



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2019

6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 PM by Mayor Allen.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Steve Allen, Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson, Mr. Tim Adkins, Ms. Lisa Walker, Ms. Alwilda Binkley, Mr. Chris Kerrigan, and Mr. Roger Jackson (came in late during consideration of agenda).

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

Chaplain Charles Gains led everyone in the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to approve the September 9, 2019 agenda with the change of adding Dog Park Discussion under New Business. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Councilman Roger Jackson came in and Mayor requested the record reflect Councilman Jackson's presence.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilwoman Binkley to approve the August 13, 2019 minutes with the correction to the date. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Edgar Gauvain.** Mr. Gauvain stepped forward and stated he had a water regulator rupture that has been repaired, but caused several high water bills. The bills were in the amount of \$137.49, \$161.19, and \$110.08, but they normally average \$81.15. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Erica Canizalez- Election.** Ms. Canizalez stepped forward and stated she had a leak in the toilet which caused a high water bill. Ms. Canizalez's bill totaled \$2,111.76 and normally averages \$113.85. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. Dan Cook- Water Bill.** Mr. Cook stepped forward and stated there was a toilet flusher that busted and ran throughout the weekend which caused a high water bill. Mr. Cook's water bill totaled \$263.47, but normally averages \$42.87. A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. Mike Groves- Water Bill.** Mr. Groves stepped forward and stated he had a leak which caused a high water bill. The bill totaled \$274.00 and normally averages \$81.07. A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. Matt Cerda- Movie Event.** Mr. Cerda stepped forward and stated he would like to partner with the city for a movie in the park event. He further stated his son Ethan is autistic and he would like to have an event in the park for children who share similar challenges. He stated the date he is shooting for is November 2, 2019 and he has been offered lots of donations as far as equipment and food, but he needs licensing and insurance for the event. He stated if the weather doesn't permit thought about speaking to the church to see if they would allow him to move the movie there. Councilwoman Walker stated she thinks it is a great idea, but when the event committee did the movie in the park last year they canceled the showing due to weather, but rescheduled for a later date. Further, the committee was not allowed to move the location of the event due to the licensing agreement. City Attorney Jennifer Noe stated the board would need to decide if Mr. Cerda needs to get an event permit or if the board would like Mr. Cerda to speak with the event committee about hosting the event. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by

Councilwoman Binkley, for Mr. Cerda to meet with the events committee regarding this event. Vote on motion: Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- F. Amanda Melton-Dog Park.** Ms. Melton presented some rough drafts of a site plan that is ADA compliant and has water and power near the site. She further stated this would give the elderly a safe place to go with their dogs and is the perfect location for what they are hoping to utilize. After much discussion the council decided they would like to meet down at Riverbluff to see potential sites for the dog park. A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to meet prior to the budget committee meeting at Riverbluff Park. All approved by voice vote.
- G. John Steinhouse- Caldwell Park.** Mr. Steinhouse stepped forward and stated he is delighted to see the Caldwell Park on the agenda. He further stated there is a boundary dispute and the city does not actually own the property in dispute based on a survey that was completed on an adjoining property. Ms. Noe stated the property is on the agenda tonight so she can discuss this issue.
- H. Jerome Terrell- ECD Update.** Mr. Terrell stated there are currently nine projects in the works, four are committed projects and two of these are in the Ashland City area. These projects will create fifty jobs each. He further discussed a grant they have applied for in the amount of one million dollars to specifically train students in the area on welding. He stated this is a strong application and he feels confident they will be awarded the grant.

REPORTS

- 1. **City Attorney.** Ms. Noe stated everything she wishes to discuss is already on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2. **Ordinance: Hotel Motel Tax.** AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO ESTABLISH A HOTEL-MOTEL TAX. Councilman Adkins questioned if we have decided how to spend the money. Ms. Reed responded it will be earmarked for tourism, but nothing has been proposed at this time and can be decided at a later date. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading.**
- 3. **City Hall Discussion.** Mr. Josh Wright stepped forward and presented a timeline with his goals for completion dates for both the city hall and fire hall projects. He further stated he would like to get feedback from the council for suggestions on the design. Councilwoman Binkley stated she would like to see a traditional design. Mr. Wright stated it will take between nine and twelve months for construction and he is a little further along with the fire hall than he is with city hall. He stated his goal is in mid-October for final design revisions. Ms. Noe interjected that if the city maintains the general sessions jurisdictions they will need an electronic means of communication or a holding cell for inmates in the new city hall. Mr. Wright stated he would like to come back with design revisions and an updated timeline. Vice-Mayor Anderson stated he would like to see the more traditional look for the front of the new city hall.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. **USP Technologies.** Ms. Noe stated she has resolved the legal verbiage with this contract and the price is the same. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the USP Technologies. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- 5. **Tyler Technologies Agreement.** A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Tyler Technologies Agreement. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- 6. **A.O. Smith Agreement.** Ms. Noe stated she asked to put this on the agenda; however, she just received the paperwork at 2:00 p.m. and has forwarded copies to be reviewed by the engineer. She further stated she would like to request this to be deferred until next month. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, to defer the A.O. Smith Agreement until next month. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- 7. **Resolution: Wage and Salary Policy: Exhibit II Pay Table.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE UPDATING THE WAGE AND SALARY POLICY GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Wage and Salary Policy Resolution. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- 8. **Ordinance: Amend Title 18 Chapter 1: Usage Fees.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND

CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 18, CHAPTER 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE. A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to approve the Ordinance to amend Title 18 Chapter 1. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins--yes, and Mayor-yes.

9. **Caldwell Park Discussion.** Ms. Noe stated the Caldwell Park has already been surplusized; however, there is a dispute on the acreage and in order to get a clear title for insurance when the property is sold there will need to be a survey of the property. Mayor Allen stated he spoke to Buddy Wright some time back and the city has a credit with him if council would like to utilize Mr. Wright's services for the surveying of the park. Ms. Noe reiterated a survey is the only way to get the issue resolved. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, to have Caldwell Park property surveyed. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes. Councilman Adkins stated he spoke with someone and Louise Mandrel is not interested in purchasing the property.
10. **Dog Park Discussion.** Mayor stated this discussion was presented under public forum.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

11. **City Hall Site House.** Chief Walker stated we could get dumpsters and let the public works department tear down the house. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve the tear down of the house on the city hall site. All approved by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. **Girls' Basketball Team Signs.** Councilwoman Binkley asked for an update regarding the signs being posted for the girls' basketball team. Councilman Adkins stated they are in the process of being posted on Highway 12.
13. **Weekend Events.** Ms. Melissa Womack invited everyone to the 160th birthday celebration for the city on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilwoman Binkley reminded everyone the Braxton Lee Foundation is hosting their Dinner Under the Stars event on Saturday. Ms. Womack stated there will be a booth selling tickets and providing transportation to and from for the cemetery tour at the birthday celebration.
14. **Disc Golf Ribbon Cutting.** Ms. Reed reminded everyone of the disc golf course ribbon cutting on Friday and invited everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.


MAYOR STEVE ALLEN


CITY RECORDER KELLIE REED, CMFO, CMC