

## TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2019

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

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

### ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER** – Led by Paul Robert Gupton. Mr. Gupton further turned in his resignation and recommended Mr. Anderson from the Bethesda Center. He further handed out paperwork for the International Council of Police Chaplains and stated this training would be beneficial for the new chaplain.

### CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Ms. Reed requested adding "Glock 23, 40 caliber" under Surplus Property Nominations. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Jackson to approve the agenda with the changes Ms. Reed requested. All approved by voice vote.

### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC FORUM

- A. **Kenneth Spann- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Spann stepped forward and stated he had a couple of high water bills due to a toilet leak. Mayor stated the bills were in the amount of \$121.45 and \$264.52, but normally averages \$44.11. A motion made by Adkins, seconded by Jackson to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Stacey Stewart- Braxton Lee Homestead Foundation.** Ms. Stewart stepped forward and stated she is here tonight representing the group of investors for the Braxton Lee Homestead Foundation. She further stated the group would like to give the city property to build a new city hall. Further, they will not have a personal gain from this gift, but would just like to help invest in the community. She further invited council and the public to attend their next meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Lastly, she thanked the council, mayor, and city servants for their hard work and dedication.
- C. **Tim O'Neil- Maple Drive/Hickory Circle Construction.** Mr. O'Neil stepped forward and stated he is here tonight to discuss the construction on Maple Drive and Hickory Circle. Mr. O'Neil stated the construction has caused tire tracks in his yard and the drivers have a lack of respect for his property. He further mentioned problems with workers working past the allowed time, lack of a port-a-john, and environmental fencing. Chief Walker stated he and Clint have looked at the road issues and once construction is complete the road will be fixed. Further, Council did pass an ordinance regulating the allowable working hours and he will contact the contractor tomorrow to discuss this issue. Mayor stated he would like to get with Chief and see what we can do tomorrow and look at the ordinance to check. Mr. Jackson mentioned when the construction on Forrest Street is complete they are supposed to fix the road.
- D. **Donna Johnson & Anthony Morris Trash and Erosion Control.** Ms. Johnson stepped forward and stated she is the homeowner of 107 Stratton Blvd and Mr. Morris is the tenant of this property. She further stated there is a problem with erosion and trees falling into the creek on the property and it has dammed up in certain points which has caused trash and debris build up. She stated she is concerned over the course of the years the homes will be in the creek due to the expansions. Chief Walker stated this is a problem we are seeing county wide as we have had large amounts of rainfall never seen before; however, TDEC does require permitting for anything

to do with waterways and nothing can be done until the permitting is complete. Ms. Johnson questioned where the permits come from. Chief Walker confirmed he can get that information for her.

- E. **Cari Duff- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Duff stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a water heater leak. Mayor stated the bills totaled \$95.90 and \$139.69, but normally averages \$67.54. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. **Earl Greco- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Greco stated he owns property at 101 Washington Street and no one currently lives in the home, but there will be a renter on April 1. After some discussion it was determined the leak may affect next month's bill and Mr. Greco agreed to come back next month.

## REPORTS

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

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance: Amending Zoning Ordinance: Maximum Height. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, BY DELETING THE DEFINITION OF STORY IN SECTION 2.020 AND CHANGING THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS IN VARIOUS ZONING DISTRICTS IN ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE.** A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Binkley to approve the ordinance to amend the maximum height. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.**
- B. **Ordinance: Magnolia Springs- Rezone Request 1203 & 1211 Old Hydes Ferry Pike: C-2 and R-2 to C-2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 6.00 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 62, LOCATED AT 1203 AND 1211 OLD HYDES FERRY ROAD.** A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Walker to approve the rezone of these parcels. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.**
- C. **Ordinance: Reigle Homes- Rezone Request 9 Parcels on Arbor Loop: R-3 to R-3PUD.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the rezone of the parcels. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.**
- D. **Ordinance: Budget Amendment. AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 18/19 FISCAL YEAR.** A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Jackson to approve the budget amendment ordinance. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.**
- E. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Discussion.** Ms. Noe stated she had sent out an email with a statement from Bill Penny regarding the consent decree approval and a proposed settlement to comply with the TDEC consent order. Further, the TDEC order references the CAP/ER and a timeline. Mr. Anderson pointed out the CAP/ER says expand or replace. Mr. Neil Westerman stated he has presented a cost analysis for the rehab which would total approximately 7.5 million. He further stated we have applied for a grant through rural development for \$475,000 to go ahead with the rehab and the I and I problems. A new plant would cost approximately 14 million. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to pass this to the budget meeting. All approved by voice vote. Ms. Reed stated Ms. Noe needs approval on the consent order and this cannot be done at a budget meeting. Mayor suggested a special called council meeting after the budget meeting. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to hold a special called council meeting at the conclusion of the budget meeting. All approved by voice vote.
- F. **City Hall Discussion.** Ms. Reed confirmed she has spoken with Mr. Wright and he will attend the budget meeting next week to go over the findings.

- G. Strategy Session Discussion.** Ms. Reed went over the agenda and stated Mr. Rick Gregory will facilitate the meeting and the speakers will include Mr. Jerome Terrell, Mr. Rick Morrow, and Ms. Elisha Hodge.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Sign Reimbursement Agreement.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TO APPROVE APPLICATION WITH TDOT FOR STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCESS PROGRAM. Mr. Biggers stated this agreement is for TDOT to take out the welcome sign on Highway 49. A motion made by Walker, seconded by Adkins to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Pyro Shows Agreement.** Ms. Noe stated Ms. Reed pulled last year's agreement and penalties were left in the agreement and the indemnification was marked out. After some discussion a motion made by Jackson, seconded by Binkley to approve the agreement with changes presented by Ms. Noe. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. Columbia Southern University Learning Partnership Agreement.** Ms. Reed stated this was presented last week and Ms. Noe has reviewed. Ms. Noe stated this will not cost the city, but CSU is willing to give discounts to partner with them. Mayor asked what the discount will be if approved. Ms. Reed responded ten percent on tuition and books for families of employees and employees. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the agreement with CSU. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. RFP's Pest Control.** Ms. Reed presented a summary spreadsheet of all proposals. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the Ortex contract and discontinue services with Cooks. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. Marc Coulon Contract.** Ms. Noe stated this is a 90-day contract for services. A motion was made by Kerrigan, seconded by Binkley to approve the contract. Vote on motion: Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. Transportation Grant Proposal.** Mayor stated this is the proposal from Tom Salter last week. Ms. Cannon stated this will wait until the grant reopens.
- G. STBG Project (Census Road Funds) 20% Match.** Ms. Cannon stated unless the council has an objection they will submit a list of roads for prioritization and will get an estimate together.
- H. Farmland Lease.** Chief Walker stated the farmer awarded the lease will be terminating the lease and sending an email to confirm. Further, we can discuss later what council would like to do with the property.
- I. Resolution: Hotel/Motel Tax. A RESOLUTION TO ASK THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXEMPT THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 67-4-1425 AND ALLOW THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TO LEVY A TAX ON THE PRIVILEGE OF OCCUPANCY OF A HOTEL.** Ms. Noe stated she discussed asking for an increase and she confirmed we can request one later on. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Kerrigan to request the 2.5% now and request additional at a later time. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-no, Mayor-yes.
- J. Police Chief Job Description.** Mr. Jackson stated the environmental, sensory, and physical requirements need to be listed on the police chief job description as well as the assistant chief. Ms. Walker questioned when the description was last approved. Chief Coulon responded four or five years ago. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve with changes. All approved by voice vote.
- K. TDOT Contract: State Industrial Access Road.** Mr. Terrell stated this is for the State Industrial Access Road ECD Grant that will be for Caymas and other businesses. Further the match portion is for the right-of-way. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to approve the contract. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS:**

- A. Glock 23, 40 caliber.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the surplus of the Glock 23, 40 caliber. All approved by voice vote.

**EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE REPORT**

- A. Flood Damage.** Ms. Reed presented a copy of an expenditure due to flooding.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Playground.** Mr. Sampson stated they should be here March 25 to install the playground equipment. Further, the mulch has been delivered and he showed the council a sample of the mulch.
- B. Jerome Terrell.** Mr. Terrell informed of open positions for skilled trade jobs in the industrial park needing help finding workforce.
- C. Meals on Wheels.** Ms. Womack informed of a fundraising event tomorrow for Meals on Wheels at the Senior Center and invited everyone to attend.
- D. Parade.** Mr. Adkins thanked Chief Coulon, Chief Walker, Sandy, and everyone for their help with the parade for the Cheatham County Girls Basketball team on Sunday and stated there was a great turn out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Walker to adjourn. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
STEVE ALLEN, MAYOR

  
KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER