

Special Called Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
October 19, 2010 7:00 p.m.

The Ashland City Board of Mayor and Council met in a special called session on October 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building for the sole purpose of interviews for the Council vacancy.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

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

Others present: Thomas McCormick, Michael Armstrong, Zach McCarver, Tim Adkins, Jennifer Noe, Jerry O'Neal, Awilda Binkley, Bill Baker, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor asked Jennifer Noe how the interview would be handled. Ms. Noe replied she thought we would do try to do this somewhat systematically, Each Councilman would ask a question and the candidate would have 3 minutes to respond then there would be a follow up question after that we will give each candidate time to ask questions. We will start out asking each candidate to take a minute to introduce themselves. We will start with Jerry O'Neal.

Mayor Norwood said since this is a special called Council meeting we need to call the roll.

Jerry O'Neal stated his name and said he has lived in Ashland City 30-35 years that he is married to Demetra Nicholson and has been married 20 years together they have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. He has worked at State Industries and A O Smith and has retired after 43 years started on the assembly line and ended as Security Manager.

Awilda Binkley said she was born and raised in the county in 1961 they moved into the city. Her husband's name is Donald and they have a daughter that resides in West Nashville. She has been married 52 years. Ms. Binkley said she worked for the state 12-1/2 years, 20 years and Ashland City Bank & Trust, 18 years with the County Mayor's office, and has been retired for 2 years. She has worked with the public all these years and misses it.

Bill Baker said his folks lived in Ashland City and the same Ward as he still does now. He and his wife went to Brazil for awhile and then came back. He has a daughter and a son. He went into law practice and opened a sole practice in 1963. He was the City Judge for 12 years, over the last 25 years, he has been involved with the development board, was on the city and county planning commissions, Boy Scouts, county commission, had a Judgeship with the State of Tennessee.

Each Council member asked the candidates a question and they were each given the 3 minutes to answer the same question. Each candidate took a turn answering the question first. After the question and answer session each candidate was given the opportunity to ask the Council their questions.

Mayor Norwood thought they would have one person to interview and now that there were three it has been very hard to make a decision. All Council members expressed their thanks for each coming forward and showing their interest in the City.

Mayor Norwood said he would open the floor for a nomination.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Allen to nominate Awilda Binkley. Mayor asked if there were any other nominations at this time. There being none, Mayor Norwood called for the vote. Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes. Awilda Binkley will be the new Council member.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder