

TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2018
6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 PM by Mayor Steve Allen.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Steve Allen, Vice-Mayor Daniel Anderson, Mr. Tim Adkins, Ms. Alwilda Binkley, Ms. Lisa Walker, Mr. Roger Jackson, Mr. Chris Kerrigan.

Absent: None

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by Adkins, seconded by Kerrigan. All approved by voice vote.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- A. **Parade Winners.** Mayor presented each winner with a trophy and posed for photos.
 - 1. **Mayor's Choice- Colby's Army & Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church**
 - 2. **3rd Place- Town of Ashland City**
 - 3. **2nd Place- TriStar Ashland City**
 - 4. **1st Place- At Home Realty**

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. **Linda Schmitt- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Schmitt stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a toilet leak. Further, the leak has been repaired. Mayor stated the bill was \$296.63 and normally averages \$50.14. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Binkley to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes
- B. **Preston Elliott- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Elliott stepped forward and stated he is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a pipe busting under the house. The account is under the name of Helen Farley and the leak has been repaired. Mayor stated the bill was \$136.04, but normally averages \$57.69. A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Binkley to adjust both bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **Markcus Hornsby - Water Adjustment.** Mr. Hornsby stepped forward and stated he is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a toilet leak which caused three high water bills. Further, the leak has been repaired. Mayor stated the bill were \$151.37, \$132.39, and \$217.07, but normally averages \$76.96. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Kerrigan to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes
- D. **Carol Moseley - Water Adjustment.** Ms. Moseley stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak in a water heater which caused three high water bills. Further, the leak has been repaired. Mayor stated the bills were in the amount of \$118.53, \$70.35, and \$82.03, but normally averages \$45.90. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Kerrigan to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Patricia Cook- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Cook stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due leak under the kitchen, which caused a high water bill that has been repaired. Mayor stated the bill totaled \$203.18 and normally averages \$47.93. A

motion made by Adkins, seconded by Walker to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- F. **Janice Hargrove- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Hargrove stated she had a leak in the water heater that has been repaired. Mayor stated the affected water bill is in the amount of \$215.62. He further stated Ms. Hargrove's bill normally averages \$76.55. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Kerrigan, to adjust the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes and Mayor-yes.
- G. **George Hill - Water Adjustment.** Mr. Hill stated he had a water leak due to a pipe break that has been repaired. Mayor stated the affected water bills were in the amount of \$235.06 and \$184.75. He further stated the bill normally averages \$85.82. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Adkins, to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **Melinda Boyce- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Boyce stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak in the water heater which caused two high water bills. Further, the leak has been repaired. Mayor stated the bill was \$128.03 and \$91.53, but normally averages \$84.05. A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Jackson to adjust both bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Doug Biggs- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Biggs stepped forward and stated he is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak in the yard which has since been fixed. Mayor stated the bill was \$333.09 and \$191.69, but normally averages \$63.00. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Binkley to adjust both bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- J. **Jackie Kemp- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Kemp stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak which caused high water bills on two accounts. Further, the leak has been repaired. Mayor stated the bills were \$269.02 and \$186.52, and normally averages \$41.15. The second account the bill was in the amount of \$287.36, but normally averages \$62.81. A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- K. **Leo Kerrigan- Water Adjustment.** Mr. Chris Kerrigan stepped forward and stated he is here tonight to represent his father Leo Kerrigan and to ask the council for a water adjustment due to a leak in the front yard which caused high water bills. The leak has since been repaired. Mayor stated the bill was \$271.31, \$181.94, and \$256.04, but normally averages \$18.53. A motion made by Adkins, seconded by Binkley to adjust the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- L. **Jerome Terrell- ECD Report.** Mr. Terrell stepped forward and thanked everyone who came to the Caymas Boats ground breaking including those who worked behind the scenes Chief Walker, Chief Coulon, Ms. Sandy, and Ms. Melissa. He further stated it was great publicity for the city. In addition, Caymas is currently hiring as is Trinity Marine and they are working with workforce essentials and the armed forces if anyone knows of anyone looking for a job to send them that way as they are hiring for over 600 jobs.
- M. **Kathy Mangrum- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Reed stated Ms. Mangrum has requested she present for her tonight as she is unable to attend. She stated Ms. Mangrum had a toilet leak and has replaced the rubber flapper to repair the leak. Further, the bill is \$378.37, and normally averages \$57.48. A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Walker to reduce the bill down to an average. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- N. **Benjamin Carter- Water Adjustment.** Ms. Reed stated Mr. Carter is unable to attend tonight and requested she present for him tonight. She further stated the leak, which caused three high water bills, was at the meter and the leak has been repaired through charity. The affected bills were in the amounts of \$525.82, \$216.34, and \$1,505.40. The average is \$70.99. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Jackson to reduce the bills down to an average. Vote on motion: Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- O. **Mayor Allen- Thank you.** Mayor Allen recognized Mr. Tim Adkins, Mr. Jerome Terrell, and Ms.

Janie Binkley thanked the parade judges for their time. He stated he appreciated their help.

REPORTS

- A. **City Attorney.** Ms. Noe stated she would like to ask the board to approve authority to sign an agreement totaling ten thousand dollars for Riverkeepers. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to approve authority to enter into an agreement up to ten thousand dollars. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance: Amend Title 2 by adding Chapter 2. AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Adkins to approve the ordinance. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- B. **Ordinance: Amend Title 6 Chapter 2: 6-203. AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 6-203.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Kerrigan to approve the ordinance. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- C. **Ordinance: Amend Title 8 Chapter 2: 8-203 & 8-205. AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 8-203 AND 8-205.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to approve the ordinance. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- D. **Ordinance: Amend Title 16 Chapter 1: 16-112. AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 16, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 16-112.** A motion was made by Adkins, seconded by Anderson to approve the ordinance. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Drug Free Workplace Renewal Application.** Ms. Cannon stated this program has been in place for several years and is just the yearly renewal for pre-employment, post-accident, and random drug testing. She further stated all employees are listed for random testing, not just the safety sensitive employees. A motion made by Binkley, seconded by Kerrigan, to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Binkley-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Parks Vehicle Purchase Request Discussion.** Mr. Sampson stated he had worked with Ms. Reed and had found several line items to move money out of into his capital outlay to purchase a truck. Ms. Reed stated this will require Council approval being the monies will be moved out of the employee benefits line items and into capital outlay. A motion made by Adkins, seconded by Walker, to approve the transfers within the Parks Budget. Vote on motion: Adkins-yes, Walker-yes, Anderson-yes, Jackson-yes, Kerrigan-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- C. **City Hall Appraisal Discussion.** Ms. Sandy Cannon stated the first two pages give a summary of the appraisal. Further, the appraisal came back in the amount of \$650,000 and this same company did the appraisal of the Tucker Empson Building. Ms. Binkley questioned what the Tucker Empson Building appraised for. Ms. Cannon responded \$1.2 million. She further explained the county is interested in buying the city hall building. Ms. Binkley stated the concerns she has is the lack of parking and the inability to move the Fire Department to the Tucker Empson Building. Ms. Binkley questioned if city hall can be built up and if we can add a second floor. Mayor responded there are some problems with the building and other things that need to be taken care of, but the architect had a lot of good ideas we can discuss further later on.
- D. **Playground Discussion.** Mr. Sampson stated he spoke to the representative he has been working with at Game Time and she would be available to come to next week's budget meeting. Further, once the order is made there is about eight to twelve weeks' time for setup and completion. Mayor stated let's reschedule this for the workshop and asked if council would be ok

canceling the budget meeting. Council agreed. Mayor then asked about changing the dates of the January meeting being the meeting date would fall on the first and the office would be closed. After some discussion the council agreed to move the meetings in January back one week.

- E. U.S. Geological Survey Agreement.** Chief Walker stated this is for the river gauge to keep track of the height of the river. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Anderson to approve the agreement. Vote on motion: Jackson-yes, Anderson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Adkins-yes, Kerrigan-yes, and Mayor-yes.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS:

- A. Dodge Charger.**
B. Humvee.
C. Military Utility Truck.
D. Codes Jeep. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Binkley to surplus all listed property. All approved by voice vote.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Christmas lights.** Ms. Binkley stated she would like to see the city purchase more Christmas décor and start earlier in the season scattering them throughout the town.
B. Christmas Staff Dinner and Meeting. Mayor reminded everyone of the staff Christmas Dinner and meeting on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kerrigan to adjourn. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.


STEVE ALLEN, MAYOR


KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER