

**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**February 13, 2018**

**6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building**

**101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee**

**CALL TO ORDER** at 6:02 PM by Mayor Johnson.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Richard Johnson, Vice-Mayor Mr. Steve Allen, Ms. Lisa Walker, Mr. Tim Adkins, Mr. Daniel Anderson, and Mr. Roger Jackson.

Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER** – Led by Mr. Tim Adkins

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA & CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda and minutes.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

- A. Roger Smith- supporting Mr. Dwyot Thornton.** Mr. Smith stepped forward and stated he has lived in Ashland City for the last eleven years and has seen Mr. Thornton help his neighbors and the citizens in various aspects. He further stated he feels Mr. Thornton would be an asset to the council and asked everyone to consider this when voting.
- B. Jim Elmi- supporting Mr. Dwyot Thornton.** Mr. Elmi stepped forward and asked Mr. Adkins to lead a prayer for Ms. Judy Bradley. Mr. Adkins led everyone in prayer. Mr. Elmi then stated he appreciates everyone and the service they provide to the city. He further stated he moved here seventeen years ago to Jupiter Drive and had no idea what to do, but he met Mr. Thornton and he helped him by teaching him how to mow the yard. In addition, he also helped him to snowplow after a snow. He stated he appreciates the uniformed officers and felt Mr. Thornton is the man to be on the council.
- C. Johnny Melton- supporting Mr. Dwyot Thornton.** Mr. Melton stated he has known Mr. Thornton twenty years and has come through the ranks of own efforts and has given back to the community and knows how to deal with people. He stated Mr. Thornton is a true friend and asked the council to consider him for the position.
- D. Gary Norwood- supporting Mr. Thornton, Leland Station discussion, and Chris LaCrosse Pavilion.** Mr. Norwood stepped forward and thanked the council members for the placement of the plaque for the Chris LaCrosse Pavilion. Secondly, he stated he was there on behalf of Mr. Dwyot Thornton and felt he would be a huge asset to this board. He stated he has shown diligence on other boards in which he has served and has done a fantastic job. Lastly, he stated if the county goes through with the purchase of the Leland Station property he felt it would be a disaster.
- E. Alwilda Binkley- Leland Station Property.** Ms. Binkley stepped forward and stated she is against the jail being built on the Leland Station property. She further stated there are several residents in attendance who feel the same way as their properties back up to the property.
- F. Stacey Stuart- Leland Station Property.** Ms. Stuart stepped forward and stated she is a resident behind the Leland Station Property that is proposed for sale. She further stated there have been generations of kids raised there and she does not want to worry about sleeping at night due to the jail being relocated to this property. In addition, if the sale of this property goes through she will have to sell her property. She further voiced concerns about the cash loan places stealing from vulnerable people. Mr. Jackson asked the mayor to address the Leland Station discussion. Mayor stated the city has nothing to do with the purchase of that property, but the county commission meets on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month and he encourages everyone to show up and to call the commissioners to voice their concern. He further stated he has done all he can to keep this from happening.
- G. Goldie Toler- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Toler came forward and stated she had a leak resulting

from a frozen meter which caused a higher bill. She further stated the leak has been repaired. Mayor stated the bill was for \$154.80 and normally averages \$65.75. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to adjust to an average. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, Mayor-yes.

- H. **Ernie Smith- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Smith came forward and stated he had a high water bill, but has fixed the issue. Mayor stated his bill is for \$ 527.71 and normally averages \$68.59. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Anderson to adjust Mr. Smith's bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Clint Dodson- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Dodson stepped forward and stated he had a water pipe burst and he would like to request an adjustment of his bill. Mayor asked if the repairs have been made and are fixed. Mr. Dodson responded yes. Mayor stated Mr. Dodson's bill was \$314.17 and normally averages \$46.02. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to adjust Mr. Dodson's bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- J. **Jennifer Earps- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Earps came forward and stated her pipes froze and caused a leak. She further stated she has a receipt for the repairs and the prior bill was \$171.00 and the new bill is \$219.25. Mayor stated this may affect another bill and asked council to defer until next month to see if the leak is on that bill as well. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Anderson to defer this to next month and not to turn Ms. Earps water off until resolution of this issue is made. All approved by voice vote.
- K. **Khaliqta Shute Water Adjustment.** Ms. Shute came forward and stated she had a leak that has been repaired as of last week. Mayor stated being the repairs were made last week being the repairs were just made last week it would be a good idea to wait for the adjustment until next month to see if this bill will be affected by the leak. Ms. Shute stated she would come back next month.
- L. **Brittney Monk Water Adjustment.** Ms. Monk stepped forward and stated she had a water heater leak that has been repaired. Mayor stated Ms. Monk had two water bills: one being \$269.65 and the second being \$186.01. He further stated her bills normally average \$72.39. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Allen to adjust Ms. Monk's bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

## REPORTS

- A. **City Attorney.** Ms. Noe requested an attorney/client privilege meeting. Mayor called a recess for the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Mayor called the meeting back to order at 6:44 p.m.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Vacant Council Position Interviews and Appointment.** Ms. Noe stated she had researched the Charter, Robert's Rules of Order, and had even called MTAS and spoken to Gary Jaeckel, but had not found any options other than to go through the procedure again and see if we can get a majority vote. She further stated we may need to change the charter and allow the mayor to be the tie breaker as some other cities do now. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Adkins to appoint Mr. Chris Kerrigan to the vacant position. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Allen-no, Anderson-no, Jackson-no, and Mayor-yes. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Jackson to appoint Mr. Dwyot Thornton to the vacant position. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Adkins-no, Walker-no, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-no. Ms. Noe stated we can have another motion, it can defer and advertise again, or council can vote to have special election. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to hold a special election. Ms. Noe requested authority to get with the election commission to see about doing a special election. Ms. Walker stated the charter only allows six months from the time the position is vacant to fill it. Mr. Allen stated he would like to have Ms. Reed and Ms. Noe investigate the possibility of a special election and get back to the council at the next scheduled workshop meeting. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Jackson withdrew their original motion and second. Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson to allow Ms. Reed and Ms. Noe to investigate further and discuss at the next workshop meeting.

- B. Ordinance: Budget Amendment.** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 17/18 FISCAL YEAR. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Allen to approve the budget amendment. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Farmland Rebid Request.** A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Adkins to approve the rebid. All approved by voice vote.
- B. Training Tower Bid Award.** Chief Walker stated this is for the AFG FEMA grant for the training tower. Further, they sent out four or five bid packets; however, only one was returned from Warehouse on Wheels in the amount of \$649,350.00. Mr. Allen asked if that amount lined up with what they had estimated. Chief Walker responded yes it did. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to approve the bid. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. Mowing Bid Award.** Mr. Young stated there was one bid from Mr. Leslie Stewart and it is an approximately five percent increase due to adding the Senior Center and Fire Station II. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Allen to approve the contract. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. Resolution: Comprehensive Management Review with MTAS.** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE (MTAS) TO COORDINATE A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT REVIEW (CMR) OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR MAINTAINING THE OBJECTIVITY OF THE STUDY AND REQUIRING ITS PRESENTATION IN A WORK SESSION BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Allen to approve the resolution for comprehensive management review. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. Resolution: Capitalization Policy.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, TO ESTABLISH A POLICY TO SET THRESHOLD FOR CAPITALIZATION. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve the Resolution for the surplus policy. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-no, and Mayor-yes.
- F. Resolution: Surplus Policy.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY DETERMINED TO BE SURPLUS TO THE TOWN'S NEEDS A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Adkins to approve the Resolution for the Surplus Policy. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. Resolution: GNRC Grant.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A SENIOR CENTER GRANT. Ms. Womack stated this the authorization for the right to apply for a grant with GNRC. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Allen to approve the Resolution for the GNRC Grant. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. Ordinance: Allowance for Caretaker Apartments.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, BY DELETING SECTION 5.052.1.C.3 UPPER STORY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND ADDING A PROVISION FOR CARETAKER RESIDENCES IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS IN ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE. Chief Walker asked to defer this item until next month. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to defer until next month. All approved by voice vote.
- I. Ordinance: Budget Amendment for Donation Received for Training Tower.** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 17/18 FISCAL YEAR. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Allen to approve the budget amendment. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Allen- yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- J. Ordinance: Rezone North Main from R-3 to R-4PUD.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 7.00 AND 8.00 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 49N, GROUP C, LOCATED ON NORTH MAIN STREET AND AT 120 OAK STREET. Ms. Ashley Osman came forward and stated she was there to request the rezone for C-1 at the front of the property facing North Main

Street to provide for a variety of commercial uses and the remainder of the property to be R-4PUD. She further stated she would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. Jackson asked if these will be separate houses. Ms. Osman responded they will be townhomes along the side of the property and the back half will be single family homes. Mr. Adkins asked when they will begin construction. Ms. Osman stated as soon as possible. Mr. Jackson asked about parking. Chief Walker responded the concept plan shows two and a half per unit, which is more than the code requires. Mr. Jackson asked how that can be changed. Ms. Reed responded it would need to be done by ordinance and would require two readings. Chief Walker stated we will look into that, but tonight is just the rezone and the planning commission will approve the site plan at a later date. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Allen to approve the Ordinance for rezone. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Jackson-no, and Mayor-yes.

- K. **TDEC Agreement.** A motion was made by Walker seconded by Allen to approve the TDEC Agreement. Vote on motion: Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- L. **Resolution: FEMA Vehicle Grant.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT.
- M. **Resolution: FEMA Operation & Safety Grant.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT.
- N. **Resolution: FEMA Regional Grant.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT. Chief Walker stated this is to apply for three grants that have been applied for in the past and if we are awarded the grant we will know in approximately six months. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Anderson to approve the three resolutions for the FEMA grants. All approved by voice vote.
- O. **GNRC Amendment- Senior Center.** A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve the amendment to the contract. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- P. **GNRC Amendment- Census Contract.** Ms. Cannon stated this is to change how we submit the data collected for the Census to GNRC. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Allen to approve the amendment to the Census contract. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Allen-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- Q. **Surplus Vehicles.** A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to surplus the vehicles. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Adkins-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- R. **Resolution: Request to support adequate funding in the acquisition of property.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE SEEKING STATE TO SUPPORT ADEQUATE FUNDING IN THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Adkins to approve the resolution to request to support adequate funding in the acquisition of property.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Chris LaCrosse Dedication.** Ms. Walker asked when the dedication for the pavilion will be set. Mayor responded with the opening of the Farmer's Market is the plan and it is being discussed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Allen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

  
RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR

  
KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER