

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
Ashland City, Tennessee 37015
May 8, 2012

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

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

Council absent: Steve Allen and Jim Yates.

Others present: Melissa Womack, James Fenton, Michael Armstrong, John Haines, Dwayne Noe, Marc Coulon, Billy Harris, Tony Young, Greg Edrington, C.J. Edrington, Walter Weakley, Cindy Raymond, Ann Thompson, Tim Adkins, Jodie Voisine, Vincent Pinkney, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

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

Public Forum:

James Fenton approached the Council and advised we have an opportunity to receive a grant in the amount of \$175,000 due in on June 1st. There was a meeting last week and yesterday to come up with a game plan. This would be a great opportunity for Ashland City to have a building for the Open Air Market. In these meeting 3 options were discussed for the placement of the building – Riverbluff Park, the property where the temporary offices were, or N. Main St. What is needed now is a letter of approval to apply for the grant. There will be 1 or 2 public forums. This grant is approved by Governor Haslam through the Commission of Health. This grant is to promote life changes for healthy foods and choices. Local farmers and small business in the surrounding area will be able to sell their produce. This structure is more of a pavilion and possibly bathrooms. They would love to have the Council's support. This is a 2 fold benefit in the grant. One is increased collaboration with UT Ag. Extension offices and the second is exposing youth to an open market, community garden, and demonstrations on how to cook the produce. At the same time promoting small business and keeping people local. Mr. LaCrosse let me see if I heard you right, it will be all local growers with a vendor permit is that what you are saying or opening it up. Mr. Fenton said homegrown, locally produced not wholesale, opening it up to farmers or growers. Last year there were 12 farmers signed up this year I believe there are 30 persons interested if it is high volume. Tony Young said that surrounding counties would be allowed to participate. There would be produce signs given to the vendors stating it was locally grown. Mr. LaCrosse asked about the land; what is the length of the grant would the property be tied up in perpetuity or is there a life cycle. Mr. Fenton replied that would be part of the conversation. Mr. LaCrosse asked how long do you have to use the money. One year from beginning possibly July to June 2013. It is an 80/20 grant cash or in kind match, appraisal of the land or cash could be used to meet the match. Mayor said the deadline is June 1st and you need a letter of support. Mayor asked if there was anything else. Mr. LaCrosse said he thinks it sounds like a great idea; it gives them some things to think about.

Mayor asked if there was anyone else that wanted to approach the Council.

Mr. John Haines, Chairman of the County Commission said that since the Mayor and Council has spent time over at the county commission meetings he figured he owed the courtesy to do the same. He is trying to do this job that it was important to work with all the cities. He wanted to tell the Council that he was running for the House of Representatives and wanted to tell the Council who he was if they didn't already know. Mr. Haines said with 440 and 840 we are in the growth ring and all property will triple in value he is going to work hard to be a part of that.

Jodie Voisine came forward requesting an adjustment on her water bill she moved into the duplex and this is her 1st bill so there is nothing to compare it to she brought in her bill from Mt. Juliet that is for 53.91 a consumption of 4800. Our bill is for a consumption of 7700. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to adjust the water bill to a consumption of 4800 gallons. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor asked Ms. Voisine to come back to the office and she replied she would.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe replied everything was on the agenda.

New Business:

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to approve Ordinance #394 – 12/13 budget on 1st reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said the next item on the agenda was resolution 2012-03- vacation time; we discussed this in the budget meeting and the dept heads are all in agreement there would be coverage and this would not put a burden on the overtime. If the Council chooses he would entertain a motion. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Gill to approve Resolution 2012-03. Mr. LaCrosse said it is a good thing if the dept. heads are good with it and can make it work let's give it a try. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item is the property-farmland bid. Mayor said we received 2 bids last year this was a 1 year bid but he thinks the county's is a 4 year rotation. Mr. Weakley said the county did a 5 year lease and he would like a 4 year lease with the city so they both will renew at the same time. Mr. LaCrosse said he did not have a problem with that. Mayor said he did not have a problem with it but if we have an opportunity to do something with the property do we have an out. Ms. Noe replied it is a contract and there would be an out. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley, to award the bid to the highest bidder – Mr. Weakley – and to extend the contract for 4 years. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, and mayor-yes. Ms. Noe said if we could have it end on the same date and begin this week.

Mayor Johnson said the next two contracts for the Disaster grant Cindy Raymond and Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood; had both been accepted in the original motion and resolution, both were identified at that time as the administrator and engineer respectively and now the contracts need to be approved.

Mr. LaCrosse said before we go forward we are waiting on the interim inspection and scope of work making sure that we are still in the original scope of work. Mr. Edrington said that we can go with more than just the generator. There is some mitigation work there that can be done with the grant money. We are ready to move as soon as FEMA does the inspection. Mr. LaCrosse said we are not going into

debt for this to make this grant work we will spend what is available but he does not want to run into any cost over runs. Mr. Edrington said that would be handled in the bidding process.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to approve both contracts.

Ms. Noe said the contract with Cindy is fine, she and Greg have been playing phone tag and they need to tweak some things a paragraph on the 1st page and under the scope of services design price is \$30,000 and the inspection is not to exceed \$40,000. Need to add in Greg's contract a provision that the general liability policy is not less than 1 million; page 6 #10 the last sentence needs to be deleted; #11 needs to be deleted in its entirety. Walker withdrew her second and LaCrosse withdrew the motion. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker, to accept the agreement with all stipulations pointed out by Jennifer. Dwayne Noe said he wants to make sure that we are going to get our as-builts in detail; he doesn't know if there is anything in the contract but he thinks it should be in the contract. The second and motion were withdrawn. Mayor said he does not want any FEMA funds and grant money to get criss-crossed and we have to return funding to FEMA. Cindy Raymond said that she is there to see that that does not happen. The disaster money will not affect FEMA's money whatsoever.

Greg Edrington said that he will get all the clearances from FEMA first and submit the plans for FEMA's approval. Ms. Noe said both contracts will not go into effect before clearance from FEMA and nothing will go out to bid until clearance from FEMA.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker, to approve the contract with the stipulations pointed out by Counsel Noe and the as-builts with details would be provided to the city per the public works directors' approval and the contract is not in effect and not binding before submitting to FEMA with no conflicts. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve the GNRC Local Planning Services contract. Mr. LaCrosse said he has not looked at it but Ms. Noe had and there were no changes but the money. Ms. Noe said that was right there are no changes but the amount. Mr. LaCrosse said it was slow getting started but let's give it another year. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said the next on the agenda is the Emergency Services Contract or aka Fire tax contract. Chief Walker said the contract was originally for 5 years and has been changed to a 4 year contract and it went from a 3% increase per year to a 2% increase per year. After 2 years there is an out clause. Chief Walker talked about the calls in the county and rural districts. Ms. Noe said that Chuck said to trust him on this so I will. The ISO wording, fire hydrants, and water are all out of our control. The Fire Chief and the County Fire Chief will outline and set the timetable. Mr. Haines said that the reason for wanting to lower the ISO rating is to lower the homeowners insurance to offset what they have to pay. Water is the key we can't control a utility district the county is going to have to work on this to get this for the people. We don't want "A" hustling to get it for their people and "B" not doing anything for the people. Chief Walker said the county does not expect the cities to buy the pumpers. Mr. Haines said Chief Walker should be admired for stepping up to the plate and for all the hard work he has done. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Walker to accept the Emergency Services Contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Noe said the Pyroshows contract is basically the same and we have to make the same changes as we've done in the past. Paragraph 1 last sentence if we had to move the date due to weather expenses would not exceed 10%. Ms. Noe asked if the 6" shell is still a concern. Tony said that last year they took the shells out and extended the show. There had been complaints about the large shells leaving debris at the marina. Chief Walker said that the ashes were on the parking lot if that were to happen again the

city would help clean it up there was nothing burning they were out it is just the ashes. Mayor asked if both building were more than the 420 feet. Chief replied yes, this plan meets state requirements. There was no damage it just left debris.

After more discussion, a motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve the contract with the changes made by Ms. Noe. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Next on the agenda is the Blackhawk Energy Products. Mayor said the powerhouse units are \$3,925 each for the high service pumps at the water plant and we would need two units. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by LaCrosse to approve the purchase of 2 powerhouse units. Dwayne Noe said he would like to get in this year's budget and pay for it out of the water construction account. We would need to amend the budget and approve this expenditure. The second and motion was withdrawn and restated. A motion was made by Binkley seconded by LaCrosse to approve the purchase of 2 Blackhawk units for the high service pumps and to move the money from the construction account to the enterprise fund. After more discussion on cost and benefits the motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said he and Dwayne met with Bob Lafferty. Mr. Lafferty has given us a different bill for \$7,384; they will come and clean acid wash the sidewalks and get the stain off and do all he can to try and match what is already there but he will not dig up the concrete. They will fix the light but won't pay for a new ballast if needed. The Mayor's recommendation is to pay this bill. There was much discussion on matching the stain and making it right. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to approve paying the bill upon the Mayor's satisfaction with the completed work. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mayor Johnson said he had one other item he would like to discuss and that is the boat dock. Chief Walker found this grant it is what they call a Lego bldg block it will be a 30X8 section which is twice as wide as we have now. He spoke with TWRA they gave him names for the historical preservation and environmental offices. Mayor said they were led to believe that \$7,125 would be used out of TWRA money and the city would have to pay \$2,375. Mayor Johnson said he is asking the Council to allow them to go ahead with this grant. Chief Walker said there would be another grant in the fall we will be able to extend the dock if we wanted to the Corp says we can go to the mouth of Marks Creek. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to approve the request for this grant with TWRA in the amount of \$2,375. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker said he does have one other grant a Forestry grant for \$3,000 they plan to buy tires they need to spend \$7,800 that he does have budgeted and then they will be reimbursed the \$3,000. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to apply for the forestry grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

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

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder