

## TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2017

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

**CALL TO ORDER** at 6:20 PM by Mayor Johnson.

### ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mrs. Alwilda Binkley. Ms. Binkley was absent for roll call but came in late as reflected below.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER** – Led by Mr. Paul Robert Gupton.

### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mrs. Walker to approve the June minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### PUBLIC FORUM

- A. **Jackie Kemp** – Ms. Kemp came forward and stated there was a hydrant leak for the access line at her residence of 2050 Highway 12 South which caused 2 high bills totaling \$532.69 and has since been repaired. Mayor stated the average bill for this residence is \$63.67. Ms. Binkley came in during the discussion. A motion made by Gill and seconded by Allen to adjust the bills. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.  
Ms. Kemp voiced concern regarding the construction at Highway 12 across from Vantage Pointe. She stated there have been problems and complaints regarding the trucks entering the highway and crossing. She further asked if the city could put up signage as a cautionary measure. Mayor asked Chief Walker and Chief Coulon to look into this issue.
- B. **Norman Carpenter** – Mr. Carpenter came forward and stated his normal water bill tripled its average rate and affected 2 billing cycles totaling \$307.35 due to his water heater bursting. Mayor stated Mr. Carpenter's average bill is \$65.59. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to adjust the bills. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.

### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- A. None.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Salary Study & Police Capital Outlay Budget Amendment.** Ms. Reed stated this discussion is for the salary study budget amendment and presented the figures to council. She further stated the figures include the increase to the police department budget for the capital outlay items. Mr. Norwood stated he is fine with the budget amendment for the police department; however, he would like to further discuss the salary study and asked this be deferred to the budget meeting. In addition, Mr. Norwood stated he would like to make a motion for the police department to hire two additional officers. Mr. Jackson stated he would like to further discuss this at the next budget meeting as well. Mr. Allen asked if there is a problem with carbon monoxide in the vehicles. Chief Coulon responded so far there hasn't been an issue; however, as a precaution carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in the vehicles. Ms. Walker announced and asked council to recognize Chief Coulon for receiving the Service from the Heart award at the Police Chief's Conference.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Mid-Cumberland Agreement.** A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Twin Simmons Contract.** A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to approve the contract. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **Cleaning Contract/Job Descriptions- Fire Marshal, Public Works/Utilities Director, and Janitorial.** Ms. Walker asked if the janitorial position will be a contract or a part-time position. Ms. Womack stated it is a part-time position. Mr. Norwood suggested adding something regarding overseeing maintenance of City

Hall to the Public Works/Utilities Director job description. Mayor stated additional personnel may be something we need to look into for being the Public Works Department is so covered up right now. Chief Walker stated Fire helps maintain City Hall and does what they can. Mr. Norwood stated it would be fine to leave as is. A motion made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve the job descriptions. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- D. **Chemical Bid Renewal.** Mayor stated this is a one-year renewal and the cost will be the same as last year. A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to renew the chemical bids. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Tank Inspection Request to bid.** Brandon Nicholson stated the Lenox and Caldwell tanks need to be inspected further taking them down would create a problem due to lack of storage and losing fire protection in parts of town. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to bid the tanks. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. **Surplus Listing.** Mayor presented a list to council with thirty-five items to be surplus. Chief Walker asked to add the blue dodge truck from Public Works. A motion made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to approve the surplus items. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Ordinance #475: Updating Title 10 Code.** A motion made by Norwood, seconded by Jackson to approve Ordinance 475. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **Home Grant Contract.** A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the home grant contract. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Military Surplus Contract.** A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to approve the military surplus contract. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Bell Street parked vehicle.** Lisa Walker reported a black truck on Bell Street at the water tank parked in a manner in which you are unable to see around it. Chief Coulon stated he would look into it.
- B. **School Zone.** Chief Coulon reported he had spoken to the Board of Education and turned the school zone and crossing over to the board.
- C. **Building Fund for Senior Center.** Ms. Womack reported having raised \$10,000 to open or add to a CD for the building fund of the Senior Citizens Center.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Walker, seconded by Norwood to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



MS. KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER



RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR