



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 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, Ms. Alwilda Binkley, Mr. Tim Adkins, and Mr. Chris Kerrigan.

Absent: Mr. Roger Jackson.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made Walker, seconded by Anderson to approve the June 11, 2019 agenda as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by Adkins, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the May 14, 2019 minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Sandy Bradshaw- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Bradshaw stepped forward and stated she had a water heater leak, which has been repaired, but caused a high water bill. Mayor stated Ms. Bradshaw's bill totaled \$216.34, but averages \$76.18. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Binkley, to adjust Ms. Bradshaw's bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Nicholas Blea- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Blea stepped forward and stated he lives at Sycamore Place Apartments and his bill was high due to a leak. Mayor stated Mr. Blea's bill totaled \$344.04, but normally averages \$71.96. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Anderson, to adjust Mr. Blea's bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. Brenda Crowson, Jennifer Demonbreun, Marian Fordyce, Samantha Hamilton, Stanton Lee, Isha Mahone, April Raines, Christopher Warren, Jazmine Wisecup- Water Adjustments.** Ms. Reed stated several people have requested her to present their water adjustments due to not being able to attend the meeting tonight. Ms. Brenda Crowson had a toilet leak which caused two high bills \$75.47 and \$101.75 and her bill normally averages \$63.79. Ms. Jennifer Demonbreun had pipes leaking in the bathroom and laundry room which caused a bill of \$1,603.20 and her bill normally averages \$55.16. Ms. Marian Fordyce had a leak in the pipes at the meter which caused two high bills in the amount of \$209.04 and \$143.98, but her normal average is \$71.64. Ms. Samantha Hamilton stated she had a toilet leak which caused two high bills in the amount of \$196.64 and \$256.48, but her bill normally averages \$98.45. Mr. Stanton Lee had a leaking valve which caused a bill in the amount of \$245.35, but his bill normally averages \$40.78. Ms. Isha Mahone had a toilet leak which caused a bill in the amount of \$184.96, but her bill normally averages \$61.46. Mr. April Raines had a water heater burst which caused a high bill in the amount of \$160.86, and her bill normally averages \$83.48. Mr. Christopher Warren had a leaky fitting issue which caused two high bills in the amount of \$177.82 and \$107.56, but his bill normally averages \$63.83. Ms. Jazmine Wisecup had a line break which caused three high bills in the amount of \$163.06, \$282.76, and \$284.23, but her bill normally averages \$95.98. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Anderson, to adjust the bills presented by Ms. Reed down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. Rebecca Cohen- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Rebecca Cohen stepped forward and stated she had a leaking pipe under her house and shower leaking which caused two high water bills in the amount of \$157.94 and \$93.70. Mayor stated Ms. Cohen's bill normally averages \$66.84. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Anderson, to adjust the Ms. Cohen's bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Jennifer Noe stated a court date has been set in July 2020 for the Hidden Lakes case. She further stated as far as the Riverkeeper suit goes the final documents have been received and she will forward those to Ms. Kellie Reed, but as long as the order is followed the city shouldn't have any problems.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution: Pay Table Adjustment. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE UPDATING THE WAGE AND SALARY POLICY GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY.** Mayor stated the only change was to the highest salary column and each pay grade figure was increased by 3%. Mr. Anderson questioned if pay grades 8, 9, and 10 are moved to the same grade if that would help. Ms. Reed stated everyone would still receive their same raise, but in the future would top out the same. Mr. Anderson questioned when a salary study will be conducted. Mayor stated Ms. Sandy Cannon is on vacation; however, they will be discussing conducting a study with MTAS. Mr. Anderson confirmed the table can be adjusted after the study is concluded. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Kerrigan, to approve the Resolution for the Pay Table Adjustment. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Ordinance: Water Rate Increase. AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND SECTION 18-107(1) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY AND ALL AREAS SURROUNDING THE CITY THAT RECEIVE WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICE FROM THE ASHLAND CITY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT.** A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Binkley, to approve the Ordinance for Water Rate Increase. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- C. **Ordinance: Budget and Tax Rate 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020.** Ms. Reed stated she spoke with the comptroller's office and they confirmed until the city receives a certified tax rate the assessment values will be the same as the previous year. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Binkley, to approve the Ordinance for Water Rate Increase. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Voting Schedule Discussion.** Mayor stated he will call tomorrow to discuss the requested changes.
- B. **TDOT Title VI No Change Agreement.** A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Walker, to approve the TDOT Title VI No Change Agreement. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **BCBS Health Plan Agreement.** Mayor stated positive feedback from employees, no complaints and they have a cost savings. Ms. Noe stated she has a few changes to make to the contract and went over the requested changes. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan, to approve the agreement with the changes requested. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **Resolution: Write-Off Delinquent Water Accounts. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO WRITE-OFF DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS RECIEVABLES.** A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan, to approve the Resolution for Write-Off of Delinquent Water Accounts. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Resolution: STBG Block Grant Program and Associated Agreements. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.** A motion was made by Kerrigan, seconded by Walker, to approve the Resolution for STBG Block Grant Program and Associated Agreements. Vote on motion: Kerrigan-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. **Resolution: TDOT Multi-Modal Access Grant. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MULTI-MODAL ACCESS GRANT.** A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Walker, to approve the Resolution for TDOT Multi-Modal Access Grant. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

None.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. City Recorder Updates.** Ms. Reed stated she received word the tourism grant was denied and the city will not receive the grant. She further stated she has received application for a special event beer permit and will advertise a meeting for July 9, 2019 at 6:00 prior to the council meeting if everyone is in agreement, council approved. Ms. Reed then stated after working on a previously passed budget amendment she discovered some incorrect verbiage in the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes which was copied from a previously passed ordinance. Ms. Noe stated the council can make a motion to resend the previous minutes and accept the corrected verbiage. A motion was made by Kerrigan, seconded by Anderson, to resend the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes and accept the corrected verbiage. All approved by voice vote.
- B. Hotel, Popeye's, and Summerfest Update.** Mr. Anderson requested an update on Popeye's and the hotel. Chief Walker responded Popeye's should open sometime next week and the hotel is working on construction plans. Mr. Anderson questioned if there were any problems at Summerfest. Chief Kenny Ray responded there was only one call. Mayor stated Mr. Scott Sampson did a wonderful job with Summerfest.
- C. Sign Update.** Mr. Tim Adkins stated the county is seeking approval from TDOT to place two signs on Highway 12; one near Davidson County line and one toward Henrietta. He further stated he will follow up to check on Highway 49 sign placement. Mr. Clint Biggers requested getting permission for the Highway 49 placement of signs as well.
- D. Reigle Fill lot.** Mr. Anderson questioned the status with the Reigle fill lot down past Wal-Mart. Chief Walker responded FEMA maps changed and they do not care if the project is completed or if permits were pulled. He further stated there are some problems with the new maps and Jason has been working with them because the plans may be incorrect.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.


MAYOR STEVE ALLEN


KELLIE REED, CMFO/CITY RECORDER