

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
Ashland City, Tennessee
August 10, 2010 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on August 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Vice-Mayor Steve Allen.

Council present: Jimmy Gill, Rick Johnson, Jim Yates and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Others present: Dorothy Cobb, Donna Bunch, J.R. Matlock, Norma Edgin, Ronnie Barnes, Michael Armstrong, Zach McCarver, Chuck Walker, Thomas McCormick, Paul Gupton, Tim Adkins, Greg Edrington, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill, to approve the July minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Ms. Donna Bunch, residing at 112 Valleyview St. approached the Council in reference to her water bill. Ms. Bunch stated she was out of town and upon her return she found she had a water leak in the yard. Ms. Bunch asked the Council if they could further adjust her bill. Ms. Bunch said everything was fixed and she did not have any other leaks. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to adjust Ms. Bunch's bill to an average bill in the amount of \$27.20 motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Dorothy Cobb of 105 Groves Ct. also addressed the Council in reference to her high bill saying that she has checked and does not have a leak; that she had been in the hospital and doesn't know the reason her bill would have gone up. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Yates to adjust Ms. Cobb's bill to an average of \$51.00 motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Yates asked Thomas to have her meter checked.

Ms. Norma Edgin also came forward saying she had a leak in her toilet it has been fixed and asked for a reduction on her bill. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Johnson, to adjust Ms. Edgin's bill to an average of \$50.65 motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Browne, residing at 216 Annette Dr. had a leak between May and June and asked that his bill be adjusted. Mr. Browne informed Council that the leak has been repaired. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to adjust the bill to an average of \$128.05 motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Jennifer Batson, residing at 120 Ashford Place also received a high bill and when she checked she found she had a leak under the sink and the toilet. Ms. Batson informed Council the leaks were repaired. A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Lacrosse, to adjust Ms. Batson's bill to an average of \$80.74 motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Pat Smith approached and said he would like to address the Council in reference to the road numbering in Ashland City. Mr. Smith said due to the construction of a new house on Gloria Circle the 911 district was re-numbering the whole street, to allow for any other new construction. He said that all the numbers were in sequence on Stratton to Gloria and felt that this new numbering system would be highly disruptive. After much discussion by Mr. Smith and his brother Steve Smith, Pat Smith requested the Council to write a letter to the 911 board requesting that they not renumber all the homes and just number the new house using a fraction. They spoke with Chief Walker who said he did not think that cause and problems for emergency personnel; saying that the visibility of the number was more important than the number itself. Mr. Pat Smith said this is a city street and the Council's viewpoint should hold a little consideration. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to write a letter to the 911 board advising they feel that the new construction should be labeled 1081/2 Gloria Circle. Mr. Johnson said he would like to declare a conflict as it involves his property, and then voted yes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Ms. Noe was asked to write the letter. Mr. Pat Smith thanked the Council for their time.

Cathy Smith was next to approach the Council she said she was with the Tennessee Technology Center. She is teaching a class for business accounting for the office, and administrative assistants, teaching Excel programs. Ms. Smith is having problems finding students and asked for any help she could get from the Council and handed out a flyer to each Councilman. She said at the end of a year her students would have a National readiness certification and the confidence to get a job in today's market. Her class is held right around the corner in the education Annex. Classes are from 8am to 2:30 p.m. every day. MS. Smith wanted to introduce herself and let the Council know about the program. Mr. Yates said it sounded like a very good program.

Chief Walker gave the Council an update on Daniel Greer informing them that he had passed away this weekend. His wife was on her way to Germany to bring him home. Chief Walker said there would be an escort with the fire trucks when he comes through Ashland City and people will be lining up on the roadway to show their support. There will be a service for him in Pegram at the Pegram Church of Christ. Chief Walker will give out details when he knows them.

Mr. LaCrosse said he knows they are very proud of him they are all very sad for his wife and child. Mr. Lacrosse suggested some type of acknowledgement- a proclamation- that the Chief or Phyllis could do extending the Council's sympathy.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe spoke to the Council about the agreement she had discussed at the workshop concerning the mitigation with TDEC. TDEC has agreed to take the 3-1/2 acres initially they wanted all of the property conveyed to them but now has agreed to the 3-1/2 acres. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to convey the 3-1/2 acres of property over to TDEC. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Ms. Noe further said they property will just sit there TDEC won't do anything with it and we can't.

New Business:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to accept Ordinance #371 – Water rates- on 1st reading. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Noe said on Ordinance #372 she reminded them they had taken out the word velocity and then discussed the definition "Reasonably Safe from Flooding" and asked if Council wanted to take the definition out. Stantec has reviewed the ordinance and said we would be in compliance. Mr. LaCrosse

asked if it served no function. Ms. Noe replied none that she could see and the wording was not included in the County's ordinance. Ms. Noe asked Mr. Armstrong what he thought and he said he thought it should be taken out. Vice-Mayor Allen asked if they needed a vote tonight. Ms. Noe said yes. A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Gill, to approve Ordinance #372 – Amended Flood Plain ordinance taking out the one (1) definition– on 1st reading. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson, to approve Ordinance #373 – Budget amendment – on 1st reading. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Gill, to accept Resolution 2010-03 – Commercial proration of personal property. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Gill, to approve Resolution 2010-04 – Land Use Plan. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. LaCrosse said it is not actually completed but it will get there and it will always change. Mr. Armstrong said it was a conceptual thing this is our guide.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to accept the Stratton Dairy Dip Day Proclamation. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Noe advised Council that the contract with Sharon Caton ended in June and before them was the new contract for this fiscal year. Ms. Noe said the contract went up ten (10) dollars from last year for the non-routine planning services from \$50 to \$60. Mr. Johnson asked if there was a clause about terminating the contract. Ms. Noe replied yes. Mr. Gill asked if the contract was the same as last year. Ms. Noe replied yes. A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Gill, to accept the Plans & More, LLP contract. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Detective Matlock let the Council know the copier contract was due; currently they are paying \$151.07 a month they are going to a color copier for \$204.75 a month that is an increase of \$50 but they would still save as they will not have to buy individual cartridges for the other printers. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson, to approve the IKON copier contract for the police dept. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Yates-yes, Gill-yes, and Allen-yes.

Detective Matlock told Council the Leads Online Agreement has specific uses it is a pawn shop program. It has proven successful on several burglary cases he was working on. This is a yearly contract. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Leads Online Agreement. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Yates-yes, and Allen-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to accept the Mid Cumberland Agreement. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Yates, to accept the GNRC contract. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

It was decided to defer the senior center director job description the workshop next month.

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

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Yates, to approve both invoices from Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, and Allen-yes.

Other:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Yates, to ask the Mayor or Chief to get a resolution for Daniel Greer and extend Council's sympathy. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice-Mayor Allen said last month they discussed the gate across Graham Rd. Thomas has spoken with them and they do not want to remove the gate due to thievery are there any suggestions. MR. McCormick replied that he can remove the gate the posts are in concrete and it shouldn't be that hard to remove it. That is a city street and doesn't need to be blocked. Mr. McCormick is to take care of it.

Vice-Mayor Allen asked if the Blue Heron was doing tours out of the park. He knew this was done through Summerfest but didn't know it was still going on. Mr. Yates asked what is the city liability. Ms. Noe asked if they were given permission to do the tours from the park. Vice-Mayor Allen said he does not remember this being addressed. Ms. Noe said she would look into it.

Chief Walker said there are 3 old patrol cars at the public works yard and asked if he could donate one of them to the Harpeth Ridge Fire Dept. Chief Walker said he spoke with Chief Coulon and he did not have a problem with donating the vehicle to the fire dept. Chief Walker said they would get the vin# to Phyllis. A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Johnson, to allow the city to donate that vehicle to the Harpeth Ridge Fire Dept. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to pay the bills. Motion passed by a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Gill-yes, and Allen-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Steve Allen

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder