

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
Ashland City, Tennessee  
November 8, 2011

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on November 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Norwood.

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

Council absent: Jim Yates.

Others present: Billy Harris, Chuck Walker, Marc Coulon, Dwyot Thornton, Greg Allen, Michael Armstrong, Paul R. Gupton, Joanne Mann, David Bibee, Tammy Gatlin, Monica Baker, Wade A. Reed, John Prater, Dwayne Noe, Melissa Womack, Tim Adkins, Zach McCarver, and Tony Young.

Mayor Norwood said before we start our regular Council meeting we have a public hearing on Ordinance #386-Debt Policy, Ordinance #387-Amending Section 18-107-water policies, and Ordinance #388-Regulate animal & vegetable fats, oils & grease into sewer system. He said if anyone would like to approach Council on Ordinance #386 now is the time to do so. When no one came forward he asked if anyone would like to approach Council on Ordinance #387. No one came forward and Mayor moved on to Ordinance #388. There being no comments Mayor closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular Council meeting.

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

Public Forum:

Mayor asked if anyone would like to approach Council with concerns or comments. Mr. Greg Allen came forward and gave a hand out to Council. He said he was there to ask that the Do Not Enter sign on Harris St. and Tennessee Waltz be removed. Mr. Allen told Council the sign is a detriment to the use of my building at 105 Harris Street. After a short discussion on the reason the sign was there, the consensus was for Police Chief Coulon to make a study and bring it back before Council.

Mr. Alan Kulkin, 1002 Allenwood Drive, came forward and said he had moved here three months ago and his first three months bills were fine, but this last month's bill is five times the average. Mr. Kulkin said he had searched for a leak and was unable to find any and his meter is working fine. He said he does not know how it got this way and asked if the Council would adjust the bill. Mayor said your average bill is \$24.00 to \$28.00 a month. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to adjust the current bill to an average bill. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Teresa Jordan, 2121 Highway 12 S Unit #166, approached Council. Mayor said she had a leak, as well, and asked if it had been repaired. Ms. Jordan answered yes. Mayor said he had a copy of her

affidavit and the repair bill. He said her average bill is \$65.50. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Allen to adjust her bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. John Prater, 2121 Highway 12 S Unit#13, approached and said he had the same problem. He said the leak had been discovered and he had contacted the office where his last month's bill of \$469.02 was adjusted down, but now he has received a second large bill of \$195.99 and he is asking for another adjustment. Mayor asked if the October leak had been repaired. Mr. Prater said it had been repaired. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to adjust Mr. Prater's bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

#### Old Business:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Ordinance #386-Debt Policy on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Binkley to approve Ordinance #387-Amending Section 18-107-water polices on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve Ordinance #388-Regulate animal & vegetable fats, oils & grease into sewer system on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor.

#### New Business:

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson to approve Ordinance #389-IT Policy on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance #390-Reducing the Wards on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to approve Resolution 2011-09-Social Media Policy. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve Resolution 2011-10-Police Dept. social media policy. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to approve Resolution 2011-11-Police Dept. General Order-records policy. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor said the next item of business is the Red Cross Contract and he then asked Ms. Noe if she had reviewed the contract. Ms. Noe answered she had and that it is the same contract as before. Ms. Womack said this contract states the Senior Center will be a recognized place for shelter in a time of a disaster. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Allen to approve the Red Cross Contract. Mayor asked if there were any other comments. Mr. Allen asked if the center would be used for shelter

overnight. Mr. Young answered for whatever is needed. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor told Council the Barge Cauthen & Associates Contract is for the THDA Home inspections. Ms. Noe stated that Ms. Schaeffer had issues on the number of inspections. Mayor stated he had a conversation with the engineers and that issue had been resolved. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to approve the contract with Barge Cauthen & Associates. Ms. Noe asked that it be contingent on Phyllis's issue on the number of inspections be resolved. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said the next item on the agenda is the U. S. Dept. of Interior-River gage. He asked Chief Walker to explain this to Council. Chief Walker told them that the City has agreed to fund half of the County's part of the river gage. He said they had previously approved this expense, but since there is a contract it has been put back on the agenda. Ms. Noe said there are specific dates for payment in the contract and that it is only good for one calendar year. Mayor said we would pay \$3500.00 every year and the County would pay the same. Chief Walker said the gage will give an accurate reading of the river's height and it will help the national weather service since there is not a gage between Nashville and Clarksville. He went on to say this information will be put on the City and Fire Department's websites. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Johnson to approve the contract with the U. S. Dept. of Interior USGS. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to pay the Jason Cannon IT invoice in the amount of \$747.50. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to pay the Lafferty invoice in the amount of \$11,960.67. Mr. Johnson asked when will they finish the work. Mr. Noe said he did not have a time frame but they signed a contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mayor said he had two things he would like to discuss. He said he had a discussion with County Mayor McCullough today about the Police Department building. Mayor said the County wants to charge for this property. He said we came to a decision that there will be no fee for the City on this property until February. Mayor said this will give us time to move and to either move or sell the structure. He said that Mayor McCullough said if we are a couple of weeks later than the first of February they will work with us. Mayor said there will be something presented on this next month.

Mayor said the second item is the Do Not Enter sign brought to our attention by Greg. He said after thinking about it I think that sign is in the wrong place. Mayor asked Chief Coulon to please reevaluate this sign. Mr. Johnson said it makes sense not to turn back to the left onto Main Street. Mayor said this sign came about when the day care was in business. Chief Coulon said he would get with Dwayne and they would reevaluate the sign's location.

Mr. Gill asked would the Council consider giving Phyllis more authority to make the water adjustments that are currently brought before them. Mayor said Phyllis does not want that authority she has her rules to follow that are in the written policy. After a short discussion on this matter, it was decided to

leave things as they are with anyone needing more adjustment than can be done by the front office to come to Council with their request.

Mayor told Council they each had a copy of a letter received from Sandra Braden of 119 Allenwood Road. He said Officer Johnny Hunter had responded to a call about her daughter and Ms. Braden had written to say how professional he was in dealing with her daughter. Mayor said there was a second letter from the library written to Officers Rick Arguello and Dahianna Artavia thanking them for their time.

Mr. Gill asked who told us how to fix the problem on Vine Street. Mayor answered Greg Edrington. Mr. Gill said FEMA paid for this repair. He then asked who failed the engineer or the City. Mayor said the repair didn't work. Mr. Gill said he would like to see it fixed. Mr. Noe told them they had patched it and repaved it yesterday. After more discussion, Mr. Noe said he thinks it is a result of a sink hole.

Mr. Allen asked if Caldwell Park had been annexed into the City. He asked is that all finished. Ms. Noe answered yes that is finished.

Mr. Johnson asked when will Bell Street be paved. Mayor said this is in next year's budget. He said we want to get it milled and paved back. Mr. Noe said we patched more spots on Bell yesterday.

Ms. Binkley said there is a big pot hole at Main and Forrest. Mr. Noe said he would check on it.

Mr. Gill said he believes we should have someone go to Caldwell and check the timber and if it is marketable get a price on it. Mayor said if it is cut I do not want butts left on the property. He said they could become a problem. Mr. Young said the timber is not that old. After more discussion, Mr. Young said he would have no problem meeting with timber people.

Mr. Young said he wanted to make them aware that the Boy Scouts have permission to us Bull Run for three days and that they will be locking the gate after dark. He said it would be the weekend either before or after Thanksgiving.

Brother Paul Robert asked Mayor for permission to express our feelings of a job well done by a couple of folks who will soon not be with us by joining him in prayer.

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

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder

