

TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2019
6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee

CALL TO ORDER at 6:03 PM by Mayor Steve Allen.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Steve Allen, Vice-Mayor Daniel Anderson, Mr. Tim Adkins, Ms. Alwilda Binkley, Ms. Lisa Walker, and Mr. Chris Kerrigan.

Absent: Mr. Roger Jackson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER – Led by Councilman Adkins.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by Binkley, seconded by Adkins to approve the March 12, 2019, March 19,2019, and April 2, 2019 meeting minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Rita West- Water Adjustment.** Ms. West stepped forward and stated she had a high water bill due to a damaged water line. Mayor stated the bill totaled \$912.54, but normally averages \$82.04. A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Ron Gossett- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Gossett stepped forward and stated 1105 North Main has a high water bill and the four renters have a clause in their agreement where if the bill runs over a certain amount it is split between the renters. They have all looked and are not able to find a leak and the meter has been pulled and tested. Mr. Gossett further stated there has not been an increase in the electric bill and if there was a leak the electric bill should have went up due to the sewer pump running. Mayor asked Ms. Noe if she had any input. Ms. Noe stated in the past the bills have only been modified if there has been a leak and a repair has been made. Ms. Reed stated when the meter was pulled and tested it was running slow; therefore, now the new meter should give an accurate reading of what a bill will be as long as there is not a leak. Mayor asked if council wanted to take any action at this time. Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Kerrigan, to allow a payment of three hundred dollars on the account and to hold this until we can get a true amount on an average and see what the reading does next month. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. Heidi Nash- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Nash stepped forward and stated she had a couple of high water bills due to a leak in the bathroom that has been repaired. Mayor stated the two high bills were in the amount of \$148.46 and \$228.75, but normally averages \$67.00. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Anderson to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. Earl Greco- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Reed stated Mr. Greco requested she represent him tonight. She further stated he had a high bill due to two underground water leaks that have been repaired and which caused two high bills in the amount of \$89.33 and \$103.93. She further stated his bills normally average \$31.22. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Binkley to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. Ashley Sullivan- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Reed stated Ms. Sullivan requested she represent her tonight. She further stated she had a high bill due to a toilet leak that she has repaired and bill was in the amount of \$450.65. She further stated her bills normally average \$62.91. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on

motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance: Budget Amendment.** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 18/19 FISCAL YEAR. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the budget amendment ordinance. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading.**
- B. **City Hall Discussion.** Chief Walker stated CSR engineering has looked at the project at the Braxton Lee Homestead and they can do a survey and give the city their opinion on the cost of the project. Mayor stated he would be ok with spending \$3,500 for a study to determine a cost of moving forward with the project. Ms. Binkley stated she feels the city needs to consider this property further. Mr. Steve Stratton stated he wanted to let the council know the property is closer to the house and not the bluff and Mr. Josh Bell is here tonight if anyone has any questions of him and the estimate he worked up. Mr. Kerrigan asked about the fill. Chief Walker stated Mr. Reynolds with CSR will look at that. Mr. Adkins questioned how long it would take to get a report back. Chief Walker responded a few weeks. After some further discussion Ms. Binkley stated there will be an open house at the home on Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. She further declared she has a conflict being she is on the board. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Walker to move forward with spending the \$3,500 for CSR to complete an estimate. All approved by voice vote. Ms. Reed stated she will add this to the budget amendment under new business. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan, to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the Murff property. Ms. Reed confirmed this would be for negotiation purposes only and if any agreement is made the council will need to approve a contract. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **FEMA Grant- Jody Cantrell.** Mayor stated we discussed this some at the workshop meeting and asked this be investigated further for additional information. Ms. Noe stated she has looked over a few things with Edwin and it could possibly be eight properties involved on Little Marrowbone. According to the tax assessments it would be about \$500,000 from a budget standpoint with demo, closing costs, and the required match. Mr. Kerrigan stated then we would need to maintain the property as well. Chief Walker stated TDOT has also agreed to clean out the area under the bridge and this will be done during the dry months this year. He further stated this may help with some of the flooding issues. A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Binkley to deny approval of the grant application. All approved by voice vote.
- B. **MCHRA (Mid-Cumberland) Contract.** Ms. Womack stated this is an annual contract for transport. After some discussion a motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the Mid-Cumberland contract. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **Amended GNRC Grant Contract.** Ms. Womack stated this is to add money we will receive from GNRC toward our programs into the budget for this fiscal year. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Anderson to approve the amended GNRC Grant Contract. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **TDOT Proposal.** A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to defer this until the next council meeting. All approved by voice vote.
- E. **Audit Contract.** Ms. Reed stated this is an annual contract for the city's audit. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Walker to approve the contract. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. **TCRS Annual Rate Agreement.** Ms. Reed stated this is our annual agreement with TCRS for the employer contribution. She further stated she recommends staying with the current rate of 6.5% match. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Kerrigan, to approve the rate

agreement with 6.5% match. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- G. **Water Tank Agreement.** Ms. Noe stated this agreement has already passed once, but there were some changes made by the county in regard to paying in installments. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan, to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **iWorQ Agreement.** A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Anderson, to approve the iWorQ agreement. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Letter of Intent Property Proposal.** Ms. Noe stated this is a letter of intent to purchase property for the sewer treatment plant. Ms. Binkley asked if this is the bottom line price. Mr. Biggers stated this is a price based on what the county received from their realtor. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the letter. All approved by voice vote.
- J. **Budget Transfer Approvals.** Ms. Reed stated this is for the transfers within the departmental budgets we discussed at the workshop meeting. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Anderson to approve the budget transfers. All approved by voice vote.
- K. **Resolution: Temporary Pay Adjustment.** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE INTERIM POLICE CHIEF WHILE THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY SEARCHES FOR A CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION. A motion was made by Kerrigan, seconded by Walker to approve the Resolution for a temporary pay adjustment. Vote on motion: Kerrigan-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- L. **Resolution: Authorizing Transfer of Monies.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE CITY RECORDER TO TRANSFER MONIES FROM ONE APPROPRIATION TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE SAME FUND. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Resolution authorizing the transfer of monies. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- M. **Resolution: DOJ Grant for Reimbursement of police vests.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan, to approve the Resolution for the DOJ grant for police vests. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- N. **Ordinance: Budget Amendment.** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 18/19 FISCAL YEAR. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Ordinance for the budget amendments. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- O. **Tyler Agreement.** Interim Chief Ray stated this an agreement to have view access to the Cheatham County Sherriff's Department records and will cost two hundred dollars for two years of utilization of this service. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Adkins, to approve the Tyler Agreement. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- P. **Disc Golf Discussion.** Mr. Sampson stated he looked at Caldwell Park and the Preacher Poole Walking Track with a company that designs disc golf course as possible properties in which this could be added. Mr. Anderson stated they have one in Kingston Springs. Mr. Kerrigan added it gets used a lot there. Ms. Reed stated this can be added to next year's budget. Ms. Walker stated she thinks it is a great idea and the space should be utilized. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Anderson, to add this to next year's budget. All approved by voice vote.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS:

- A. **Playground Equipment.** Mr. Sampson stated this is to surplus the damaged playground equipment. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan, to surplus the equipment. All approved by voice vote.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Chief of Police Interviews.** Mayor stated they are narrowing down the candidates and will be conducting final interviews and naming a chief in the next couple of weeks.
- B. **Caldwell Park.** Ms. Reed stated we discussed this at the strategy session and the property has already been passed as surplus property. She further stated since no bids were received the first time the council could choose to rebid the sale of the property they would just need to decide on a minimum bid. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Anderson, to rebid the sale of the property with a minimum bid of \$352,357.00. All approved by voice vote.
- C. **Firearm signs in parks.** Mr. Kerrigan stated over the weekend there was an issue at the park regarding open carrying in the park and the signs at the entrance of Riverbluff being incorrect. Ms. Noe stated at one time the law required the city to put those signs up, but the laws have since changed. Mr. Sampson stated he will make sure to cover the no firearms portion of sign for now.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Walker, to adjourn. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



STEVE ALLEN, MAYOR



KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER