

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
Ashland City, Tennessee
January 10, 2012

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Rick Johnson, Alwilda Binkley, Jim Yates, Chris LaCrosse, and Lisa Walker.

Others present: Michael Armstrong, Chuck Walker, Billy Harris, James M. Walker, J.R. Matlock, Mickey Smith, Carolyn Smith, Don Deering, Congressman Cooper, Susan Norwood, James Fenton, Steve Stratton, Shui Jin Lin, James W. Stinnett, Jr, Yvonne Stinnett, Chris Neese, Channing Tinch, Shirley Walker, Joe Roberts, Patrick Smith, Tony Young, Rebecca LaCrosse, Greg Edrington, Cindy Edrington, Kenny Ray, Holly Spann, Melissa Womack, Tim Adkins, Adrian Johnson, Clint Johnson, Allison Johnson, Paula Quigley, Kevin Quigley, David Bibee, Joanne Mann, Dwayne Noe, Anita Justice, Tammy Gatlin, Zach McCarver, Tin Adkins, Carol Macha, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Norwood said that Mayor elect has resigned from his Council seat, he will accept that and now if we could swear in the newly elected Council members. Judge Stinnett asked for the Council elect to come forward and take the oath of office. Steve Allen, Lisa Walker and Chris LaCrosse took the oath of office and were sworn in. Judge Stinnett congratulated each one.

Next Mayor-elect was sworn in. Mr. Johnson asked his family to come stand by him. Judge Stinnett performed the oath of office and Mr. Johnson was sworn in as Mayor. Judge Stinnett said you are now officially the Mayor of Ashland City and congratulated him.

Mayor Johnson said before we call the meeting to order he would like to thank the Judge, all those that were in attendance and the Mayor for all his years of service. Mayor Johnson said he had a little something to present to Mayor Norwood if he would come forward and accept the plaque. Mayor Johnson read the plaque and said this was just a small token, a very small token of appreciation. Mayor Norwood accepted the plaque and thanked everyone. Mr. LaCrosse said there were not many politicians that leave office while they are still cared about and still wanted.

Mayor Johnson said we have a public hearing on ordinances 391 and 392. After the caption was read on ordinance #391 Mayor Johnson thanked Congressman Cooper if he would like to say a word before leaving. Congressman Cooper said he did not want to interrupt our proceedings and Mayor Johnson thanked him and said he was doing a great job representing us in regard to FEMA.

Mayor Johnson then asked if anyone would like to approach on ordinance #391. No one approached and the caption of ordinance #392 was read. Mayor Johnson asked if anyone would like to discuss this ordinance. No one replied. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Binkley to approve the December minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Mayor Norwood approached and said he was actually here on behalf of Anita Johnson Lunn, he had presented her letter at the workshop and wanted to present tonight for the Council to consider. Mayor Norwood read the letter asking if a street, park or something could be named in memory of him for all his service to the city as this would mean so much to his family and friends who live here. Mayor Johnson asked the dept. heads to keep this in mind and give it any consideration.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe congratulated Mayor Johnson. Also, the Harpeth Shoals hearing will be at 9 am on the 23rd of this month in front of Judge Burch if any of the council members wanted to attend. Ms. Reminded the Council that we are the plaintiff in this case. The Port Authority is a quasi board of Ashland City and suggested that the Mayor look at the city's appointment to this board.

Old Business:

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to approve ordinance #391 – rezone property on east side of Main St. – on 2nd reading. Mayor Johnson said this was formerly the Jack Boyd place and is now owned by the Stratton's. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Binkley to approve ordinance #392- Fund balance amendment – on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

Mayor Johnson said we need to appoint the city attorney and recorder.

Mayor Johnson said he would like to appoint Jennifer Noe as the city attorney. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to appoint Jennifer Noe as the city attorney. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Yates-yes and Mayor-yes.

The next appointment was for city recorder and Mr. Johnson said he would like Phyllis Schaeffer to be considered. A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Binkley to appoint Phyllis Schaeffer as the city recorder. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said not on the agenda but Steve Allen has acted as Vice-Mayor for 8 years through 2 terms and would like MR. Allen to continue as Vice-Mayor. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by LaCrosse to appoint Steve Allen as Vice-Mayor. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-abstain, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said the next order of business is the vacant council seat and advised this would need to be advertised in the paper for the next meeting.

Mayor Johnson said the police dept rental agreement will need to be on the agenda next month as he has a meeting with the County Mayor tomorrow afternoon.

Mayor Johnson said the next item was the request for chemical bids for the water plant. Billy Harris said he is requesting to do the yearly bids for chemicals to get the best prices. Mr. Harris was given permission to bid.

Mayor Johnson said they have talked about the incentive pay in committee but he needs to address with the staff and would bring this up next month.

The last item under old business is the request to transfer money from line item 110-41510-721 to line item 311-41929-900 to purchase furniture for the public works building. After a short discussion a motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to move the money from line item 721 to 311-41929-900.

Ms. Binkley asked if we were going to purchase all new furniture because you could get furniture at the state surplus. Mayor Johnson replied they are going to shop surplus and other places that Tony had found a place that is one third less. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Yates-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other: Mayor Johnson said that today he and Jennifer went to A. O. Smith and met with Congressman Corker, Ms Noe spoke out on the flood money so now we know he has heard it. Ms. Noe said she would follow up with a letter.

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

Mayor Johnson said before we adjourn I would like to welcome Lisa aboard and said we work well together as a governing board and again said he appreciated everyone showing up this evening.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder