

Town of Ashland City  
Board of Mayor and Council  
September 9, 2014

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on September 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

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

Council absent: Alwilda Binkley and Roger Jackson.

Others present: Marc Coulon, Sheryl Lansford, Elizabeth Cole, Raymond Barnes, Dwayne Noe, Chuck walker, Michael Armstrong, Billy Harris, Anita Justice, Paul Gupton, Melissa Womack, Tim Adkins, Jennifer Noe, Gary Binkley, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

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

Mayor Johnson started the meeting with the public hearing on Ordinance #420 – Electronic ticketing fees. After the caption was read Mayor said this had been talked about in workshop and the budget meeting and asked if there were any comments. There being none, Mayor closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting.

All those in attendance for the public hearing were in attendance for the regular meeting.

Public Forum:

Sheryl Lansford approached the Council and asked if she could have an adjustment to her bill. She lives at Hickory Hills and her bill was \$883.01 due to a leak under the slab outside. Mayor said that she had signed an affidavit and there was also a letter from Hickory Hills maintenance stating the leak was repaired. Mayor also asked about the previous bill that was high also. Ms. Lansford said that bill was high due to a leak in the upstairs toilet. Mayor asked if this had been repaired. Ms. Lansford said it has been repaired. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjust both months' bills to an average usage. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Elizabeth Cole also approached and asked for an adjustment on her water bill stating she had a leak in the bathroom toilet. Mayor advised she had a signed affidavit and an invoice where it had been repaired. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to adjust her bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Reports:

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

Old Business:

Ordinance #420 – Electronic ticketing fee. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance #420 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

Mayor said the first item under new business is Ordinance #421. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance #421 – amending the 14/15 fiscal year budget on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Mr. LaCrosse said this was for the added hours at the senior center and the computers for the water plant as well as amending the drug fund budget for body cameras for the officers. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes and Mayor-yes.

The next item is the river gage contract. Chief Walker said this is renewing the contract for another year and he has this budgeted. Ms. Noe said she had reviewed the contract and it is fine. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve the river gage contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen, to approve the Health Cost Solution contract. Mayor advised that Mr. Mitchell had brought the contract to him saying it was an oversight and should have been signed in July. Mr. LaCrosse asked if all was going okay. After a discussion letting the Council know there were still a few problems, Ms. Noe said there were a couple of things in the contract that she wanted the Council to be aware of and went over 2 areas of concern regarding Health cost solutions liability. Ms. Noe said she attempted to contact Mr. Mitchell but had not spoken with him yet. After more discussion the motion and second were withdrawn. The contract will be deferred until Ms. Noe can speak with Mr. Mitchell. County Commissioner Binkley said he would check with Clyde White to see if the county has any issues.

Mayor said he had mentioned to the Council that they had received a portion of the Safe Routes to School Grant. The part awarded was under education so they would be turning this over to the school. Ms. Clingman from the school would be the administrator for the grant. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes. Mayor advised the Council this would not cost the city any money. Ms. Noe said there were a few things in the grant that the Mayor would need to sign.

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

Other:

Mr. LaCrosse asked about the water loss report. Mr. Noe replied that you have to go by the yearly figures and not the monthly figures; that the yearly figures were more accurate due to the fact that on a monthly basis the meters were read at different times causing the monthly figures to be off several days depending on when the meters were read as the state report was done on a month to month basis.

Mr. Young said he had some people ask if we could change the rules at the walking track to allow dogs to walk with their owners. After a brief discussion the consensus was that the Council did not want to change the rule.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

