

Town of Ashland City  
Board of Mayor and Council  
April 8, 2014

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on April 8, 2014 at 6:00 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: Wade A. Reed, Gary Binkley, Raymond Barnes, Ronnie Barnes, Marc Coulon, Tim Adkins, Melissa Womack, Michael Armstrong, Dwayne Noe, Paul A. Gupton, Chuck Walker, Tony Young, Billy Harris, Greg Edrington, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

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

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said everything she had was on the agenda but would like to inform the Council that there will be a public meeting of the Port Authority on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. Ms. Noe did advise the new buyers were in negotiations to get all the details worked out then it would be presented to the Port Authority.

New Business:

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to approve the Senior Center GNRC amended contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker, to approve the Mid-Cumberland Meals on Wheels agreement. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item on the agenda is the Pyro Shows Agreement. Ms. Noe said she and Tony met today and looked at last year's agreement she has marked through this agreement as she did last year. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve the agreement with the amendments noted. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said the police weapon trading is to give Chief Coulon permission to trade duty weapons. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to authorize Chief Coulon to trade the weapons. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said they had found a piece of property to replace what had been taken during the Bypass construction that he believes TDEC will be happy with; the city is doing the appraisal he doesn't think the cost will go over \$8,000. Ms. Noe said they want a title search done on the property and besides the survey and title search there will also be closing costs. Mayor said he would like to move it up to \$10,000. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to pay the professional services, title search and all related costs. Motion passed with a roll call of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said they just found out that we will be receiving additional funding for a Farmers Market he believes it will be \$123,000 for the all-purpose building. Our cost might be \$10,000 we would like to place the building closer to the pavilion you'll get a whole lot more building and it will be closer to the bathrooms and parking. Also, we will be adding about 18 parking spaces that we don't have now. Mr. LaCrosse asked how long do we have to complete. Mayor said we have three years to complete. Mr. Gill asked about the existing Farmers Market. Mayor replied he hopes to sell it one day. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to accept the Farmers Market grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said the next item on the agenda is the invoices and asked Greg to come up and update the Council. Mr. Edrington said they went through the facility today they are substantially complete. They have paving to be done and there is a problem with a pump. A new pump was ordered yesterday. Billy wants to keep the old one for a backup. Mr. LaCrosse said it was looking good, would it be completed on time for Phyllis to get the paper work in on time. Mr. Edrington said he will be giving them the punch list to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Armstrong said he could issue the Certificate of Occupancy on both buildings.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to pay all 3 invoices. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mr. LaCrosse asked what the cost on the lab was. Mayor replied that there was a lot of back and forth on the ramp if we needed one or not and we did, also the paving he thinks we might have spent more than we thought but we may end up at \$150,000. Mr. LaCrosse said he thought our people did an outstanding job.

Mr. Allen asked Mr. Armstrong about the headstones by Hyde's Ferry and Hwy 12 by Cub Country Motors; he said he knows there was a graveyard in that area. He noticed that the tree had been removed that had fallen during a storm but he said the headstones were gone. Mr. Armstrong replied he has looked at that area before and several years ago when he was checking the property there were no headstones visible. After further discussion on this Mr. LaCrosse asked Ms. Noe if a municipality or county had any liability if a private grave yard falls into disrepair. Ms. Noe replied, no, not that she is aware of.

Mayor asked if there was any other business.

Ms. Binkley asked Mr. Armstrong to tell the owners of the gun range that their property looks much better since they have worked on it. Mr. Armstrong said he sure will and also updated Mr. Jackson letting him know since they have finished the inside of the building he stood at the edge of the property and you couldn't hear any shots being fired. Chief Coulon said he thinks they went above what was required of them. Mr. Armstrong replied yes, they did.

Ms. Binkley asked Ms. Womack to thank Tina Smith for all she has done with the Meals on Wheels. Ms. Womack said she would let her know.

Mayor Johnson said they needed to thank Lisa for getting them the “orange book” as they are very hard to come by. All of the Council thanked Lisa.

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, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said they had met with the engineer and talked about Burger Alley, and a detention pond back behind the Kennedy property; the money we had already paid they didn't use all of it so they are going to survey that spot.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder