

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
Ashland City, Tennessee
January 10, 2006

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on January 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Tommy Nicholson, Dwayne Noe, Rick Johnson, Carol Macha, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: none.

Others present: Michael Armstrong, Lynn Ray, Cynthia Sanders, Marie J. Pickett, Rodney Wilson, Eddie Pace, Jaime Pace, Tony Young, Darrell R. Carroll, Lee Davidson, Greg Edrington, CJ Groulx, Bill Davenport, Lana Davenport, Chris Cherry, Anita Justice, Curtis Bennett, Chuck Walker, Murry Hawkins, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Norwood called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and began with the public hearing on Ordinance #311 there were no comments. Mayor Norwood closed the public hearing and continued with the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

All those present for the public hearing were in attendance for the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Johnson, to approve the December minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Bill Davenport approached the Council stating he had a water leak at his residence, the water dept. adjusted his sewer and he would like the Council to approve adjusting his water portion of the bill.

Mr. Hawkins introduced Mr. Ronnie Anderson to the Council and said he was here to talk to the Council about citizens donating money through their water bills to help those in need. Mayor Norwood said we would discuss this later in session.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said she didn't have anything new to report.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to approve Ordinance #311 – hours of refuse collection on second reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Noe, to change the name of Park Street to Preacher Lane and to address other streets at the next workshop. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

New Business:

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse, to adjust Mr. Davenport's water bill to a normal water bill. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

R.A.C. update. Mayor Norwood said there is an issue with parking in the downtown area. He and Chris Cherry measured the area on Cumberland Street and found more right of way on the right hand side of the road that they feel could be changed and add approximately 28 more parking spaces. The city will have to give a drawing to the state. This would be from the old Barber Shop at the alleyway to Vine Street. Mayor Norwood asked Lee Davidson what the approximate cost would be for them to draw up the plans for the State. Mr. Davidson said he didn't think it would be substantial since there would be no field work involved – maybe \$5,000. Mayor Norwood thought that was extreme and asked Lee to have Mr. Camp call him.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to have the plans drawn up and for the Mayor to have approval to move forward if the cost is kept at \$1,000 or less. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, and Mayor-yes. A letter was also sent to the downtown businesses for their input and help with the parking situation.

Mr. Greg Edrington spoke to the Council about applying sludge. He said this would be monitored by the solid waste division – dewatered sludge if it is less than 5 tons and less than 10 acres the city must do sampling but it is minimal. The city needs to look at the site and make sure it meets the criteria. If it is greater than 10 acres then the city is responsible for annual reports as well as testing and other criteria that will need to be met. It can be used on pastures or for crops but you will need to follow the guidelines and get a permit.

Tony Young talked about the 2 grants he would like to obtain and he would like to have permission to use the grant to purchase the ½ mile of property between Eagle Pass and Cheatham Dam Rd. A letter has been sent to A.O. Smith but as of this date we have not had a reply. This will be on the February workshop agenda for further discussion.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve W&O Construction pay request #2 in the amount of \$201,866.57. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, Noe-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Hughey Construction pay request in the amount of \$49,242.50. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes,

LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes. The work has been completed and there will be a retainage kept for clean-up in the spring.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to approve Higher's & Koonce's pay requests in the amounts of \$911.50, \$85.00, \$85.00, and \$104.00. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to approve Hart Freeland Robert's pay request in the amount of \$8,411.16. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Geoscience Group pay request in the amount of \$694.25. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Noe-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Marie Pickett gave an update on the preparations for sesquicentennial – there is less than 6 months to get it together. Now they are looking at have a silver coin for a keepsake and had a sample. There would have to be so many orders before they will make them and Ms. Pickett is also working on having an afghan being designed for people to purchase.

Murry re-introduced Ronnie Anderson with the Bethesda Center, who was here to say they would be willing to get involved with helping people in need pay their water bills. CEMC has a program that citizens can pay an extra \$1.00 and that would go to help others. If the city could do this it would generate funds to help people in need. Mr. Anderson said if we gave the people of Ashland City a chance to help they would. Mayor Norwood said let us check into it and see what we can do. Mr. Anderson said he appreciates the Council's time.

Mayor Norwood wanted to welcome Tommy Nicholson aboard the Council and also glad to have Carol and Rick back. Mayor also advised he has appointed a technical Board consisting of Derek Noe, Chris Cherry and Marc Coulon as well as himself to look into enhancing productivity. Mayor Norwood also appointed Tommy Nicholson to the Budget committee.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Noe, to award the refuse collection bid to Clarksville Disposal with a 3 year lock in on price with Ms. Noe's approval. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, Noe-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

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

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder