

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

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on July 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: Raymond Barnes, Ronnie Barnes, Melissa Womack, Michael Armstrong, Tim Adkins, Marc Coulon, Anita Justice, Paul Gupton, Billy Harris, Chuck Walker, Sam Vuocolo, Melanie Vuocolo, Jennifer Noe, Gary Binkley, Steve Powers, Jamie Manning and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the July 8th meeting to order and declared there was a quorum.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to approve the June minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum: Gary Binkley approached saying he was here tonight asking for your vote and support over the last 4 months when he decided to put in his petition he has attended all the meetings to show you he is interested and will be here to support the city. If elected he will be here and if you need anything from him he will try and make it happen. Mr. Binkley said it would be an honor to serve Ashland City on the commission.

Jamie Manning said she had a water leak that she lives at 550 S. Main St. as a tenant of Donnie Jordan's. Ms. Manning is asking for an adjustment. She is waiting on a call from Mr. Jordan to see if he has fixed the leak and to ask him to fill out the affidavit. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson, to adjust the bill to an average after the leak is fixed and the affidavit is signed. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said he has another request for a water adjustment for the Siever's. They reside at 114 Patton Ct. and are out of town. There is no one living in the residence at this time and they had a huge bill \$1,227.46 they have checked for a leak and did not find one. When the meter was re-read it has gone back to normal. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to adjust to a normal bill. Mayor requested that they be informed to keep an eye on it. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes and Mayor-yes.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe advised she didn't have anything that wasn't already on the agenda.

New Business:

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Resolution 2014-04-Safety Grant. Mr. Armstrong said public works normally buys enough safety items normally throughout the year to cover out match. If we spend \$3,000 we will get \$1,500 back. You do not have to buy anything extra to receive

this matching grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson said the next item is the trail grant contract and asked Ms. Noe if she had read it over. Ms. Noe replied yes, and it is fine. It is a 20% match and you cannot use in-kind; not for engineer if work done prior and not for the land. It is a 20% cash match. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to accept the grant contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes and Mayor-yes. Ms. Noe said the grant requires that the project be completed by November 1, 2019. Mr. Jackson asked who the engineer was. Mayor replied Lee Davidson. Ms. Noe asked exactly where this was going to take place. Mayor replied under the bridge to Riverbluff. Ms. Know said then we wouldn't have any problems with the rail bed. Mayor said there would not be a problem. Mr. Gill asked if they had checked for bones. Mayor replied that had already been done and there were no artifacts found.

Mayor Johnson said another person has come in and if no one has an objection he would like to ask them to approach as they were here to say a few words to Council. Mr. Steve Powers came forward saying he apologizes for being late he thought the meeting started at 6:30p.m. he just wanted to introduce himself and let the Council know he is a candidate for Circuit Court Judge and thought it would be good to put a face with a name. He has worked for Cheatham County approximately 10 years and told the Council a little bit about himself. Mr. Powers asked if Council had any questions for him and thanked them for their time.

Mayor Johnson returned the meeting to regular order.

The next item on the agenda is the Annual GNRC planning contract. Mr. Armstrong said this is our annual contract for the planner's services for the next year. Ms. Noe said she has looked over the contract and thinks the rates are very reasonable. Ms. Also advised their office has been helpful and accommodating. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Jackson to approve the GNRC planning contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes and Mayor-yes.

Next item is the Tennessee property agreement with the police dept. Ms. Noe said she has looked it over and it is fine. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the property agreement. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker said the Forestry grant is a \$3,000 matching grant. If they spend \$6,000 they will get \$3,000 in return. They will use this for fire hose and they have it budgeted. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to accept the grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Harris said the chemical bids were opened today. Mr. Harris suggests the lowest bid on all of them except for the coagulant bid and he would like to go with Nalco as last year they went with someone different and they had to use twice as much. Mayor said some of the chemical strengths are different causing the usage to be higher. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to award the bid to the lowest bidders except the coagulant bid this is to be awarded to Nalco. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Harris said the headwork's bid was opened last Tuesday, there was one bid from Nedrow and Associates. The bid amount is \$99,600. Mayor Johnson said the bid came in lower than what was expected. Mayor asked Billy what that included. Mr. Harris replied pumps, drivers and some hardware. Mayor said so it was more than just the pumps. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Allen to award the bid to Nedrow and Associates. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker said they received 3 bids on the thermal imagers. Due to the grant we received they will be getting 2 imagers instead of one. The grant is for \$26,000 the city match is \$1,300. There was only one company, Safe Industries, that actually met the specs and they were also the low bidder. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to award the bid to Safe Industries. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes. Chief Walker said there would be \$6,000 left in the grant he is going to ask FEMA if we can purchase if they can use that money to purchase the used loaner we were given if they will sell it to the city for \$6,000.

Mr. Harris said they have talked about purchasing computers for the water plant several times. He has received some quotes the lowest quote is still Gov Connections and asked that Council approve the quote so they can move forward. Mayor said he thinks the total for hardware and the software was 23,000. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the Gov Connections quote. Mr. Gill asked if the software could be installed on a 3rd computer and be used as a backup. Mr. Harris replied yes, that is what he would like to do. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Gill said this upgrade to the software is on account of the new computers. Mr. Harris replied yes. Mr. LaCrosse asked if this was the newest version of Wonder ware and how many versions are there. Mr. Harris replied yes it is and they are in the teens now. Mr. LaCrosse replied we are going with the latest software and a modern operating system with modern software. Mr. Harris said yes. Mr. LaCrosse asked how far back do you have to go to be obsolete? Mr. Harris replied he understands but is not sure.

Mayor Johnson said he has a list of the committee members for the events committee. He would like to take Ronnie Barron off and add Janie Binkley. Mayor said that Ronnie would be involved but didn't need to be a committee member. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the list of committee members. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. LaCrosse said it is a good program and he would like to see some events.

Bills:

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

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

