

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
Ashland City, TN 37015  
March 13, 2012

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on March 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

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

Council absent: Lisa walker and Jim Yates.

Others present: Tammy Gatlin, Dolores Moulton, Cory B. Felts, Melissa Womack, Tony Young, Les Stewart, Jason Bell, Michael Armstrong, Billy Harris, Anita Justice, Tim Adkins, Dwayne Noe, Marc Coulon, Monica Baker, Chuck Walker, Mary Glasgow, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor opened the meeting for a public hearing on ordinance #393. After caption read Mayor asked if anyone had comments. There being none. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting.

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

Public Forum:

Ms. Delores Moulton and Cory Felts came forward about a water problem at the Fairgrounds. Ms. Moulton explained that after the fair in August Mr. Felts had turned the water off at the meter as they know their spigot has a small leak. They received a couple of bills and the Aug/Sept bill was \$9.61 for a minimum bill. Then when the Oct/Nov came out it was \$121.53 now this bill is \$206.86 Ms. Moulton had spoken with Rob and he said she needed to check for a leak when he read the meter it was on and he had turned it off. She does not know who would have turned their meter on but it is evident that it was tampered with as they had turned it off. Mr. Allen told her about 2 weeks ago a motorcycle group was back there behind the fence; he thought they might be having a meeting with permission. Ms. Moulton replied no, they didn't give permission for anyone to be there. Mr. LaCrosse asked if it was locked now so it could not be turned on. Ms. Moulton replied no, Dwayne Noe said they could lock it out if they requested him to but then they would have to remember to get it turned back on. They would have to call during normal business hours to get the meter turned back on. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to adjust the bill to a normal minimum of \$9.61 providing it was locked out. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Old Business:

Mayor Johnson said last week in workshop they had discussed the police modular with the County and he wanted to negotiate with Mayor McCullough on this for the 28,000. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen for the Mayor to negotiate with the county on the modular starting at \$28,000. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

Mayor Johnson said Ms. Yvonne Stinnett would like to be re-appointed to the Board of Equalization. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley, to re-appoint Ms. Yvonne Stinnett. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen, to approve Ordinance #393 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen, to approve Resolution 2012-02- amend personnel policy- Dress Code. Ms. Schaeffer said the only change was to allow employees to wear jeans and that the employees said they would not abuse it, the dept heads would make sure this didn't happen. Mayor said the dept heads would be on top of it, there would be no skin showing, not tight, no holes, not being dirty or wrinkled. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes. Mr. LaCrosse said please let's stay neat and professional the employees are the face of the city and we need to be professional.

Chief Walker spoke to the Council about the Port Security Grant Program. We applied for this grant last year to upgrade our 1998 boat with pump. We are in the Nashville Port Authority area and they have informed us we have been awarded the grant up to \$200,000 we can bid it, spec it, and maintain it. The money is passed through Nashville as they are the fiduciary agent; that is how they are involved. Hendersonville has written their spec and he would like to piggy back off theirs. We can change our specs and go under their bid. Jennifer Noe has to look at and approve the contract but he is requesting the Council to approve the contract pending Jennifer approving it and allowing the Mayor to sign. Mayor asked if this was a 100% grant and would they stay at the \$200,000. Chief Walker replied yes it is a 100% grant and they would not go over the approved amount. Chief said he handed out 2 pictures one of a boat that they hope to get; the other picture is of a trailer for the boat this trailer is worth \$35,000 that Marc has gotten them for free through the military program. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley, to approve the contract upon Jennifer finding the contract ok. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said the Commercial Copier contract that is before them tonight is the one Tony talked about last week and Jennifer has approved. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen, to approve the copier contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item on the agenda is the mowing bid. Mr. Young said the low bidder was LCJW again, they have done a good job for us in the past and he recommends staying with them. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to award the mowing bid to LCJW. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said next on the agenda is the uniforms, towels etc. Mr. Noe said that Cintas was the low bidder by 47 cents and they have done a great job and he recommends staying with Cintas. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley, to award the bid to Cintas. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor asked Chief Walker if we needed to defer the fire tax contract to next month. Chief said yes, one more month; he should know something by workshop.

Other:

Ms. Binkley said she had a question about the parking at the Square; it is a one way in but the parking spaces are facing the other way to get into them. She hears a lot of comments about this. Mr. LaCrosse said that is the County's parking lot. Mr. Young said the county was going to take this and do it their way. Mayor Johnson said it is confusing. Mr. LaCrosse said maybe our Mayor could communicate this with the County Mayor. Mayor Johnson said he will talk to Mayor McCullough.

Mr. LaCrosse asked Billy about his monthly report on water loss. Mr. LaCrosse said when he came on Council 7 years ago he asked for a spreadsheet on the sales tax showing year over year; it has been really good. We should have done this with water sold. Phyllis has the revenue and Billy the gallons sold. The water loss is bouncing a lot. Billy said we would never have a zero loss. Dwayne said that they get the figures from Phyllis. Phyllis said that yes, Diane does give figures to Billy but we don't do the water loss report. Mr. LaCrosse said this was not the tone or timber he wanted with this but a 40% loss was not acceptable. If our numbers are accurate where is the water going. He would like to see us get back to our historical averages. He is not looking for a zero balance. Mayor Johnson said we will do another walk through as they have a couple of issues at the water plant. The water level is not designed right and there is water running out of there constantly. Randy Walker said we have a 10% loss in the plant. Mr. Allen said the past report figures may not have been accurate as they are now. Mayor Johnson said we don't need to address this tonight. Mr. Gill asked if this was finished water we are losing. Billy replied yes.

Mr. Young said we still had the situation with the property conversion from the By-Pass, we have talked about it but we have not done anything. We need to replace 2 acres for parks. There is the Caldwell property and the A O Smith property. We just need to decide, and dedicate the land to parks the land has to have recreational value the same or better, there is work to be done such as a survey, access, and then writing a letter then the state will come out and approve and we go from there. Mayor said over the next month we need to decide and let Jennifer draw up something. Ms. Binkley said she would like to see us use the Caldwell property. Mr. Allen asked about the property across the street from him. Tony said they came down and looked at it; the property was under water and the state said that wouldn't work. Tony said if we don't correct this we can't apply for any state or National grants. After more discussion Mayor Johnson said let's keep it on the table then we can give Tony and Jennifer direction. Tony, bring it back up.

Chief Coulon requested to apply for another grant for \$25,000; it is a 100% grant. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to give permission to apply for the grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

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, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

