

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
June 8, 2010

The Board of Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City met in regular session on June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Tommy Nicholson, Jimmy Gill, Rick Johnson, Jim Yates, and Chris LaCrosse.

Others present: Thomas McCormick, Carl Lambert,ESGR, Marc Coulon, Anita Justice, Don Stack, Greg Edrington, Wade Reed, Katherine ?, Tony Young, Michael Armstrong, Paul Gupton, Sam M. Balthrop, Zach McCarver, Dan Morris, Tim Adkins, Jennifer Noe, Mary Glasgow, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Norwood began the meeting with a public hearing on Ordinance #368. After the ordinance was read Mayor Norwood asked anybody that would like to approach with any concerns on this ordinance now was the time to come forward. As no one approached Mayor closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting.

Those present for the public hearing were the same for the meeting.

Mayor Norwood advised there were 3 sets of minutes to be approved May regular meeting and 2 special called meetings. A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson, to approve all 3 sets of minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said she did not have anything that wasn't on the agenda.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson to approve Ordinance #368 – Budget 10/11 fiscal year – on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

Mr. Carl Lambert approached the Council and stated he was the area Chairman of Middle Tennessee for the federal organization – Employer Support of Guard and Reserve. Mr. Lambert stated he was here this evening for 2 outstanding employers; both Marc Coulon nominated by Bill Powers and Kenny Ray nominated by Dustin Dunn; both realize the importance of leadership and Mayor this is a reflection of your leadership. Both were congratulated and presented with a plaque.

Mayor said the next item of business was ordinance #370- Rezoning on S. Main St. from R-3 to C-2- on 1st reading. Mr. Sam Balthrop approached and advised his application is to change the zoning on property he owns approximately 1 acre with a house next to Stratton's on Main St. This request is to change the zoning to commercial C-2. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve ordinance #370 on 1st reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Gill, to approve the write off request for uncollectible utility payments in the amount of \$24,539.81. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Gill-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next order of business was the 80 hour work week for the police dept. Chief Coulon requested if there were no objections to defer this request to next month.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the pass through Stantec invoice in the amount of \$. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, Johnson-yes, Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Tony Young advised the Council that Mid-Cumberland gave a donation back to the city in the amount of \$1,146 because our program is so successful. 70 meals per work day-40 meals every day of the year.

Also, Mr. Young advised that Blue Heron Cruises is proposing to put a dock at Puzzle Fool Creek. Mr. Nicholson said he will need to get permission from the Corp. Mayor said yes, he'll need to get their approval and we will need a letter from the Corp. Mayor asked about the request from Metro for additional docks. Mr. Young replied he has not gotten anything further on that.

Mayor asked Thomas and Greg about filling the road on Vine Street. Thomas McCormick replied that Rice Eaves with FEMA recommended this be done in a certain way and they had to get new quotes. Mr. McCormick replied that Gibbs Brother's was the lowest and that his recommendation was to have Gibbs Brothers repair the road. Mr. Edrington replied it should be a slam dunk that we get 87-1/2% after the state puts in their part. He replied if we don't get this fixed the sewer line could get damaged. Mayor asked haven't you run a camera down there yet. Mr. McCormick replied that ours was ruined in the flood.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to award the road repair to Gibbs Brother's in the amount of \$24,600. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Lacrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Yates-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said this should be paid out of the Street Aid fund.

Mr. Edrington said he was pursuing getting quotes for insurance on the public works building and the sewer plant. He has 2 contractors coming in on the sewer plant W&O Construction and W. Rogers. Mayor asked what did W&O do for us. The reply was the headwork's and water pant. Mr. Edrington estimates the work should come in at \$905,000 for the wastewater plant and \$826,000 for the public works building. Mr. LaCrosse asked what all that included. Mr. Edrington said there were 27 items-all electrical, motors, disinfection, redoing the buildings, etc. He said these quotes and estimates are for TML and FEMA. Ms. Noe replied these items are going to have to be bid out. Mr. LaCrosse asked if we need to go ahead and bid them. Mr. Edrington said if we get the project worksheets done and sent in we could have a response within 6 weeks but it will take at least 6 months to get the money. Mr. LaCrosse asked how long is it going to take TML to decide what they are going to pay. Ms. Noe said she has left 2 messages for Bib Bell. She has spoken with the adjuster and he needs 2 estimates for TML. They will look at those and then will decide.

Mr. Yates asked if TML was the only insurance we can get. Ms. Noe replied that was a good question they are looking at other companies but TML has 90-92% of all cities in Tennessee, the larger cities like Nashville and Memphis are self insured. When they have the bulk of coverage it is hard for other

companies to compete. It may not be feasible to do at this time. Mayor asked if there were other states we couldn't piggy back off of. Ms. Noe replied yes, looking at Alabama and Kentucky. We may not be able to do this this year but definitely need to look at this for next year.

Mr. Johnson said we need to get through this and work with TML and FEMA.

Mayor said on a different note he spoke with Chris Camp who spoke with the telephone company and they are extremely perturbed that they have not even gotten started on the project.

Mr. Johnson said he had 1 thing and that is the street lights on the pole we need to look at some standards on lighting that the lights aren't directed up where you can't see the sky anymore.

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

Mr. Gill asked about the status of A.O. Smith. Mayor replied they have 1 line running.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder