

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
January 9, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on January 9, 2007 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: Bonnie Morris, Carol Beal, Chris Cherry, Mary Glasgow, Lisa R. Cantrell, Darryl R. Carroll, Lesa Malone, Matt Anderson, Eddie Nichols, Michael Armstrong, Zach McCarver, Becky Cohen, Jennifer Noe, Anita Justice, Greg Edrington, CJ Groulx, Jason & Stephanie Laws, Tom Salter, John H Holder, Glen N Dodson, Leslie Finley, Tony Young, Marc Coulon, David Young, Chuck Walker, Paul Robert Gupton, John Rankin, Wade Reed, Suzy Q, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Norwood called the meeting to order and began with the Public Hearing on Ordinance #329. There were no comments so Mayor Norwood closed the public hearing and continued with the regular meeting.

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

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

Public Forum:

Lesla Malone with Brindley and Associates approached the Council and said she is the property manager for Sycamore Apartments. Ms. Malone said at the last meeting in December comments were made about the complex that upset a lot of the residents there that Sheriff Holder had made a lot of comments about Sycamore Apartments and she felt this was unjust and if she were a resident she wouldn't appreciate them either. Ms. Malone wanted everyone to know the property is not a bad place. They try to be selective to ensure a safe environment.

Mayor Norwood said when they first opened up they had some problems with the police and public works he had spoke with Donetta Hedges and things have changed Mr. Johnson said it's not as bad as they were led to believe and asked about the occupancy rate.

Ms. Malone replied they have a 95% occupancy rate. Ms. Malone thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak.

Mayor Norwood had asked Chief Coulon for statistics on Sycamore Apartments. Chief Coulon gave the statistics and said that 80% of the calls are non-criminal type calls. Chief Coulon said he has talked with the officers and they have advised there has been a tremendous decrease in the calls there.

Sheriff Holder approached and said first if he has hurt anyone's feelings he is sorry. That he doesn't remember talking about the people and if he did he was sorry. But he is not sorry for not wanting more apartments next door to him.

Jason Laws residing at 1049 Marrowbone Rd. approached and said he does not have a problem believing what John Rankin' builds will be good work but he has had vandalisms theft and trespassing since Sycamore Apartments have been there. The 200 children are a burden to the community; they don't pay taxes and wanted to know if this was filling a need for Cheatham County or Davidson County. In his opinion the decision should be based on the proper use of this property.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe advised she wanted to put the Council on notice that the sign ordinance issue with Lamar Advertising who had asked for a variance after constructing a sign without permission had then requested a permit, was denied, and then they appealed the decision. The Board upheld the decision from Codes. They are planning on filing a suit.

Old Business:

Ordinance #327 rezoning a portion of Hwy 12S from R-1 to R-4.

Mr. Rankin said he would like to withdraw his request for rezoning at this time he agrees this deserves a better use of property – maybe a mixed use. He would like to give them time to come up with an ordinance Mr. Rankin said if it took too long he may present a plan to the planning commission with the current zoning.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to approve Ordinance #329 amending ordinance #179 deleting Floodways and Floodplain definitions and adding section VIII Governing Floodplain Districts on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

R.A.C. update.

Mayor said hopefully next month in February they would be ready to bid this out.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson, to refer Ordinance #328 back to planning and zoning.

Mr. LaCrosse asked if Mr. Rankin was the property owner.

Mr. Rankin replied yes he was the property owner.

Mr. LaCrosse went into depth on his reason to request this go back to planning & zoning.

Mr. Lacrosse wants more information He would like to know what the homes would look like, what the square footage will be, what is going to be on this property. After much

discussion the second and motion was withdrawn. Mr. Rankin said he would get what ever information they request and present it to the Council. Just let him know what it is they want.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Nicholson, to approve Ordinance #328 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson, to award the janitorial bid to Suzy Q Housekeeping. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to approve putting the mowing out for bid. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chief Walker talked to the Council about the USA Mobility contract. Right now they lease our tower and in return we receive pager services. He recommends we pay the monthly fee for pager services we will have no negotiating power and no obligations. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Macha, not to accept the contract with USA Mobility. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor would like to discuss the school safety grant at the next workshop. Mr. Edrington said he would obtain information for the Council. This would be at no cost to the city. Mr. Edrington said this is something they do for this type of grant.

Mr. LaCrosse would like to amend the city ordinance on tap fees. The customer would pay for a master meter and then beyond for a meter fee per the amount of units. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to have the Mayor get with Ms. Noe on a tap fee ordinance.

Ms. Noe went over the agreement contract and fee schedule for the senior center. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Macha, to accept the agreement with corrections made by Ms. Noe. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, Macha-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Macha, to approve W& O pay request in the amount of \$169,470. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, Macha-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Cherry gave an update on the progress of the water plant.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Noe, to approve the GeoScience pay request in the amount of \$268.75. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Noe-yes, Macha-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Hart Freeland Robert's pay request in the amount of \$4,792.99. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve all 4 pay requests from Higher's and Koonce in the amounts of \$2,170, \$3,502.04, \$633, and \$170. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Noe, to approve both of Lose and Associates pay requests in the amount of \$344.52 and \$299.84. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, Noe-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mayor Norwood asked the Council if the city would be interested in a development tax. This will be discussed at the next workshop.

Mayor Norwood said there was a nice article in the Tennessean about Ashland City.

Mr. Gary Binkley said the Board of Directors said the County maps are now free.

Chief Walker wanted the Council to know they would like to apply for a Federal Fire Grant. They did not receive the safer Grant. He would like their blessing to apply. This grant targets the elderly. They would apply for \$152,000 total grant if we get it they would go around to all homes in Ashland city starting with the elderly and put in smoke detectors that have a 10 year lithium battery. This will also pay for an administrator of paperwork. Our portion that we would be obligated for is \$8,000. They will try to get this funding from the Fire Association. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Nicholson, to allow the fire dept. to apply for the grant. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chief Walker also advised that 4 more of his personnel have passed the registry for EMT IV.

Tony Young said someone had donated a 94 Olds 88 to the senior center and he would like to auction it off on January 27, 2007. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson, to approve the auction on the 94 Olds 88. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Johnson wanted to remind all dept. heads to be working on their budgets as the 1<sup>st</sup> budget meeting will be next month.

Mayor Norwood asked the Council to think about the McMahan property and they would discuss it at the next workshop.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to pay the bills. 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 Noe, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder