages \$67.84, but the leak affected three bills totaling \$280.50, \$423.36, and \$169.20. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to adjust the bills down to an average. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

Wesley Brown-Water Adjustment. Ms. Brittany Brown stepped forward and stated there have been several things that have broken. The affected bills were in the amount of \$160.14, \$266.95, \$202.28, but normally averaged \$66.78. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the adjustment. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

Vantage Pointe Apartments- Water Adjustment. The apartment manager stepped forward and stated there was a leak in the irrigation system that was underground. Councilman Jackson questioned why the leak went on for three months. The manager explained the bill goes to a third party in California. Mayor asked if there was anything else. No action was taken by the City Council.

Affordable Storage- Water Adjustment. Mr. Michael McDaniel stepped forward and stated there was a leak in one of the toilets of an unoccupied unit. Councilman Jackson questioned the process for checking for leaks. Mr. McDaniel stated they now check in on a weekly basis. Mayor questioned if there was anything else. No action was taken by the City Council.

#### **REPORTS**

10. City Attorney

Ms. Noe stated everything she has is on the agenda.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

11. Electrical Permit Discussion

Ms. Bowman stated the front office is still issuing permits under the old system until the new system goes live. Councilman Anderson questioned if they will have to do a contract in order to keep this going. Ms. Bowman stated the old system is still under contract until July.

12. Leak Adjustment Discussion

Ms. Bowman stated she handed out instructions last week to inform council how leak adjustments are handled in the office. She further asked if anyone has any questions.

13. ServLine Insurance Policy

Ms. Noe stated the proposal is a little confusing; however, everything is dependent on the tier the Council chooses for the coverage. Councilman Kerrigan stated River Road Utility uses the

tier three \$2,500 coverage option. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned if we pick the option. Ms. Reed stated yes, the tier the council chooses determines the coverage and the cost of the insurance. She further stated it is up to the customer if they elect to pay for the coverage for repair of their water and sewer line leaks. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned how we will let the customer know. Ms. Reed stated Serve Line will provide us with letters we can send to the customer to explain the policy. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to go with Tier three, coverage up to \$2,500, after we have made the customer aware of the policy and given them sixty days to choose to utilize the coverage. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker. Ms. Noe stated the code will need to be updated to reflect this change.

- 14. Fire Hall Design Discussion
  - Chief Walker stated the final floor plan has been shared with everyone and he would like some guidance before they meet with the engineer to move forward. Vice Mayor Anderson asked if the department is good with the plan. Chief Walker confirmed the department has had input on the design and they are all good with it. He further stated the hope is to have it ready for the bid process in June. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to proceed with the plan. All approved by voice vote.
- 15. City Hall Design Discussion
  - Mayor stated Mr. Wright will need some direction on what space is needed and he requested the council have a special called meeting on Tuesday, January 28 for further discussion. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Adkins, to hold the Special Called Council Meeting on January 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. All approved by voice vote.
- 16. Part-time Firefighter Funding Agreement
  - Ms. Noe stated she has reviewed the contract the county has presented and they have made some changes and would like for the council to approve the contract with the changes. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Walker to approve the contract with changes. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker
- 17. Amusement Attractions Contract for Summerfest
  - Mr. Sampson stated this is the contract for the carnival at Summerfest and they have agreed to sell the wrist bands for twenty dollars each as long as we pay for the diesel fuel. Ms. Noe suggested setting a cap on the amount of fuel and send it back. After some discussion a motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the contract with a three-thousand-dollar cap on the diesel fuel. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 18. Tennessee Waltz Parkway/Highway 12 Red Light Design
  - A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to defer this until next month's council meeting. All approved by voice vote.
- 19. Industrial Access Road Grant: Project Design Concept A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to approve the preliminary design of the Industrial Access Road Grant map. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.
- 20. Dell & Davenport Contracts (Servers, Local Client, and Backup)
  A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to defer this until next month's meeting. All approved by voice vote.
- 21. Elect Vice Mayor
  - A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to nominate Vice Mayor Anderson to continue to serve as the Vice Mayor. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman

Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

# **SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS:**

None.

# **EXPENDITURE REQUESTS:**

None.

# **OTHER**

Mayor Allen stated he appreciates everyone for coming out tonight.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to adjourn. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

MAYOR STEVE ALLEN

CITY RECORDER KELLIE REED, CMFO, CMC