

Town of Ashland City  
Council Meeting  
April 13, 2010

The Mayor and Council of Ashland City, Tennessee met in regular session on April 13, 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, Chris LaCrosse, and Jim Yates.

Others present: Jim Lawrence, Marc Coulon, Grace Parker, James Fenton, Zach McCarver, Michael Armstrong, Greg Edrington, C.J. Edrington, Jennifer Noe, Thomas McCormick, Paul R. Gupton, Anita Justice, Tim Adkins, Chuck Walker, Tony Young, Patty Kennedy, Mary Glasgow, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

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

Public Forum:

Jim Lawrence approached the Council and advised he was the coach for the Cheatham Central Rugby team. He said they have issues as they don't have room using the field by the tennis courts. He is looking to improve the field and wants to apply for the county grant and also do a fund raiser. Mr. Lawrence asked the Council if the city would consider matching by 25% to light the field. He contacted Tony Young and he said a good figure to use to light the field would be \$20,000 and he is asking the city to contribute \$5,000. Mayor told Mr. Lawrence that in their talks, they are thinking about paving this area for parking and putting in a bridge to connect the other side. Mayor asked the Council how they wanted to proceed. Mr. Young said that several years ago he had gotten that price and he checked today and found that for a cheap price it would be \$75,000 and a good price for lighting would be \$120,000. Mayor asked what the maximum amount on the county grant would be. Tony replied \$15,000. Mr. LaCrosse asked if there was any room at the county facility. Mr. Lawrence replied there is no room they have the baseball field and the practice field for football. Mr. LaCrosse said it sounds like a good plan but they have issues with parking our soccer fields are not lighted either. Our ability to fund county sports is limited. Mr. Johnson asked when the rugby season was. Mr. Lawrence replied a spring sport getting into it right now. Mr. Young said that if they got the grant we would have to say we would give them a place to play for 10 years. Mr. Allen asked if the Council can say a public park can't be used for the public. Mr. Young replied that you can give them 1 season at a time. Mayor asked where would the rest of the funding come from. Mr. Lawrence replied from fund raisers, he has been given a \$500. donation from A.O. Smith. Mr. LaCrosse said being as it is a county school team and they want to put it on our land couldn't the county make this happen on their end with an agreement from us to let them use it for 10 years. Mr. Lawrence said he would ask them. Mr. Gill asked if he had talked with Tony, they need to have a good plan. Mr. Lawrence said they need to sit down and come up with a plan. Mr. Young said Mr. Lawrence will have to talk with the school board to see if they will support it. We have a lot of needs and honestly he does not want to light that field he would love it someplace else. Mr. Johnson said he hates to put it off but maybe at the budget meeting they can get better familiar with it. Mayor said if Council didn't have any objections this discussion would be moved to the budget meeting. Grace Parker approached the Council saying she was here as she is concerned about the 5-8% tax bracket on liquor. They get a lot of complaints from customers saying they can get it cheaper in Nashville. They had a ton of customers but have lost several due to the prices. Mr. Barnes has a concern too. They are asking

to bring the tax down to 5% to be competitive with the surrounding area. They are trying to bring revenue in but it is hard with the 8% tax. Mayor said e wanted the Council to know that he brought it to the budget meeting and it was decided to wait until after the Pleasant View referendum before making a decision. After much discussion it was decided that Council would look into it further.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson, to approve ordinance #364 – amending ord. 179 – parking for mini-storage warehouse. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Yates-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson to approve ordinance # 365 – amend personnel policy on vacation time Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Johnson, to approve ordinance #366 – zoning map change on Hwy 12S. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson, to approve ordinance #367 – budget amendment 08/09 fiscal year. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Coulon requested a budget change to purchase a vehicle this year and then I in next year’s budget. He would like to transfer \$25,700 from line item 110 to line item 900. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Johnson, to move the money into the 900 line item for the purchase of a police vehicle. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Johnson-yes, Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Tony Young asked in regard to the skate board park he needed to know if the Council wanted him to work on getting a grant or put it off for a year. Maybe they could put the market by the water plant and the skate park where the market is now. Mr. LaCrosse asked if we had contacted anyone with the market for their input if not we should. Mr. Young replied he had talked with Tom Salter regarding more room and he didn’t have a problem with it. He has a grant for signs we will need to let him know. Mr. Young said it would be better to have the skate park where the market is. Mr. Allen asked why it was better for the kids where the market is now. Mr. Young replied because most of the kids that would use it live in that area. Mayor said we have 2 issues to address, the ordinance and where we are going to place the park. Mr. LaCrosse said we only have a prototype to look at. Ms. Noe replied she handed out the ordinance last month. Mayor said we would put it on the agenda next month.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to approve the BDY contract not to exceed \$3,500 to map out the mitigation. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Yates-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker discussed the alarm system saying they are not responsible for the alarm system, they just monitor the signals. This was a monitoring contract not an alarm system contract. Chief then explained the process. Mt. Young said that Mike with Ashland Fire and Security is already doing this for fire station II. Chief said they were still with International. Ms. Noe replied that she had some issues that say they are not responsible even in negligence of their duties if someone sues the company it says we would be

responsible for it. She knows they are just monitoring it but we shouldn't be responsible for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Mr. Gill asked if the water plant still has the alarm system. The reply was yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Johnson, to have Ms. Noe fix the contract properly and then approve it. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mayor said this was to monitor the water flow for fire only.

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

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Nicholson, to accept Doty and Vaughn Roads as city streets. Mr. McCormick has a letter from Mr. Reigle saying the roads are in good shape. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill, to approve the pass through bill from Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc. in the amount of \$403. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mr. LaCrosse said to revisit your bid to move the park for the workshop would you have what it will take and the cost to the city to move the market. Mr. Young said as far as moving the market not that bad just benches and a sign. Mr. LaCrosse asked Tony to have both for them at the workshop.

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, Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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