

TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER at 8:00 PM by Mayor Allen.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Alwilda Binkley.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Jennifer Noe stated the Waste Water Treatment Plant Agreement is on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Waste Water Treatment Plant Agreement. Ms. Jennifer Noe stated the need for an approval or a disapproval of the consent decree in order to move forward with the timeline in the TDEC agreement. She also informed the River Keepers are under the impression a new plant will be built. She stated this includes \$10,000 in legal fines have been paid. Mr. Anderson suggested the lawsuit implied a new sewer plant would be built. Ms. Noe informed the agreement does not say a new plant must be built, the engineers TDEC timeline references a new plant and rehabilitation of the old plant. Mr. Neil Westermen stated the consent decree includes expansion, rehabilitation and site approval for new plant and approval would be a plan to abide by the order. He informed council has all of the information to make a decision. Ms. Noe emphasized the decree order states we plan to follow the order and it will stay open in Federal Court until all orders fulfilled. Mayor Allen questioned the possibility of penalties if they think we are not following the order. Ms. Noe informed prior violations liable for \$10,000 plus engineer fees. She stated she needs permission to enter order in Federal Court and the order is overdue at this point. Mr. Jackson questioned why the new plant cost three million more than old plant. Mr. Westermen stated basin to basin, concrete to concrete new plant is cheaper per gallon; it is double the cost to repair items. A motion made by Ms. Walker to give Ms. Noe permission to enter order in Federal Court, seconded by Mr. Kerrigan. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Ordinance: Budget Amendment. Ms. Reed informed this is the State Industrial Access Grant match portion of \$117,550. Mr. Jackson questioned the amount in the rainy day fund and availability to cover this amount. Ms. Reed stated the rainy day fund consists of three to six months of budget amount without exceeding the six months. She stated at budget last year there was 3.3 million. Mr. Jackson questioned if that is the amount in there at this time. Ms. Reed stated she would get numbers together make available to council. A motion was made by Mr. Adkins to approve the Industrial Access Grant budget amendment, seconded by Mr. Kerrigan. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Walker, seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.


STEVE ALLEN, MAYOR


KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER