

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
December 14, 2010

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City met in regular session on December 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Alwilda Binkley, Jimmy Gill, Rick Johnson, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Jim Yates.

Others present: Michael Armstrong, Marc Coulon, Pat Harris, Rhonda Dickinson, Patty Dickinson, Hank Vejvoda, Paul Gupton, Valerie Dreier, Chuck Walker, Thomas McCormick, Zach McCarver, Greg Edrington, Tim Adkins, Mary Glasgow, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Norwood advised before we get into the regular meeting there is a public hearing on Ordinance 376. If anyone wants a copy of the ordinance they can see Phyllis or one of the ladies in the front office. If anyone has any comments or concerns or objections now is the time to come forward. As no one came forward Mayor Norwood closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting.

All those present for the public hearing were the same for the regular meeting.

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

Public Forum:

Mayor asked if anyone had issues to come forward.

Mr. Hank Vejvoda said he lives on Denton Road and was here on behalf of a friend, Scott Willis who has a condo at Hickory Hills the condo has been vacant and the toilet has been leaking. He has had a water leak and would like the Council to consider adjusting the bill. The Mayor asked Mary to pull his paperwork and asked Mr. Vejvoda if he would please wait until we get the information.

Ms. Rhonda Dickinson came forward and said she lives at the Hickory Hills Condos and she has had a water leak under the concrete. Ms. Dickinson said her bill is usually \$136. Ms. Dickinson had a copy of the bill from the company that fixed the leak as well as her signed affidavit. Mayor asked if the association paid the bill or did she have to pay it. Ms. Dickinson said the association paid the bill. An average bill for Ms. Dickinson is \$65.93. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve an adjustment to an average bill of \$65.93. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Bryant Shearon approached and said he lives at 421 Eisenhower Dr and said he had a leak at his house also and it looks like it was leaking a little bit last month also. He said he has had an extra person living with him but come to find out the toilet had a cracked pipe. His bill this month was \$192. Mr. Johnson said you have had an extra person at the house for the last 3-4 months. Mr. Shearon replied yes his brother and his girlfriend. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Allen, to adjust his bill to an

average bill of \$87.13. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Vejvoda re-approached and the Mayor asked him where the leak was. Mr. Vejvoda replied he was told one of the toilets. Mr. Gill said if no one was there he might consider turning off the water to the toilets. Mr. Vejvoda replied that had been done. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen, to adjust Mr. Willis' bill to \$71.29. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes and Mayor-yes.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said they had court with Judge Birch on the Marina and wanted to give an update. Since we had entered into a contract with John Rankin's' the court approved a lease, we can stay until 2013. A determination was made on who actually owned some of the slips and who was leasing them. Mayor asked rented to whom the marina or an individual. Ms. Noe said to both, a lot of them are leased and paid directly to the receivership. Chief Walker said the electric was back up and a bunch of stuff had been moved in it looks like they are going to fix the ramp. After some more discussion on the slips the discussion ended.

Chief Coulon advised the Council he would like approval to apply for a \$20,000 dollar grant it is a 100% grant no match required to get e-ticketing software that way Anita's office would not have to enter any of the tickets. Mayor asked if the Council had been given a copy of the grant. The Chief said he would be glad to make a copy of it for the Council. Mayor said thank you that way they have something in front of them to approve.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance #376 – amending ordinance #179 adding sections 3.120 (H) site plan exceptions and adding 3.140 landscape treatment regulations (A) Exceptions on second reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Resolution 2010-07 – Cheatham County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mayor said that Marc and Chuck both have a copy of the plan and they didn't have a problem with it. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Resolution 2010-08 the Tennessee Disaster and Recovery Grant application. Mayor said this was for a grant solely to get a generator at the sewer plant. Mayor asked Greg Edrington if he wanted to explain, he said this was a grant up to \$500,000 to be used at the sewer plant it can be used for more than the generator but other mitigated items. Mr. Edrington said he was working with Cindy Raymond and Leann Cox they are very familiar with this grant and will be handling all the paper work. This grant application is due by January 10th. Ms. Raymond said it is an economic community development grant that had opened up with the prior floods and now has been opened up for the flood in May. This money is a supplement to FEMA money. Mr. Edrington said his company is working pro bono for the city on the application. Ms. Raymond said there would be letters that would have to be signed and she will send them to Phyllis to get them mailed out. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve applying for this grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next items on the agenda are for the contracts with Margaret Holman and Andrea Lane. Tony Young said that we contract with Margaret Holman for 10 hours a week for computer training and with Andrea

2 hours a week for exercise class. In Andrea's class it averages out to about 30 in her class. In the computer class there are only about 2-4 people and they are usually the same ones, she teaches them how to get online, do emails, play games and things like that. If we need to cut the budget anywhere I would look at this first. Mr. LaCrosse asked if this instructor can be supervised. Maybe she should give you a written report on what she has done for the week. It is a good thing but not to lollygag around. She could be teaching them how to pay their bills online. If it is not productive we don't need to be billed for it. Mr. Young said this contract is good to June 30th. Mayor said the new contract needs to be brought to them before the end of June if they are to renew it not half way into the year. When we see you on the budget bring this documentation with you. This may not be the best way to spend our funds. Ms. Binkley said she would be behind Tony if the computer program was not beneficial. Mr. Allen said that they are not there that they have to trust his judgment. Mr. Young said that they have made some changes and they are working better with the board now.

Mayor advised the Council that the position Cynthia held is still open because of budget constraints and has not been filled and told Tony if it is not going in the direction he thinks it should to let them know and they will support him. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen, to approve both of these contracts. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item was the contract for GNRC. Tony said this was the same contract we have had for years and is up for renewal. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Allen, to approve the GNRC contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to approve the flood insurance for the belt press building for \$954 a year. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Thomas McCormick discussed the bid opening for the bucket truck. He said the bid for \$40,000 the truck was beat up and had been re-painted. It was not a truck he would recommend. The bid for \$44,000 is the one he is recommending to the Council. The bid for \$65,000 we don't need. Mayor asked the Council to accept the bid for \$44,000. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to award the bid to National for \$44,000 contingent on Thomas and his worker to go check it over. Motion passed with a roll call vote of LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes. Mr. Gill asked how often they have to be serviced. Thomas replied every 10 years.

Ms. Noe said the Stantec agreement is not to exceed \$15,000 she knows we are spending a lot of money but she feels with the deadline time crunch on the mitigation for the sewer plant she feels that it would be best to use Stantec. Mayor said we would be working with Stantec on this and Greg's firm on other things. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the Stantec contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Norwood said the liquor ordinance would be deferred to the workshop.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the Industrial Electrical Services invoice in the amount of \$19,510. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the invoice in the amount of \$19,510. Mr. Johnson said isn't this the same as the bid we already approved. Mayor replied yes, this is a way to give the Council an update and he would like it to stay on

the agenda. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said before going into the next item, Marc had handed out copies of the grant to the Council. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson, to approve Chief Coulon going ahead with the grant application. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the Goodwyn, Mill & Cawood invoice in the amount of \$521. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes. Chief Coulon said he would give a demonstration at the next workshop.

Mr. Johnson said he had calls about the recent ice and snow and wanted the public works department to know he thought they did a good job with getting the salt out to melt the ice and further went on to say that the police dept did a good job working the accidents.

Mayor Norwood said he had one thing to say; the city had its open house today and wanted to let everyone know that he thought everyone did a fabulous job, there was a ton of great food that was fantastic and everything had been decorated. He thought everyone did a wonderful job.

Ms. Noe asked for a 2 minute client meeting with the Council.

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

Council convened to the Mayor's office for the meeting with Ms. Noe.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Gill said he would like to thank the dept. heads for the year's work it's been a rough one but thank you for a good job.

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

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder