

**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2018
6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Richard Johnson, Vice-Mayor Mr. Steve Allen, Ms. Lisa Walker, Mr. Tim Adkins, Mr. Roger Jackson, and Mr. Daniel Anderson.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER – Led by Councilman Tim Adkins.

OATH OF OFFICE

Judge Stinnett stepped forward and asked Mr. Chris Kerrigan to come forward and asked if he would like anyone to stand with him when he recites the oath of office. Mr. Kerrigan requested his dad come forward with him. Judge Stinnett asked Mr. Kerrigan's dad to hold the bible as Mr. Chris Kerrigan recited the oath of office.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Mayor asked that Old Business be moved down on the agenda after the new business. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Adkins to approve the agenda with the change. All approved by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Adkins to approve the July meeting minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. **Valerie Kemp Drier- 106 Spring Street.** Ms. Kemp stepped forward and stated she understands the acquisition of property for a new city hall is on the agenda for tonight and she wanted to state she hopes due diligence has been done to know what the cost of rendering a new building would be in addition to the purchase of the property in order for the citizens to know the true cost of this project.

REPORTS

- A. **City Attorney.** Ms. Noe stated she had nothing to report, as everything is on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Acquisition of Property Agreements.** Ms. Noe stated this a contract is for the 4 parcels on Cumberland Street. Ms. Noe further stated it is \$550,000 contingent upon council approval for four of the parcels and the fifth parcel belongs to the Harris heirs which has been passed down to the third set of heirs. She further stated we are asking \$675,000 for the total acquisition for the contracts and closing costs, but the contract will be one reading and the budget amendment will be two readings. Mr. Jackson questioned if there would be room for the fire department as well on that property. Chief Walker stated that would be a question for an engineer/architect. Mr. Adkins asked if the city has looked into other properties. Mayor responded the vacant Rite Aid building and asked Ms. Cannon to explain. Ms. Cannon explained the Rite Aid building is owned by someone in Florida and they do not wish to sale it, only to lease it out. Mr. Adkins questioned what would we do with the current City Hall building. Mayor stated we would try to sell it to the county. Mr. Adkins stated it is \$675,000 to purchase the land and then asked how much it will cost to construct a building. Mayor stated we have to look at the bigger picture. Further, if we

wait the land will be sold. He then asked Ms. Laken Lenhart to speak. Ms. Lenhart stated the owner only wants to sell the four lots to the city and if the city chooses not to buy only two lots will be sold being she currently has tenants who pay rent. Mr. Adkins stated he knows there is a need for a new building. Mayor questioned Ms. Lenhart about the cost of the property. Ms. Lenhart confirmed the owner actually offered the property at a lower amount for the city. Chief Walker stated if it does not fit out we can turn around and sell it. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Kerrigan to approve contract and move for purchase. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Jackson-no, Adkins-no, Allen-no, Anderson-no, and Mayor-yes.

- B. Budget Amendment.** A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Allen deny the budget amendment. All approved by voice vote.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

- A. Old Farmer's Market Property.** Mayor stated the calculation for the value of the property to be \$323,062. Mr. Jackson asked if they can raise the minimum bid. Ms. Noe stated yes. Mr. Allen made a motion, seconded by Jackson, to surplus the property, sale the property by sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$400,000, and allow 30 days for advertisement. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-no, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Caldwell Park.** Mayor suggested an asking price of \$352,357.50 as the minimum bid. Mr. Adkins questioned the acreage. Mayor stated approximately 100 acres, mostly wooded. Mr. Allen asked what the zoning is. Chief Walker responded R-1 residential. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Allen to surplus the property, sale the property by sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$352,357.50, and allow 30 days for advertisement. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Hadley Williams-** Ms. Womack stated they are presenting Mr. Williams with the proclamation on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center and invited everyone to attend. Mayor read the proclamation aloud. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Anderson to approve the proclamation. All approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Anderson to adjourn. All approved by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.


RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR


KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER