

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
Ashland City, Tennessee
July 10, 2012

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Johnson.

Council present: Steve Allen, Alwilda Binkley, Lisa Walker, Jimmy Gill, and Chris LaCrosse.

Others present: Carol F. Cannon, Joe W. Jenkins, Linda Hayes, Donald Binkley, Michael Armstrong, Kenny Ray, Melissa Womack, Billy Harris, Wade A. Reed, Roger Jackson, Anita Justice, Jake Cauley, Crystal Young, Paul R. Gupton, and Tim Adkins.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared we have a quorum.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve June 12th and July 3rd minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Mayor asked if anyone would like to approach Council with any concerns or comments. Crystal Young came forward and said she lives at 120 Smith Street. Ms. Young told Council that there was a water main leak at her home and she had been to the Water Department to request her bill be adjusted. She said they adjusted her bill a lot, but she still had a balance of \$700.00. Ms. Young asked Council if they would consider adjusting her bill more. Mayor asked why there was such a large leak. Ms. Young said a pipe burst. Mayor told Council we have a copy of the affidavit showing the leak is repaired. He said her bill was \$1,385.72 before it was adjusted. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to adjust the bill to an average bill of \$105.38. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Next Ms. Carol Cannon approached Council. She said she lives at 2121 Highway 12 South Unit 54 and that her bill for July is \$183.91. Ms. Cannon said that several of the condos have had breaks in water lines and that the property manager is checking to see why there are so many leaks. Ms. Cannon said she is here to ask for an adjustment. She said the front office was not able to adjust the leak based on their policy. Mayor told Council that we have a signed affidavit by the property manager that the leak is repaired. He told them an average bill for Ms. Cannon is \$61.88. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to adjust her bill to an average of \$61.88. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor asked is there anyone else who would like to approach Council. Ms. Linda Hayes came forward and told them that she is Mayor of White Bluff and is a candidate for State Representative for District 78. At this point, she went over some of her accomplishments as Mayor, such as a new City Hall and Fire Hall, and her campaign platform. She said she was here tonight asking for their vote and support and thanked Council for their time.

Mr. Jake Cauley of 1602 Little Marrowbone approached Council. He stated he has lived at this address for 17 years. Mr. Cauley said he was not aware that if the bill was not paid by the 19th water would be cut off and in June his water was cut off and he was charged a \$75.00 reconnect fee. He said he would like to see if Council would give him sympathy on that as I have always paid my bill. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to forgive the penalty one time. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Reports:

Mayor asked if Ms. Noe had anything to report to Council. Ms. Noe said to recap last week there is a proposal on the marina. Mayor asked is the Port Authority still active. Ms. Noe said they are not meeting at this time. She said the appointments are not renewed and we need to look at this.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Next on the agenda is Ordinance #395-Occupational Safety & Health Program. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to pass Ordinance #395. Mayor said this program is mandated by State law. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said the next item of business is Resolution 2012-04 Recycling. He said this is for an inter-city recycling program. Mayor said it will run about \$70.00 month. He went on to say that we can be a role model to the Community with this program. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to pass Resolution 2012-04 Recycling. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item on the agenda is the GNRC Contract- Senior Center. Mayor said the contract is the same as last year's and Ms. Womack agreed. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Binkley to approve the GNRC Contract-Senior Center. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve Andrea Lane Contract-Exercise Instructor. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve Lindy Murff Contract-Exercise Instructor. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve Michelle Neil Contract –Zumba Instructor. Motion passed with a roll call vote of; LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item on item on the agenda is the Computer Bid. Chief Walker said he was there to fill in for Derek. He said we received two bids one from Dell and the other from GovConnection. Chief Walker said that GovConnection came in with the best bid and that Derek had told him that he had bought from GovConnection before and had no problem going with them. Chief Walker said that Derek recommended accepting the bid from GovConnection. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley

to approve the bid from GovConnection for the computers. Mayor asked is the warranty the same. Chief Walker answered yes. Ms. Walker asked if any additional software licenses are needed. Chief Walker said he couldn't tell her that. Mayor asked if either bid addressed that. Chief Walker said he could call Derek with that question. It was decided to defer the vote on the computer bids until Chief Walker could talk with Derek.

Mayor said next on the agenda is the Request to bid the lab office at the Sewer Plant. Mr. Harris said he had spoken to Felica Feagin with FEMA and she said that if we did not here from TEMA then to go ahead with the project. Mr. Noe told Council that Billy is asking to put the lab building out for bid. Mr. Harris asked if he could go ahead and put the belt presses out to bid, as well. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to put both projects the lab office and belt presses out to bid. At this point a discussion ensued over the plans to be used for the building, square footage of the new lab office, and the fact that it has to be on the same foot print as the previous one. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mayor asked Mr. Young for a report on Summerfest. He said are we still \$5400.00 in the hole. Mr. LaCrosse asked are we working on next year's dates. He said he would like to see it closer to Spring when it is cooler. Mr. Allen asked if the attendance was down due to the heat. Mr. Young told Council that attendance records were broken on Tuesday when the weather was cooler.

Mr. LaCrosse turned the discussion back to the lab building when he asked how long the grant money from Greg Edrington's company is available. Ms. Noe said these are two different things and one won't affect the other. Mr. Noe told Council we can't use grant money to put something back from the flood.

At this point Chief Walker had Derek on speaker phone to discuss Council's question on software and licensing for the computers that were bid out. Deputy Chief Noe told Council that the computers come with Windows 7 and office software and that the warranty is the same on all of them. He explained that we will be doing away with Local Government's support. Deputy Chief Noe said that the anti-virus license was part of the server project. Mr. Gill said Derek did a good job. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Gill asked if there were any fireworks problems over the holiday. Chief Walker answered none in the City, but we had a fire in the rural district from a person putting all their fireworks in their carport and they started a fire.

Mayor told Council that Officer Jeremy Ethridge's stepfather passed away and that Tim Louallen's sister passed away. He told Council that Anita is a new grandmother and will show them pictures after the meeting.

Mr. Allen said the paving company that did not get awarded the job is upset. Ms. Noe said we awarded the bid to Gibbs and gave the other company the opportunity to do the milling and they didn't want to do it.

Mayor told Council July 12th is the surplus sale. He asked if employees can bid. Ms. Noe said there is nothing in our charter on this and I will check State law on it.

Mayor told Council we finally got the sidewalk to match at Sycamore and we are ready to pay Lafferty and Sons. Mr. Gill said I am glad you stayed on top of that. Mr. Noe said we will have them seal the whole sidewalk. Mr. LaCrosse asked is this on their dime. Mr. Noe said it will be on ours and he thought it would be \$1.98 a square yard. Mr. LaCrosse asked how many square yards. Mr. Noe said Council approved for this to be done before so there will be one additional bill.

Mayor asked is there anything else. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to pay the bills. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Coulon told Council that Brentwood had donated the old office furniture and it was never asset tagged by the City. He asked if they could put it into the sale. Mayor asked if there was any objection to selling this furniture. There was none.

Mr. Young invited Council to a meeting for Adult Softball on Thursday at 6:00p.m.

Mayor said he received an email from Jim Yates saying we need a better sign on the Public Works building. A short discussion ensued over the need for a sign for the entire building and the type of sign needed. Mr. Noe suggested a monument sign that listed all departments.

Mayor asked is there anything else. Ms. Noe suggested an open house for the Public Works and Police Department now that they are in the building.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Rick Johnson

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder