



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 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, Ms. Lisa Walker, Mr. Tim Adkins, and Mr. Chris Kerrigan.

Absent: Ms. Alwilda Binkley.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Jackson to approve the July 16, 2019 agenda as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Jackson to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Candice Beasley- Farm to Table Dinner.** Ms. Candice Beasley stepped forward and stated she has spoken with the county mayor and has gotten permission to host a Farm to Table dinner on the county courthouse lawn. She further stated she could work with the city to make this a charitable event that would go back into the community and she would like to do it sometime between October and November. Ms. Kellie Reed instructed Ms. Beasley she would need to fill out an event permit and questioned if it would be better to do it at Riverbluff and maybe get the event committee involved. Ms. Lisa Walker stated the event committee wouldn't be able to do it with Music On Main being in October as well. Ms. Beasley stated the point of the Farm to Table Dinner is to do it on Main Street and in order to keep from closing the road she felt it would be good to do it on the courthouse lawn. Mr. Tim Adkins questioned what the Kingston Springs Farm to Table Dinner benefits. Mr. Scott Sampson responded it benefits the Farmer's Market. Ms. Beasley stated she could sell tickets for \$100 each and she is fine with whatever the city would like the event to benefit. She further stated she has spoken with some musical talent and thinks she can get some people lined up to play as well such as Ira Dean and Aaron Lewis. After much discussion Ms. Reed told Ms. Beasley she would help her get the paperwork in order and she can come by the office to get the process started.
- B. Melba Blue and Ron Mayo- Fairgrounds Road.** Ms. Blue questioned if there is a time limit for the Fairgrounds Road/Forrest Street project to be completed. Further, if the company will be doing something to fix the road where they have torn the road up. Mayor responded stating he is working with the city attorney to see what we can do because we are totally dissatisfied with the things they have done. Ms. Blue further stated she pays taxes and the road needs to be paved. Mayor stated he agrees it is in terrible condition and requested for Mr. Clint Biggers to get with Piedmont Gas tomorrow and let him know how much longer and what they will be doing for sure. Mr. Ron Mayo stated he wanted to speak on how terrible the road is and how the company took the road out and is doing a terrible job with these steel plates. He further stated he would hate to see them leave it in the mess it is in. Mayor apologized and stated we will keep on it and will be looking into our code to see what we can do.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance: 19-20 Budget Amendment (Property Purchase).** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 19/20 FISCAL YEAR. Mayor Allen stated he has also spoken with Mayor McCarver and the county is still planning to move forward with the purchase of City Hall for the \$650,000 appraised value. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mr. Chris Kerrigan to approve the Ordinance for Budget Amendment. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Ordinance: Amending Budget Ordinance #525 (Certified Tax Rate).** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE #525 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020. Ms. Reed stated she spoke with the Comptroller's Office and MTAS in regard to this. This ordinance will adopt the maximum tax rate and will be approximately \$50,000 short which will come out of the fund balance. Ms. Reed further stated she has estimated the revenues lower the past couple of years so it may not even be an issue. A motion was made by Mr. Kerrigan, seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Budget Ordinance for the Certified Tax Rate. Vote on motion: Kerrigan-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- C. **HB Clark Disc Golf Course Design Agreement.** Mr. Kerrigan questioned Mr. Sampson if it would be possible to patch the road at Riverbluff for now knowing the cuts we need to make and the other departmental needs for the year. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned why it wasn't paved when we did the main road on Riverbluff. Ms. Reed responded there wasn't enough money budgeted at the time and the time restraints made it impossible to amend the budget. Mayor questioned if the previous paving was done with the Census money. Ms. Reed replied it was not the Census money, but was a budgeted item. Further, there is a five percent match on that money, but we will find out if we have been approved sometime this budget year. Mr. Kerrigan stated he feels they should wait on the paving for now. Ms. Walker suggested having the Street department patch holes or sides of the street where the pavement is gone. Mr. Biggers stated they can look at it and look at filling in with dirt where there are holes on the side. Mayor stated it would be good to see about bundling this paving together with the other paving this year as it could save some money there as well. Mr. Kerrigan stated going back to the disc golf he thinks this will be good for the community. A motion was made by Mr. Kerrigan, seconded by Ms. Walker, to approve the agreement for the Disc Golf Course. Vote on motion: Kerrigan-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-no, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **A.O. Smith Berm Discussion.** Ms. Reed stated the plans have been submitted to CSR for review and they will look at the overall project and will come back with options for the city and A.O. Smith. She further requested the council hold a special called workshop meeting to discuss CSR's findings. After some discussion Ms. Walker asked if A.O. Smith will be invited to attend the workshop meeting. Ms. Reed responded the purpose is for our engineer to discuss options with us; however, the meeting is open to the public and they can attend if they would like to, but we will not request them to be in attendance. A motion was made by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Kerrigan, to defer this to a Special Called Workshop on July 30. All approved by voice vote.
- E. **Caldwell Property Discussion.** Ms. Reed stated the Caldwell Park property bids were rejected because the bids came in under the minimum bid amount. She further stated the property was appraised at \$320,000 and questioned if the council would like to rebid the sale of the property. After much discussion a motion was made by Ms. Walker, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, to rebid the sale of the property with a minimum bid of \$450,000. All approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

None.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS:

- A. **Permission to bid River Bluff parking lot and drive paving and tie ins.** A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kerrigan, to defer this until there is another paving project to bundle this with. All approved by voice vote.
- B. **Ford F150 State Contract- Parks Department.** A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Adkins, to approve the purchase of the Ford F150 for the parks department. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-no, Jackson-no, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Official Newspaper.** Ms. Walker questioned designating a new official paper of the city for public notices. Ms. Reed stated she has had several issues with the Ashland City Times and it is very expensive. She further stated she would be happy to check with the Exchange on notices and the cost and process. After some discussion Ms. Reed stated she would place it on the next council agenda.
- B. **Vacant HR Position.** Mr. Kerrigan questioned what the city will be doing to replace Ms. Sandy Cannon. Mayor Allen responded he is looking at qualifications and requirements with Ms. Reed to decide if we need to promote within or restructure.
- C. **Vacant IT Position.** Vice-Mayor Anderson questioned the vacant IT position. Ms. Reed stated the deadline is tomorrow for applications and the IT Committee will review the applications and schedule the

interviews.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Anderson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.


MAYOR STEVE ALLEN


CITY RECORDER KELLIE REED, CMFO, CMC