

**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2017**  
**6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building**  
**101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee**

**CALL TO ORDER** at 6:00 PM by Mayor Johnson.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Richard Johnson, Vice-Mayor Steve Allen, Gary Norwood, Lisa Walker, Jimmy Gill, and Roger Jackson.

Absent: Alwilda Binkley

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER** – Led by Paul Gupton

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to approve the August minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

- A. Rachel Keaton Water Adjustment.** Ms. Keaton stepped forward and stated she had a high water bill due to a leak that has since been repaired. Mayor stated Ms. Keaton's bill was a total of \$227.29, but normally averages \$67.12. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to adjust Ms. Keaton's bill to an average. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. Jack Bates Rezone Ordinance.** Mr. Bates stepped forward to speak in regard to the reading of ordinance 478. Mr. Bates stated his understanding is this parcel is to be rezoned to I-2 which would allow storage containers to be stacked on the property. He further stated he, and several residents agree this is not something they want to see on the property and feel it would look similar to the property across from Lewis' Country Store on Highway 12. He further stated he could get a petition from the residents surrounding the area together and feels it would decrease the owner's property value.
- C. Larry Taylor Water Adjustment.** Mr. Taylor came forward and stated he had a leaky flapper on his toilet which caused a high water bill and has been fixed. Mayor stated his water bill was a total of \$217.20, but normally averages \$90.19. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to adjust Mr. Taylor's bill to an average. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. Karen Stanley Water Adjustment.** Ms. Stanley came forward and stated she had a leak in the water meter line to the utility closet and presented a receipt which shows it has been repaired. Mayor stated this leak affected 2 months of bills one in the amount of \$176.06 and the second for \$112.26. He further stated her average bill is \$53.06. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Norwood to adjust her bill to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Mayor-yes.
- E. Tracy Wolf Water Adjustment.** Ms. Wolfe came forward and stated she had a high water bill due to a leak in the toilet which has been fixed. Mayor stated Ms. Wolf's bill was a total of \$188.75, but normally averages \$81.57. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to adjust Ms. Wolf's bill to an average. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. Brandi Dewalt Water Adjustment.** Ms. Dewalt came forward and stated she had a leak in her toilet that she has since repaired, which caused a high water bill. Mayor stated Ms. Dewalt's water bill was a total of \$412.87, but normally averages \$102.81. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to adjust Ms. Dewalt's bill to an average. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

**REPORTS**

- A. Trail Connector Grant Update.** Mayor stated the bids for the trail connection came in much higher than they originally anticipated 4 years ago when this all started and he asked Mr. Lee Davidson to discuss this. Mr. Davidson stepped forward and stated there were 3 bidders and they all 3 went well over the grant amount originally projected. He further stated a lot has changed in 4 years since projecting the numbers and the bids were probably higher due to high demand in the market; however, Jarrett Builders was the lowest bidder. Mr. Davidson then discussed the options the council has. The first, asking the state to accept the increase and match 80% of the highest bid. The second option is to reject all bids and then rebid with some adjustments to the bid packet. In addition, the bidders are required to be certified bidders on the state approved listing. Ms. Walker asked why it took so long to bid and why it wasn't bided out 4 years

ago. Mr. Davidson stated this is a federal grant project and it took this long to get it on the road. Mayor stated the numbers were projected during a recess and he can't see the cost going down any now. Mr. Norwood asked for the scope of the work. Mr. Young went over the scope of the work. Chief Coulon stated there will be a cost savings in overtime for officers when there are events where we would normally be required to shut down the roads. Mayor stated it will be a lot safer as well for the event participants. Mr. Allen asked if there were only 3 bids taken. Mr. Clint Camp responded 6 companies picked up the plans; however, only 3 responded even after he made several calls and encouraged several others to bid. Mr. Davidson stated Sessions, Jones Brothers, and Jarret were the contractors that placed a bid. After much discussion Mr. Davidson told the council the bids expire October 6th and they would need to act on the bids prior to that date.

B. **Jennifer Noe.** None.

## OLD BUSINESS

A. **Ordinance 475. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING TITLE 10 CHAPTER 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS.** Mr. Allen asked if the 6 chickens are the limit for under 4 acres of land. Mr. Gill asked if roosters are permitted. Mayor responded no roosters. Ms. Reed informed the council Ms. Noe had changed the verbiage to reflect if the property owner has over 4 acres of land they can have as many chickens as they like and can have free roaming. Mr. Norwood requested adding free range where the ordinance states roaming for clarification purposes. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Jackson to approve Ordinance 475. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Stantec Agreement.** Ms. Reed stated she had given a copy of the contract with the markups from the city attorney, Ms. Noe. Mayor stated this agreement is mainly for pass-through to the berm project purposes; however, anything outside the scope of that is covered as well and we will not have to pay anything unless we utilize the money. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve the Stantec Agreement as marked through by the city attorney. Vote on motion: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **eTrace Agreement.** Chief Coulon stated this is for software access. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve the eTrace Agreement. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **Traffic Light Agreement.** Chief Walker asked the A.O. Smith part of the contract be deferred to the next meeting as that is not quite ready yet; however, the engineering for the red light to be voted on in order to get the process started. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve the contract in the amount of \$19,350. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-no, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **U.S. Marine Corps/Special Operations Agreement.** Chief Coulon stated this is the training agreement discussed at workshop. Mayor asked what is in it for Ashland City. Chief Coulon responded nothing. Mr. Gill stated if the citizens are not aware of it he is not for it. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Allen to approve the U.S. Marine Corps/Special Operations Agreement. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Crisp Communications Agreement.** Ms. Cannon stated this is a contract to begin the process of completing a special census. She further stated if approved more money will come into the city beginning July; however, there is a limited time to complete the census and there is no guarantee we will get the response needed. In addition, we would need around 500 more residents to respond compared to the last census. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Walker to approve the Crisp Communications agreement. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. **GNRC Agreement.** Ms. Womack stated this agreement adjusts figures from the original agreement. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Jackson to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Resolution 2017-19: The Pool's "Safety Partner's" Matching Grant Program.** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POOL'S "SAFETY PARTNER'S" MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 2017-19. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **Resolution 2017-20: Adopting a Hazard Mitigation Plan.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE CHEATHAM COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve Resolution 2017-20. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- I. **Resolution 2017-21: Combining Fire and Codes Budget.** 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 Gill, seconded by Allen to approve Resolution 2017-21. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.  
**Resolution 2017-22: Updating Wage and Salary Policy.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE UPDATING THE WAGE AND SALARY POLICY GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Norwood to approve Resolution 2017-22. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Allen-no, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- J. **Ordinance 474: Amending Title 16.** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 16 CHAPTER 5 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING DRIVEWAY REGULATIONS. After much discussion a motion was made by Allen, seconded by Norwood to defer this ordinance to the next scheduled meeting in order to make some changes. All approved by voice vote.
- K. **Ordinance 476: Budget Amendment.** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 17/18 FISCAL YEAR. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance 476. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- L. **Ordinance 478: Rezone Hwy 12 at Graham Road.** Chief Walker stated the property is requested to be rezone for industrial. Ordinance failed for lack of motion.
- M. **Ordinance 479: Amending Ordinance 437.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CORRECT ORDINANCE 437: AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 12.00 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 55F, GROUP A, LOCATED AT 111 ELIZABETH STREET TO THE C-2 (HIGHWAY SERVICE DISTRICT) ZONING DISTRICT. **Ordinance 480: Amending Ordinance 454.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CORRECT ORDINANCE 454: AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 2.00 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 49J, GROUP B, LOCATED AT 236. ORCHARD LANE TO THE R-4 (HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT. **Ordinance 481: Amending Ordinance 456.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 456: AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 5.08 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 049N, GROUP E, LOCATED ON NORTH MAIN STREET TO THE C-2 ZONING DISTRICT. **Ordinance 482: Amending Ordinance 466.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CORRECT ORDINANCE 466: AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 115 TURNER STREET FROM R-4 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-4PUD (RESIDENTIAL HIGH-DENSITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT). **Ordinance 483: Amending Ordinance 471.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CORRECT ORDINANCE 471: AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 1.00 AND 2.00 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 55E, LOCATED ON BELLSTREET TO THE ZONING DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (R-3PUD). A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance 479, 480, 481, 482, and 483. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- N. **Ordinance 484: Amending Title 18 Chapter 7.** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 18 CHAPTER 7 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING ANIMAL, VEGETABLE FATS, OILS AND GREASE, AND SOIL/SAND AND LINT TRAPS AND INTERCEPTORS. Mr. Norwood asked if Mr. Justin Short could give an overview of this ordinance. Mr. Short stated these are changes made by Byron Ross to the code in order to give better clarification and better definition for penalties, restrictions, fines and approved dump areas. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Norwood to approve Ordinance 484. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Mayor.** Mayor Johnson introduced Clint Biggers as the new Public Work/Utilities Director. He then stated a meeting needed to be set to act on the Trail Connector Grant Bid and discuss the sale of city properties. After some discussion the meeting was set for October 3<sup>rd</sup> prior to workshop. Ms. Reed stated a meeting also needs to be set for the Beer Board. After some discussion the council set the meeting for October 10<sup>th</sup> prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.
- B. **Gary Norwood.** Mr. Norwood stated he would be resigning from council and his last meeting will be November 14 as he is moving out of the district. Mayor stated we appreciate your service to the town. Mayor then asked Ms. Reed what needs to be done to replace this position. Ms. Reed stated the City

Charter directs the council to appoint someone to the position and she further stated there are three positions up for election this year.

- C. **Lisa Walker.** Ms. Walker informed the council Mr. Brian McKay who traveled to Tennessee for the eclipse event commented on Facebook regarding how well organized the event was.
- D. **Music on Main.** Mr. Norwood asked for an update on Music on Main. Ms. Walker stated so far there are 10 food trucks approximately 100 vendors signed up. She further discussed the advertisements placed in the radio and newspapers. Ms. Womack discussed the artists scheduled to perform.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER

  
RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR