

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
Ashland City, Tennessee
February 14, 2012

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

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

Others present: Chuck Walker, Anita Justice, Melissa Womack, Billy Harris, Dwayne Noe, Kellie Reed, Kim Foernsler, Adam Foernsler, Michael Armstrong, Gary Norwood, Susan Norwood, Kim Rottero, Andi White, Brenda Mendoza, Kim Davis, Wade Reed, Jeff Plunk, Paul Gupton, Tim Adkins, Tammy Gatlin, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

Public Forum:

Mayor Johnson asked if there was anyone that needed to come before the Council.

Kim Foernsler approached and said she lives at 518 Skyview Dr and had a water leak last month. The person that read her meter informed her she had a massive leak and cut off the water she had the line fixed the next morning and was charged \$475. Mr. Allen asked if she was charged \$475 for having her meter cut off. Ms. Foernsler said no that is what she was charged to have the line repaired. Mayor said he had documentation that this has been repaired. Ms. Schaeffer said her bill was \$1,808.50, our office can only adjust to \$529.96 an average bill is \$55.84 a motion was made by Yates, seconded by LaCrosse to reduce bill to an average of \$55.84 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Gary Norwood approached and said he was present to represent the Masonic Lodge. They had a commode stuck and it has been repaired.

Mayor Johnson said we needed to back up and have the pledge and invocation lead by Mr. Gupton.

Mayor Johnson addressed the bill for the lodge the bill is \$215.56 an average bill is \$47.15 And the front office can only adjust to \$113.60 a motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley, to adjust the bill to an average of \$47.15 motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes after declaring a conflict, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Andrea White approached from 317 Eisenhower Ms. White said she was here in December and had one prior bill reduced which did not include the October bill she would like an average bill on both October and December. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Yates to reduce both months to an average bill of \$83.46 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Jeff Plunk came forward and said he is requesting consideration for both the bills dated 1/1 and 2/1/12 be adjusted he has had the leak fixed. Mayor Johnson said he does have documentation that the leak has been fixed. An average bill is \$66.55 a motion was made by Yates and seconded by Allen, to adjust both bills to an average of \$66.55 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said he is representing the Methodist Church. They had a leak that created two high bills. The leak has been repaired and he is requesting that they be reduced back to an average. An average bill is \$70.52. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by LaCrosse, to give an average bill on both water bills. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Allen-yes, Walker - yes and Mayor - yes after declaring a conflict.

Mayor Johnson said we have one more for a Harry Burton who is not here tonight as he is in the hospital; would like an adjustment on his water bill, Mayor also requested that due to Mr. Burton being in the hospital that he not be cut off. Mayor asked Phyllis to go over the bill. Ms. Schaeffer said that Mr. Burton had a leak his February bill is \$201.99 and he has turned in an affidavit that the leak has been fixed. An average bill for Mr. Burton is \$28.74 a motion was made by Yates, seconded by LaCrosse to approve reducing the bill to an average of \$28.74 and also not cutting his water off. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said that on the court date with the Port Authority she was hoping more had been accomplished but Judge Burch said the marina did need to be sold but he did not make it an order. He did say it was stayed for the taxes. Bank of America has made most of the improvements the fuel docking station has not be completed. They do have someone managing it.

Ms. Noe said the Mayor wanted a FEMA update. Ms. Noe said she and the Mayor had a brief meeting with Senator Corker's office. Phyllis has had correspondence with Mr. Worden we do not understand his response on the funding we will follow up on that and send to Stantec to look over.

Old Business:

Mayor Johnson said under old business we have the police modular building agreement. We have two figures the depreciated amount of \$38,270 and we had a local realtor give us an appraisal. The Mayor is requesting a starting figure to start negotiations with the County Mayor realizing he will have to go to the commission before we get an answer. A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Allen, to start talks with the County Mayor beginning with \$38,270. Mayor Johnson said he would come back to the Council if there was anything out of the usual. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item is putting the money from the general fund back into the library fund. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to transfer the money back into line item 110-41510-721. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

Mayor Johnson said we have advertised and received one person's interest in the open Council position and that was from former Council member Jimmy Gill. Mayor asked Ms. Noe if we could act on this tonight. Ms. Noe replied she thought so we would interview but the last time we had more than one

person interested in the position. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by LaCrosse to appoint Jimmy Gill to the open Council position. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Resolution 2012-01 – incentive pay. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Allen, to approve the Data Equipment Contract if they accept the changes and we don't have to back pay. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Billy Harris recommended staying with Carus, Brenntag and Nalco on the chemical bids. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Allen to award the bid to Carus, Brenntag and Nalco. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Noe said she has drawn up a simple lease agreement with the Bradley's. Tony brought this up due to the parking issues on Vine Street during ball season. This agreement will be in effect from 4/1 to 7/31/12. Ms. Noe said there is concern with the two buildings on this lot she added wording that Mr. Bradley would be solely responsible for the security and maintenance of the two buildings on the lot. The rest is standard language. If we make improvements on the lot it would be at our expense and would stay there when the lease is up. Mr. Allen said this would only allow us to put down gravel and spread it out we wouldn't be removing the top soil. Ms. Noe said she didn't think so. Mr. Young said that they had not talked about it. They wouldn't put down gravel if they don't have to. Ms. Noe said this contract has not been approved by the Bradley's yet. Mr. Young said they will take care of this property as if it were part of the parks. After more discussion a motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Yates, to accept this lease agreement on Counselor's advice. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Young said it was time to put the bid out for mowing like they have done the past 15 years he listed the areas and said it was a total of 40 acres. Paying them would be equal to paying the employees but it is easier to bid as they have bigger equipment and can get it done quicker. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Binkley to place the mowing for bid. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dwayne Noe said their contract is up on uniforms and the prices have gone up he would like to put out bids. This is for uniforms, towels, rugs, and soap this is used by public works, water, and parks. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by LaCrosse, to place this out for bid. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chief Coulon requested to have his drug fund amended adding \$5,000 to the budget. HE will use this is a onetime purchase to fund furniture for the training room. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen, to amend the drug fund budget. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Billy Harris asked to have several invoices paid at the sewer plant two of the invoices would still come under the flood and the others would be coming out of insurance due to the recent damage caused by a faulty pump. After some discussion Mr. Harris was asked to bring all the invoices to Council next month and they would go with the two they have in front of them tonight. A motion was made by Yates,

seconded by Binkley, to approve the two Southern Electric bills in the amount of \$4,837 and \$5,772.87 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes. These will be paid out of the 311 fund.

Mayor Johnson said he would like the Blackhawk Energy Products quote to be put on next month's agenda. Mr. LaCrosse said maybe he could come down here next month and give us a presentation. Mayor Johnson said he would ask him.

Other:

Mayor Johnson advised they got a letter from the Corp on issues with the dock he thinks all knew this was coming. He would like to further discuss in the budget meeting. Mr. Young said all the repairs are done or in the process. Mr. Young said he had the floats donated and they will be put in tomorrow and then all is finished.

Ms. Binkley said they need to address the issue with citizens coming in and asking for help on their water bills. We are losing a lot of money. Mayor Johnson said this can be brought up in the budget meeting for discussion.

Mr. Harris said he had a quote on the Danforth meter they are guaranteed for 20 years before they need to be re-calibrated he does not believe this needs to be done at this time. It is very expensive \$16,000 to do the work and another \$5,000 to send the meter to Denmark where the work is done.

Mr. Harris also spoke about the water loss saying that each month you have about a 10% loss due to the water in the storage system and cleaning filters etc. so with a 20% loss figure you are really at a 10% loss. The Mayor asked if we still are looking for leaks in the lines. Mr. Harris replied yes they have found several and they have been repaired. They had a big one over the week end on Bell St. After more discussion on leaks up on Eisenhower Mr. Harris said we should notice a difference next month.

A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by LaCrosse to pay the bills. Mr. Allen asked about the electric bill. Ms. Schaeffer said this was a normal monthly bill for all the departments in the city. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Yates-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. LaCrosse said there is a regular budget meeting next week and then on the 28th the cyclical meetings will start; have any of the budgets been turned in? Phyllis will get with the department heads and will schedule.

Chief Walker said the contract with the county on the fire tax has been submitted they have changed it to a 3 year contract. He should have something by the next budget meeting and for Ms. Noe to look over. It will stay at \$185,000 this year. We have received half the fire tax money and we should receive the other half in March. Also we should get the Fire Association money next month.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

