

## TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2019

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

**CALL TO ORDER** at 6:00 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Allen asked Chief Coulon to step forward as he read the letter announcing Chief Coulon's retirement. The letter indicated Chief will retire on March 31, 2019. Mayor Allen thanked Chief Coulon for his service and stated Chief Coulon will assist the town in the process of naming a replacement.

### CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting on December 4, 2018 and the Council Meeting on December 11, 2018. All approved by voice vote.

### PUBLIC FORUM

- A. **Sarah Austin- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Austin stepped forward and stated she is here to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a water heater leak that she has repaired. Mayor stated the bill was \$637.97 and normally averages \$31.31. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Binkley to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Christie Wilcher- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Wilcher stepped forward and stated she is here to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak on the property that has been repaired by the owner. Mayor stated the bills were \$359.16 and \$168.16, but normally averages \$77.17. A motion made by Adkins, seconded by Kerrigan to adjust both bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **Highway 12 Market- Ms. Patel- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Patel stepped forward and stated she is here to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a toilet leak that has been repaired. Mayor stated the bill was in the amount of \$272.55, but normally averages \$27.89. A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **Christie Dubois - Water Adjustment.** Ms. Dubois stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak in a toilet that has been repaired. Mayor stated the bills were in the amount of \$209.04 and \$238.23, but normally averages \$27.89. A motion 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, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Darlene Johnson- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Johnson stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due garden hose being left on. Mayor stated the bill totaled \$77.66 and normally averages \$27.14. A motion made by Binkley, seconded by Jackson to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- F. **Anthony Allen- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Allen stated he had a leak in the toilet that has been repaired. Mayor stated the affected water bills were in the amount of \$206.12 and \$74.23, but normally averages \$37.73. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Mike Groves - Water Adjustment.** Mr. Groves stated he had a water leak due to a toilet leak and water heater leak that has been repaired. Mayor stated the affected water bills were in the amount of \$317.81, \$364.52, and \$111.96. He further stated the bill normally averages \$66.98. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **Maxine Cason- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Cason stepped forward and stated she had a high water bill, but the property is vacant and they cannot find a leak. After some discussion regarding Ms. Cason's bill council suggested she return next month to see if the bill is high again this month.
- I. **Tad Stone- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Stone stepped forward and stated he is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak in the water heater that has since been fixed. Mayor stated the bills were in the amount of \$345.08 and \$153.08, but normally averages \$106.53. A motion made by Adkins, seconded by Jackson to adjust both bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- J. **Amanda Barrington- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Barrington stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak in the yard between the meter and the house which caused two high water bills, but has been repaired. Mayor stated the bills were \$195.89 and \$1,290.78, and normally averages \$41.91. A motion 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, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes
- K. **Bob Riddle- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Reed explained Mr. Riddle has sold the property but owes a great deal of money due to a leak on the property. She further stated she is presenting this tonight to see if the council would like to adjust the bill to try and get the amount due collected. Council chose to not take any action on the adjustment.

#### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

- A. **Charles McEachron and Chief Coulon.** Chief Coulon stepped forward and stated he would like to recognize a couple of officers for their hard work and asked Corporal McEachron to step forward to present the awards. Corporal McEachron stepped to the podium and read a certificate stating Garry Brown and Andrew Spencer answered a call in which they were able to talk to the resident and keep him from committing suicide. Both officers were presented with a pin, plaque, and certificate of appreciation.

#### **REPORTS**

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Playground Discussion.** Mr. Sampson stepped forward and stated he would like to move forward on the purchase of the equipment. Mr. Anderson questioned the handicap accessible equipment and wanted to ensure there would be several things for handicap children. Mr. Sampson went over the various handicap items. Ms. Walker asked if the council would change the color scheme. Mr. Adkins asked how long it would take to install the new equipment. Mr. Sampson stated eight to twelve weeks. After some discussion a motion was made by Walker, seconded by Anderson to approve the purchase of option one from Gametime in the blue, red, and butterscotch color scheme. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution: TDOT: State Industrial Access Application.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TO APPROVE APPLICATION WITH TDOT FOR STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCESS PROGRAM. Mayor stated this will be for the road to be built which will access the water tank. A motion made by Binkley, seconded by Walker to approve the resolution. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Resolution: Community Development Block Grant Program Application.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TO APPROVE SUPPORT OF FISCAL YEAR 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION. Mr. Biggers stated this is for the I & I repair to see about getting a grant to assist. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Adkins to approve the resolution. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **Ordinance: Title 18 Chapter 4.** AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 18, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 18-415, BY ADDING SUBSECTION (24). Mr. Jackson questioned if they are charging someone to check the backflow on the fire, but not the domestic. Mr. Biggers stated they do not want to shut down businesses for fire sprinklers. Chief Walker stated the T.C.A. recommends this be done by licensed and bonded sprinkler company and this has to be checked once a year. Further, this will take the liability off the city. Mr. Jackson stated he thought we were contracting the backflows out and questioned who is doing them. Mr. Biggers responded no they are not being contracted out and Brian Stinson is doing them now. Mr. Anderson asked if it is up to the customer to schedule them or us to schedule. Mr. Biggers responded we have our own schedule. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Anderson to approve the ordinance for first reading. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **Renewal of Wine Permit Certification- Cashesaver.** Ms. Reed stated this is for the wine in grocery stores renewal for Cashesaver. She stated there have been no issues and Chief Coulon performed a background, which came back good. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Binkley to approve the wine in grocery stores Certification for Cashesaver. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Tucker Empson Building Discussion.** Mayor asked if anyone would like to make a motion to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the Tucker Empson Building. No action was taken for lack of a motion.
- F. **School Board Contract Discussion.** Ms. Noe stated she and Kellie had made some changes to the old lease agreement and had drafted something with a five-year term. Ms. Reed presented a cost sheet for the electric bills at the location. Mr. Jackson stated he felt the city should keep doing what they are doing and let the kids play ball. Further the kids love it and the city is not going broke paying it. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to approve the lease with the change, the city will be responsible for the utilities. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Verizon Contract.** Ms. Noe stated she has reviewed the contract and it will be the same as the contract previously approved for the police department. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Jackson to approve the contract. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

## SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS:

- A. **1997 Chevrolet Cheyenne 3500 Utility Truck.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the surplus of the 1997 Chevrolet Cheyenne 3500 Utility Truck. All approved by voice vote.

## EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

None.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Misread Meter.** Ms. Reed presented an email requesting a refund due to a misread meter. After much discussion the council chose not to take action and to request the meter read

company to reimburse the customer.

- B. Fireworks Display.** Mayor Allen stated he would like the council's input on moving the fireworks display from the last night of Summerfest to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Jackson stated he feels it is a great way to end Summerfest. Mayor stated the department heads had lots of suggestions such as doing a run, hot dog eating contest, and watermelon eating contest. Ms. Walker stated she felt there needs to be more people on the events committee. Ms. Cannon stated she has taken a lot of calls in opposition to moving the fireworks. Mr. Adkins stated he felt we would need to let Pegram know if we decide to have an event as a courtesy. Ms. Binkley stated she would like to have a parade. Ms. Cannon stated there are only so many people licensed to shoot the fireworks and we are getting close, but running out of time. Ms. Reed questioned if council wants to move forward as a contract will need to be approved in order to schedule anything. Mr. Jackson stated they have already budgeted for the fireworks at Summerfest. Ms. Walker stated not a lot of people show up to help with events. Ms. Womack stated when they do show up they have to be given time off to make up for the time worked. After some discussion in regard to doing a race or golf tournament Ms. Binkley and Mr. Coulon volunteered to be on the events committee and council decided to discuss further at the budget meeting.
- C. Hidden Lakes.** Mr. Anderson questioned where we are with the Hidden Lakes. Ms. Cannon stated we have reached out to Pleasant View Utility District and confirmed the cost of doing the sewer and what we can do. Chief Walker stated we are just waiting on them.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Walker to adjourn. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

  
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STEVE ALLEN, MAYOR

  
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KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER