

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
Ashland City, Tennessee
December 11, 2012

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on December 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Johnson.

Council present: Steve Allen, Alwilda Binkley, Lisa Walker, Jimmy Gill, Chris LaCrosse, and Roger Jackson.

Others present: Rena M. Ewing, David Schlundt for Zada Law, Penny Brooke, Chuck Walker, Greg Allen, Evelyn Clement, Betty Sue Wright, Anita Justice, Michael Armstrong, Paul R. Gupton, Melissa Womack, Paula Paty, Tim Adkins, Dwayne Noe, Billy Harris, Jennifer Noe, Tony Young, Marc Coulon, and Mary Glasgow.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. declaring we have a quorum.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the November 13th minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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Mayor asked if anyone would like to approach Council with any concerns or comments. Mr. Greg Allen with Black Bottom Lines, 956 S. Main St., came forward and told Council he had a toilet running in his basement that resulted in a water bill of \$373.78. He said the toilet has been repaired and capped off. Mr. Allen said he was here to ask for an adjustment on this bill. Mayor advised Council an average bill is \$22.67. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to adjust the bill to an average bill of \$22.67. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

David Schlundt of 1039 Riverview Lane approached Council stating he had a leak underground next to the water meter. Mayor asked what name was on the account. Mr. Schlundt answered it is in Zada Law's name. He told Council that the bill was for \$2,131.24 and it had cost him \$1,800.00 to have the leak repaired. Mr. Schlundt asked Council to adjust his bill. Mr. Gill asked did you say the repair was \$1,800.00. Mr. Schlundt answered yes. Mayor said we have a copy of the invoice for the repair. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Allen to adjust the water bill to a normal average bill of \$26.21. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Paula Paty, 104 Hibiscus Drive, approached Council stating her account is in the name of Judy Lindsey and that she had a leak in the toilet in her basement. She said the leak has been repaired and she would like to ask for an adjustment to her water bill. Mayor told Council the bill was in the amount of \$580.50 and an average bill is \$82.47. He said we have a copy of the receipt where the repair was done and a signed affidavit. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by LaCrosse to adjust the bill to an

average bill of \$82.47. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Next Ms. Rena Ewing, 162 Peach Street, approached Council saying her account is under David Ewing's name. She told them she has a leak and her bill is \$125.62. Ms. Ewing said the leak has not been repaired, but there is a work order into her landlord to repair the leak. Mayor said you need to be sure it is fixed. Ms. Ewing said Mr. Gossett will repair the leak. Mayor said if it is not repaired you will have another large bill. Mr. LaCrosse said since only one adjustment can be done a year you must impress on the landlord that this leak must be repaired. Mayor said we can adjust this bill then you need to bring in a receipt showing the repair and once we have that we could adjust two months. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to adjust the current bill to an average of \$33.41 and with a repair receipt to adjust next month's bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Betty Sue Wright, 105 Pemberton Drive, came forward and said her bill was under the name of Gene Pemberton. She said she had a large bill and had checked for a leak. Ms. Wright said they had a running toilet in the basement which they have repaired. She asked Council for an adjustment. Mayor said the average bill is \$61.29 and asked Council what they would like to do. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Gill to adjust the bill to an average bill of \$61.29. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes. Mayor said we will take care of this for you.

Mayor said if there is no one else we will get on with the agenda.

City Attorney:

Ms. Noe requested an attorney client meeting. Council recessed at 7:15 p.m. to meet with Ms. Noe. Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Old Business:

Mayor said under old business we have Resolution 2010-10-Water & Sewer Revenue & Tax Refunding bonds 2012B. Mayor asked Ms. Noe if she had looked at this resolution. Ms. Noe said yes and they need to formally approve the resolution. She went on to say at the end of this resolution there is a bond purchase agreement the Mayor will need to sign. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 2012-10-Water & Sewer Revenue & Tax Refunding bonds 2012B. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes. Mayor told Council we got notice today that we received an A-1 bond rating. He said the report stated we are very good with our money and the only way we could get a better rating is by generating more revenue.

New Business:

Mayor said next on the agenda is Resolution 2012-11 – policy & procedure for tax exempt debt. Mayor asked Ms. Noe if she had reviewed this resolution. Ms. Noe said the bond council asked us to pass this resolution. She said we are required to do this under IRS regulations. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Resolution 2012-11 – policy & procedure for tax exempt debt. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Harris told Council that last week we went over the bid to have the belt press repaired. He said the cost is \$124,655.00 and the only company that bid was the one out of Texas. Mr. Harris said they will come here, take the press apart, take it back to Texas, and when it is repaired bring it back to us. He said he would like Council's approve to go forward with the repair. A motion was made by Allen, seconded Binkley to have the belt press repaired. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said the next two items on the agenda are the promotion policy for the police department and approval for the corporal job description for the police department. Chief Coulon told Council he had given them a copy of each of these last week and he was there to ask to have them approved. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to approve the promotion policy and corporal job description for the police department. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said the last item on the agenda is the schedule for January's workshop. He said we discussed having it at 6:00 p.m. before the next Council meeting, January 8, 2013. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to reschedule the workshop to January 8, 2013 at 6:00p.m. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Other:

Mr. LaCrosse said we have discussed working on the formula for water loss and with the new meters this should help out. He asked Mr. Noe if he received the figures from the write offs or adjustments from the front office and are those numbers reflected on a monthly report. Mr. Noe said these numbers would not change the water loss because this water is already accounted for. He said they would just show the gallons of water we give away. After more discussion, Mr. LaCrosse said since the water is already accounted for then never mind.

Mr. LaCrosse said the second thing he wanted to bring up is next Tuesday would normally be our budget meeting. He said we have nothing pressing to discuss. Mr. LaCrosse said we met today on the sewer plant building, but we will not have those numbers by next week. He said so since we have nothing pressing to discuss I suggest we cancel the December meeting and take back up at our regularly scheduled meeting January 15th. The consensus was to cancel the Budget meeting for December.

Ms. Binkley thanked Mayor for having Council ride on the Christmas float. She asked did it win anything. Mayor answered it won the Mayor's choice award. He said he heard many compliments on the float. Mr. Allen said the float was nice. Mr. Noe said his employees worked a lot of hours on the float.

Mr. Noe said this is not on the agenda, but we discussed at workshop that I would like your blessing on hiring a temporary employee to replace the one on medical leave. He said I would like to put this out to bid and we will not have to adjust my budget to do this. Mayor asked can we hire someone. Ms. Noe said she thought there was a provision in the personnel policy for a part-time employee and she would take a look at the policy. Mr. Noe said again that his budget does not have to be amended, since the money is there for payroll. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to put out to bid for a part-time employee. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Gill wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas.

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

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Rick Johnson

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder