

Special Called Meeting of the  
Mayor and Council  
May 6, 2010

The Mayor and Council of the town of Ashland City met in a Special Called Council Meeting on May 6, 2010 at 6:00 pm to discuss/act on flood issues.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

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

Others present: Marc Coulon, Brian Biggs, Tony Young, Michael Armstrong, Chuck Walker, Thomas McCormick, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Chief Coulon advised he has had his officers on 12 hour shifts and troopers are also assisting. Everything is smooth as far as law enforcement is concerned. There have been no looters reported; there is a semi curfew as Chief Coulon is letting business's stay open as late as they want to operate. There have been no incidents.

Asst Chief Biggs advised they are sustaining their people with volunteers since Saturday through yesterday. They are getting ready to start the clean up phase. They are getting ready to start the clean up phase. They will be addressing the hazmat issues at A.O. Smith concerning their tanks.

Everything on the left side of Little Marrowbone got flooded. Mr. Gill asked what other roads were affected. Asst Chief replied Water Street, Vine and Chestnut streets, as well as the parking lot of the elementary school. Mr. LaCrosse asked how many rescues were there. Asst Chief Biggs replied that the people on Marrowbone got trapped in they had to send rescue crews to get out approx. 10 people. There were no injuries. On Chapmansboro Rd there were over 100 people Saturday through Sunday. The last out was about 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

Mr. Gill asked about the Fairgrounds. Asst Chief Biggs replied yes, they had done the Fairgrounds too there were 5-6 houses there.

Mr. LaCrosse asked the Mayor if he had a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mayor replied yes.

Asst Chief Biggs said they had their engine at the public works to pump water to the water plant. They used Squirt then the Bronto yesterday and today. Also, the Mandrell's have been trapped in and supplies have been taken to them.

Tony Young advised the Red Cross called and may want the senior center back as a shelter since schools may try to open.

Mr. LaCrosse asked where we stand with FEMA and federal assistance.

Mayor said that Wal-Mart is in trying to get cleaned out they have a remodel plan that will have them open in 2 weeks. Chief Coulon said they were going to close in the garden center and use as a little store while they are remodeling. Mr. Armstrong said their renovation is a change to the inside and a new color scheme, everything they are doing will be to the inside and the façade.

Mayor said A.O. Smith may be cleaning as early as tomorrow. They are bringing in 4-600 people. The city will be keeping the By-pass closed so they can get in and out like they need to.

Mr. Gill asked about the sewer plant. Mayor replied the sewer plant is messed up. The water plant needs pumps. The boil water is over. Realistically you are looking at a week to 10 days it will be an expensive undertaking.

Mr. LaCrosse asked if there was a chance of getting grant money. Mayor replied he hopes so. Thomas McCormick said they were putting in for anything they could. The number one question to ask is what it will cost. Mayor said maybe 250,000 Thomas replied \$280,000 and the Mayor replied that is bare bones. Mayor Norwood said months ago it was asked if we needed flood insurance and we are above the 100 year mark so I told Phyllis no.

Chief Walker said that everything we send through TEMA, working through the county and EMA we would pay only the 12%.

On the dumpsters Mayor said FEMA would pay 75%. Chief Walker said hiring out debris clean up is found to be better for small cities it comes out better to hire out.

After a little more discussion Mr. Johnson asked to have an attorney/client meeting.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m.

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Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder