

TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2018

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

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Richard Johnson, Vice-Mayor Mr. Steve Allen, Mr. Tim Adkins, Mr. Chris Kerrigan, Mr. Roger Jackson and Mr. Daniel Anderson.

Absent: Ms. Lisa Walker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER – Led by Paul Robert Gupton.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Mayor requested adding Cumberland Street Property and Military Surplus Contract to the agenda. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the agenda with the mentioned changes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Jerald Greer- Zone 2.** Mr. Greer stepped forward and requested the council reconsider purchasing the lots on Cumberland Street for a new City Hall and Fire Department. Further, he understands the current Fire Department has some issues that are not suitable for the overall health of the firemen. In addition, the property values have went up 1.8% in the last month and are projected to go up 3.6% over the next twelve months and if we wait too long land will no longer be affordable or available.
- B. Larry Roberts- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Roberts stepped forward and stated he is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak in the line which caused a high water bill. Further, the leak has been repaired and the line replaced. Mayor stated the bill was \$648.23 and normally averages \$100.92. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. Rachael Bragg- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Bragg stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a toilet leak which caused a high water bill. Mayor stated the bill was \$705.95 and normally averages \$90.85. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Jackson to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. Stacey Stuart.** Ms. Stuart stated she is here tonight to address the land on Cumberland Street. She further stated she understands a cash loan place has inquired about the purchase of the property and feels the city should purchase the property immediately. She questioned why the city couldn't limit the cash advance businesses in the city limits similar to how they limit liquor stores. Mr. Jackson stated what would keep a cash loan place from purchasing land just down the street. Mr. Noe stated liquor is regulated by the state, which allows cities to regulate the number of stores in the city limits. Mayor thanked Ms. Stuart and stated he appreciates her concern.
- E. Jeffery Druin- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Druin stepped forward and stated he is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a toilet leak which caused a high water bill. Mayor stated the bill was \$2,312.68 and normally averages \$57.40. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Jackson to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Allen- yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. Tonya Smith- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Smith stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak. Mayor stated the bill was \$293.78 and normally averages \$293.78. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen- yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.

REPORTS

- A. **City Attorney.** Ms. Noe stated she received a huge packet from A.O. Smith today and she will be going through it and hopefully it will be ready for next months meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Comcast Franchise Agreement.** Ms. Noe stated she is still awaiting a response. She asked for this to be deferred until next month. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Adkins to defer. All approved by voice vote.
- B. **Ordinance 509: Amend Title 4, chapter 5: Purchasing Agents and Limits.**
AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TO AMEND TITLE 4, CHAPTER 5 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A PURCHASING AGENT AND MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR PURCHASES WITHOUT PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Anderson to approve the ordinance to amend municipal code. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- C. **Ordinance 510: Budget Amendment.** A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Allen to approve the ordinance for budget amendment. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- D. **Cumberland Street Properties.** Mayor asked when the properties will be sold. Ms. Noe stated they are currently listed and can be sold anytime, but she still has the option to vote on the contract presented. Mayor asked if anyone would like to make a motion. No motions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Shred-it Contract.** Ms. Noe stated she recommends several changes and presented the changes to the council. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Anderson, to approve the contract with the changes discussed by Ms. Noe. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes
- B. **GNRC Contract.** Chief Walker stated this is the annual planning contract. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Anderson to approve the contract. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **Neal Westerman Contract Amendment.** Mr. Westerman stepped forward and stated this is an amendment to the smoke testing contract. Further, they found enough problems through the tv that the smoke testing is not required or recommended now; however, the downtown system needs a GIS map and the amendment will allow the swap of services. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to approve the amendment to the contract. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **Neal Westerman Water Tank Agreement.** Mr. Westerman stated this is an engineering agreement for the water tank. Ms. Noe stated she spoke to Mayor McCarver and the county will be giving the land and \$250,000 toward the cost. Mayor asked if this can be approved contingent on the approval by the county. Ms. Noe stated yes and she will need to get with Michael Bly to discuss this. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Allen to approve the contract contingent upon approval by the county. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Water Tank Agreement.** Ms. Reed stated this is to get approval for Ms. Noe to negotiate on an agreement with the county with the terms discussed earlier. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Adkins to authorize Ms. Noe to negotiate an agreement with the county. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes
- F. **Bull Run Property Agreement.** Ms. Noe stated we have eleven years left on the current agreement and if we were to request cancelation of the agreement we must give a one-year notice. Ms. Noe stated if the city keeps the agreement we will be required to bring it up to ADA compliance and rehab the property. Ms. Noe also pointed out the responsibilities of the city within the agreement. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Kerrigan to complete the current

year's obligations and withdraw from the contract with the year notice. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- G. **Resolution 2018-26: Purchasing Procedures.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE ESTABLISH PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to approve the Resolution. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **Resolution 2018-27: Public Speaking Procedure.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC SPEAKING PROCEDURE. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to approve the public speaking resolution. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Military Surplus Contract.** A motion was made by Anderson, seconded Jackson to approve the military surplus contract. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **City Hall Study.** After discussion a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to complete a study on a new city hall location and needs not to exceed \$10,000. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Entrance Signs.** Ms. Reed displayed the new entrance signs. Council agreed the signs look good.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Allen to adjourn. All approved by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR


KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER