

**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 19, 2018**

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

**CALL TO ORDER** at 6:01 PM by Mayor Johnson.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER** – Led by Paul Gupton

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA & CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Jackson to approve the agenda.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

- A. Matt Byrd- Vantage Pointe Apartment Resident.** Mr. Byrd stepped forward and thanked everyone, especially Ms. Walker for being so receptive with his questions for Vantage Pointe in requiring the finishing of projects. Chief Walker informed the council and Mr. Byrd the issue is this particular phase of the project; it is under litigation with the current owners.
- B. Valerie Dreier- Limitation of Liquor Stores.** Ms. Dreier stepped forward and stated she wanted to discuss doing away with the limitation of liquor stores. Further, she felt that per capita the number of limitation of the number of liquor stores is suitable and she would hate to see Ashland City turn into another Dickerson Road.
- C. Jerome Terrell- ECD Director.** Mr. Terrell stepped forward and stated he is the new director of ECD and wanted to say hello and introduce himself. Further, he has twenty years' experience, and has been on the job for five days, but has a lot to learn and he will be leaning on some people and asking questions regarding projects.
- D. Rose Gasser Water Adjustment.** Ms. Gasser stepped forward and stated Josh and another water employee informed her of a leak. She further stated the leak has been repaired and she would like to request an adjustment. Mayor stated the bill in question totaled \$434.15, but normally averages \$40.93. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to adjust Ms. Gasser's bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. Billy and Tina Harris Water Adjustment.** Mr. and Mrs. Harris stepped forward and stated they had a water leak that has been repaired and they would like to request an adjustment. Mayor stated this leak caused a bill of \$1,120.40. Further, the bill normally averages \$53.28. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Walker to adjust the bill to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. Bobby Barnes Owner of Mulberry Liquors.** Mr. Barnes stepped forward and stated he is the owner of Mulberry Liquors and has been in business for 10 years. He further stated when the state allowed wine in grocery stores that cut some of his business. In addition, he would like the council to consider how eliminating the limitation on liquor stores would affect locally owned business, but he understands the job requires them to do what is in the best interest of everyone.
- G. Suzanne Lindsey Water Adjustment for Jimmy Crenshaw.** Ms. Lindsey stepped forward stating she had a leak that affected three water bills at her property at Old Hyde's Ferry. Mayor stated the three bills were in the amount of \$229.38, \$543.21, and \$202.68. Further, the bill normally averages \$14.88. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Walker to adjust the bills to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. Suzanne Lindsay Water Adjustment.** Ms. Lindsey stated Mr. Crenshaw asked her to represent him. She further stated there was a major water leak and already had an adjustment for this

property. Ms. Noe stated customers are only allowed one adjustment per calendar year. Mayor stated Ms. Lindsay's prior adjustment was in this calendar year; therefore, the council cannot grant another adjustment.

- I. **Ed Gasser concerns with flood zone changes.** Mr. Gasser stated he was concerned with the amount of rock being dumped on Highway 12 and was curious about the floodplain maps. Chief Walker stated the property owners have been through FEMA and TDEC for permitting. In addition, they have engineering stating this will stay out of the floodway and have met all requirements. Mr. Gasser stated he felt this will create a new flood plain and wants someone to check on that. Further, he felt this would leave the city liable. Mayor stated the permits were not issued through city offices.

## REPORTS

- A. **City Attorney.** None.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Vacant Council Position Interviews and Appointment.** Mayor stated he had a note from Carol Macha stating she wishes to take her name out of the nominations for appointment. Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Allen to nominate Mr. Thornton. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-no, Walker-no, and Mayor-no. Mr. Thornton stepped forward and thanked the council and mayor. He further stated he felt like he could bring a lot of real world thoughts as far as construction and electrical are concerned as he is the lead inspector over the state Fire Marshall's office. Ms. Walker asked what steps Mr. Thornton would take as a council member to strengthen business environment. Mr. Thornton responded he would look at what kind of business is being done. Ms. Walker asked if Mr. Thornton voted in the last city election. Mr. Thornton responded yes, he did. Mr. Chris Kerrigan stepped forward, apologized for missing the training, and stated he was at a funeral, but had requested and obtained the recording from Ms. Reed. Ms. Walker asked if the JECD and Chamber of Commerce should regularly attend these meetings. Mr. Kerrigan stated yes, in order to see what we can do to help. Further, the best thing he has seen is Music on Main to help strengthen business'. Ms. Walker then asked Mr. Kerrigan if he voted in the last city election. Mr. Kerrigan stated yes, he did. Mr. Anderson asked if Mr. Kerrigan has done anything to serve the community in the past. Mr. Kerrigan stated he served in the military, but would like to serve the community as he has the country. Mr. Allen asked if Mr. Kerrigan has sat down with employees or officials to know what would be expected if chosen. Mr. Kerrigan stated he has spoken to individuals personally, but not as far as the position involved. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Adkins to nominate Mr. Kerrigan. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-no, Jackson-no, Allen-no, and Mayor-yes. Ms. Noe stated unfortunately it has to be a majority vote. Mayor asked to interview candidates again. Mr. Thornton approached. Ms. Walker asked Mr. Thornton's opinion on limiting the liquor stores. Mr. Thornton stated he feels three is plenty. Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Thornton what his responsibilities are at the state. Mr. Thornton stated he is over all the inspectors from Bristol to Memphis. Further, he meets with the TVA and sets on the committee trying to improve the code and living of people. Ms. Walker asked if his position requiring travel would prevent him from attending three meetings a month. Mr. Thornton responded no. Mr. Allen asked how long Mr. Thornton has lived in Ashland City. Mr. Thornton stated fifty to sixty years. Mr. Allen asked in the past if Mr. Thornton has donated time and equipment to the community. Mr. Thornton answered yes, he had helped in a time when Highway 12 was shut down and has cleared Skyview Drive and Jupiter Drive with his tractor. Mr. Allen stated he appreciates Mr. Thornton for that as you do not have to be elected to love the city. Mayor asked what Mr. Thornton's opinion is on growth in town. Mr. Thornton stated he feels like it should be controlled as infrastructure is maxed out. Mr. Kerrigan stepped forward. Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Kerrigan how long he has been a resident. Mr. Kerrigan stated twelve years, he moved after college, has three children and lives on Jupiter Drive. Mr. Adkins asked his opinion on the liquor stores. Mr. Kerrigan stated the town should stay at a limit of

three. Further a liquor store on every corner is not a good image for the city. Mayor asked his opinion on growth. Mr. Kerrigan stated the city will grow whether we like it or not. In addition, he would like to maintain the small town feel by offering things for growth to get the right people here. He further stated he feels like Tony does a great job with Parks and Recreation, but there are some improvements to be made to the parks. Mayor asked if there were any further questions of either candidate. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Adkins to appoint Mr. Kerrigan. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Allen-no, Anderson-no, Jackson-no, and Mayor-yes. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to appoint Mr. Thornton. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-no, Walker-no, and Mayor-no. Ms. Noe stated the charter states it has to be a majority vote and there is no wiggle room. She further stated the council can advertise again and defer this item. Ms. Walker made a motion, seconded by Allen to defer the vote and look at other options. Ms. Noe stated she does not know of any other options, but she will research Robert's Rules of Order. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- B. Ordinance: Building Fees.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 12-104 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Adkins to approve the changes to Title 12. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**
- C. Ordinance: Tap/Capacity 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 Walker, seconded by Anderson to approve the changes to Title 18. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**
- D. Ordinance: Title 15 Chapter 7 Parking Fees.** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 15 CHAPTER 7 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Allen to approve the changes to Title 15. Ms. Walker asked about the parking meters. Ms. Noe stated that was left in the code in case the city ever does add parking meters. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**
- E. Ordinance: Rezone Graham Road at Highway 12 from R-1 to C-2.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 34.01 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 65, LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 12 SOUTH AT GRAHAM ROAD TO THE ZONING DISTRICT C-2. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Allen to approve the Rezone Ordinance. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Request to bid Lawn Mowing.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Adkins to approve the bid. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Request to bid Trail Grant.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to approve the bid. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. Subcontracting of Meter Reads Discussion/Contract.** A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Jackson to approve the contract. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. Farmer's Market Manager Contract.** A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Adkins to approve the contract. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Allen-no, Jackson-no, and Mayor-yes.
- E. Resolution 2018-01: Complete Streets Plan TDOT Grant.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT. A motion was made by Allen,

- seconded by Jackson to approve the Resolution for the Complete Streets Plan TDOT Grant. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. **Resolution 2018-02.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE ESTABLISHING A POLICY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY PROGRAM. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Walker to approve the Resolution for Broadband Ready Communities Program. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Ordinance: Amending Title 8, Chapter 1, Section 13- Deleting the limitation of the number of liquor retailers.** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 8, CHAPTER 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING INTOXICATING LIQUORS. Mayor asked if anyone would like to make a motion. Ordinance failed for lack of a motion.
- H. **Ordinance: Budget Amendment.** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 17/18 FISCAL YEAR. Ms. Reed stated this is for the increase in longevity, a donation received by A.O. Smith, two new employees for the water department, and additional building and maintenance and education and training for the recorder's office budget. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve the Budget Amendment. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Appoint Vice Mayor.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Walker to appoint Mr. Steve Allen as vice Mayor. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Allen- abstain, and Mayor-yes.
- J. **Ordinance: Establishing Honorarium Policy for Retiring and Disabled Officers.** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 6 CHAPTER 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING HONORARIUM PRESENTATION OF GUN AND BADGE TO RETIRING OR DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY OFFICERS. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to approve the Ordinance. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- K. **Certificate of Compliance- Jackson.** A motion was made by Jackson seconded by Anderson to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Attorney/Client Privilege Meeting.** Ms. Noe called a privilege meeting.
- B. **Mayor Announcements.** Mayor stated there will be no budget meeting this month, as he will get with department heads individually prior to presenting the budget.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Walker to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

  
RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR

  
KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER