

Town of Ashland City  
Board of Mayor and Council  
Ashland City, TN 37015  
July 9, 2013

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on July 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

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

Others present: Others present: Chuck Walker, Marc Coulon, Raymond Barnes, Greg Edrington, CJ Edrington, Bill Stinnett, Anita Justice, Billy Harris, Melissa Womack, Gary Norwood, Paul Gupton, Edward A. Smith, Michael Armstrong, Tim Adkins, Daryl Phillips, Michael Jackson, Tommy Jackson, Jennifer Noe, Tony Young, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to approve both sets of minutes, the regular June Council meeting and the Special Called Council meeting on June 21, 2013. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Public Forum:

Mayor asked if anyone would like to approach the Council.

Mr. Gary Norwood approached and said that he was here on behalf of the Ashland Lodge they had a backflow problem and requested that the water bill be reduced to an average bill. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to reduce the bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse declared a conflict and then voted yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Norwood also advised that he was upset about the paper being thrown all over town saying that if you don't subscribe then the paper is left all over the roads and asked if there was anything the city can do. Mayor Johnson said he has talked with Shirley at the Ashland City Times office and she said she would address it.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said they needed to have a client/attorney meeting. Mayor Johnson advised they would take a recess for this meeting. The Council meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Binkley to approve and pay a settlement on an old contract in the amount of \$35,750. After a short discussion Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-no, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

Mr. Daryl Phillips with the JECD came forward and spoke to the Council Mr. Phillips said he is the Director of the JECD board and he is the only full time employee with a part time assistant. Mr. Phillips

said he appreciates the Ashland City contribution to JECD and gave a brief overview. He handed out a copy of examples of what he does. HE encourages the Council and communities to do joint economic development and planning. Mr. Phillips works with businesses and does tracking of businesses to provide research on what people want and are buying, their ages, income, and retail information of people living here. Mr. Phillips deals with a lot of information about the market and demographics. This is a good tool for businesses to use for their planning. Mr. LaCrosse commented on the handout saying it looks like it need to be updated and that he was having a hard time with some of their estimates. Mr. Phillips said it is not always accurate but that is what we are judged on. Mayor said his question is why isn't there a convenience store between Wal-Mart and the industrial park on Hwy 12S. Is there a way to attract this type of business? Mr. Phillips said well, yes, different projects want different sides of the street or be on a corner lot. He thinks due to the economy and population growth that we will be heading for an increase as the economy gets better but they are looking at other places before Cheatham County gets a second look. Mayor thanked Mr. Phillips for coming.

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance #408 compensation for the land use committee on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance #409- compensation for beer board, liquor board and budget committee on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve ordinance #410 –compensation for planning commission of 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve ordinance #411 – Ashland City Flood Review Board on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Jackson to approve the additional write off request in the amount of \$314.04 Mayor said this is a request to clean up the books. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

On the Chemical bids Billy Harris said he suggest we stay with Brentagg, Nalco, and Carus. He said that he would like to go with Nalco because they have to use triple the amount the coagulant from the other company. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to award the bids with recommendation given. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker talked about the dock bid. Chief Walker said we only received one bid from Mr. Reed for \$30,600 for a 90' dock. This will include two ramps the old one and a new one. The grant is a 25% match but we can do a lot of it ourselves for an in kind match. Last year we spent a \$1,000 because we did a lot of the work. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to award the dock bid to Mr. Reed. In the amount of \$30,600 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Gill to approve the LGDPC contract. This is the annual agreement that we do every year for our software support. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Gill to approve the LGDPC agreement in the amount of \$23,437. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Coulon asked that the Crisis Consulting and Intervention agreement be postponed.

Ms. Womack discussed the GNRC transportation contract advising the Council that the city picks up the fees once the 3-B money is used. Right now they are bringing 6 seniors to the center. Mr. LaCrosse asked if she had a way to screen and keep up with this. Ms. Womack replied yes, she will keep up with it. The money the city spends is in her budget. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to approve the GNRC transportation contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said that at the workshop they were given a list of proposed changes to the Charter, this needs to get to our representative as soon as possible. Mr. LaCrosse asked Ms. Noe if there was anything in there that needed answers. Ms. Noe replied yes, that she and Phyllis had gone through the Charter and that she needed to be advised on what the Council wanted on several of them. A lot of the items were cleaning up typographical errors. Ms. Noe went over the questions starting with the elections and asked if the Council wanted to change when the city's elections took place to coincide with the county and save money. The Council decided they did not want to change the election times so that will remain the same. Mayor Johnson said we need to address the number 25 concerning the bids. Ms. Noe said in 32B it says any expenditure over \$3,500 needs to be approved by Council. Mayor said he would like that changed to \$5,000 this puts it more in line with today's costs. The next is changing the bid requirement from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Mr. LaCrosse said he is good with the \$5,000 and \$15,000. Chief Coulon asked about emergency purchases. Ms. Schaeffer replied emergency purchases can be approved by the Mayor and then it is brought to the next Council meeting to inform Council what had taken place. Mr. LaCrosse asked about the state surplus with Mayor's approval is this for budgeted items or our wish list. Ms. Noe said we can specify state surplus sales as long as budgeted and then inform the Council. Mr. LaCrosse said it should be more precise. Ms. Noe said it could be not to exceed budget for said purposes. The discussion turned to bid bonds. Mr. Gill said they should have the authority to decide if someone needs a bid bond. Mr. LaCrosse said he thinks they should have a bond. This is just on the bid so they can't back out. The Council decided to change the bid bond to \$15,000 and also leave the wording on the performance bond at 100%.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Jackson to approve the list with the changes. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes. Mr. LaCrosse asked for the corrected list to be put in his mailbox. Mayor said get this to our Representative as soon as possible.

Other:

Mr. Harris said that Greg Edrington gave him a new set of plans today they discussed how it was laid out. Mayor said that our attorney said we can build this ourselves. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve the floor plan. Mr. Harris said it will be a little over 122 sq. ft. the elevation brought back down to 100 flood plan it will not require a wrap-around we should be able to build this a whole lot more economically. Mr. Jackson said please put in the nice counter tops. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. LaCrosse asked Tony how many years since we have been in the black with Summerfest. Tony said about 3 years ago. Mr. LaCrosse said he doesn't know what it will take to get the Carnival here earlier but they really want to move the date to earlier see if we can lobby it. Mr. Young said he would get in touch with them. Mr. LaCrosse said we will ask next month what they said.

Chief Walker said he received the FEMA grant on air packs and would like to put this out to bid. It is a 10% match \$80,000 for \$4,000 he will find the money in his budget. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by LaCrosse to allow the air packs be place for bid. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

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

Ms. Binkley asked with all the rain how did Duke St turn out. Mayor said it did not flood this time.

Ms. Binkley asked about the shooting range. Mr. Armstrong replied they are working on their financials. The bank wanted them to go through the small business loans.

Ms. Binkley asked about the assisted living project. Mr. Armstrong replied Mr. Wilkinson is working on it and they should have a set of plans to his office in the next 10 days. Mr. Allen asked if they had changed the plans. Mr. Armstrong said the plans are pretty much the same. If the plans get changed they have to go back through the health dept.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder