

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
November 4, 2014

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on November 4, 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, Chuck Walker, Marc Coulon, Anita Justice, Debbie Counter, Billy Harris, Michael Armstrong, Paul R. Gupton, Tim Adkins, Dwayne Noe, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. declaring a quorum.

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

Public Forum:

Debbie Counter came forward to talk to the Council. Ms. Counter said her mother-in-laws water bill was cut off for non-payment at 113 Gloria Circle. Water Dept had not received payment from the bank. The \$50 was refunded. Do not ever turn the water off again. Mayor said in the last 14-15 years this has never happened. Ms. Counter said people just need to know what they are looking at. But it has been resolved. Ms. Counter then went on to say that she had noticed the bricks are gone from the yard. She has talked to Dwayne a month ago she wants to be put on the books. It took 16 years to get drains she deserves just a little bit of time and wants on the books for the drain in the back. Mayor said they will get it done and thanked Ms. Counter for coming.

A discussion ensued about giving refunds to customers other than credit. Mayor said let's take this to budget next month.

Ms. Schaeffer said she was asked to present a water problem for Ms. Wooten. Her parents had a large leak in the yard at 101 Ashland Court. Ms. Wooten is out of town working and wanted to know if the Council could help. The bill is \$643.20; she has signed an affidavit and also brought in what was done to repair the leak from the plumber. An average bill for them is 72.85. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to adjust to an average bill. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said she needed a short meeting with Council under client/attorney privilege. Everything else is on the agenda.

Mayor called a recess to meet with the Ms. Noe.

Mayor called the meeting back to order at 6:57 p.m.

Old Business:

Mayor Johnson said he would entertain a motion to pay Hillcrest. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to offer Hillcrest \$50,000 on the water pressure issue. Motion failed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-no, Walker-no, LaCrosse-no, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-no.

Mayor Johnson said he would entertain another motion to buy the fire pump system to provide enough pressure to run the sprinkler system.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to buy the fire pump system to provide enough pressure to run the sprinkler system in a set amount not to exceed \$60,339 and at this point will end the city's liability to Hillcrest. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

There was a short discussion on the pressure and the state inspections. Mr. Allen said agreed they have to be protected.

There was a discussion on which fund to use; Ms. Schaeffer to call auditor for clarification on funding. Would rather it come out of the General Fund than the enterprise fund.

New Business:

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Ordinance #422 – budget amendment on 1st reading. Ms. Schaeffer said this was for 2 laptops for the police dept in the amount of \$3,500 Chief Coulon informed the Council that they had purchased laptops and did not replace 2 of them thinking they could hold off another year. Both of these lap tops crashed and they will have to be replaced. Chief Coulon said he will use his 299 line item until this ordinance has passed both readings then it can be replaced in his 299 line item budget. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Schaeffer said she had received an email on the CMT agreement where they had taken several pictures in Ashland City and were asking for permission to use these pictures in a video. Ms. Noe said she doesn't have an issue with this other than the confidentiality paragraph would have to be reworded as with the city everything is public. Mayor said the only thing is he would like to see it before giving permission. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to give conditional approval to the Mayor once he is ok with it to sign the agreement. Ms. Noe to contact them.

Mayor advised the Lose and Associates contract to build the connector trail is ready to approve.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve the contract.

Mr. LaCrosse said he found the minutes from the special called meeting on October 29, 2013 concerning this grant. He had questions about this current contract and wanted to know how far this grant will get us and wanted details on the billing. Mr. LaCrosse said they are saying they have to start from the beginning with TDOT. Mr. Jackson said he wanted to walk through every inch of the project and know what's going to be done before we start. Mr. LaCrosse would like more clarification. Mr. Gill withdrew his second and Mr. LaCrosse withdrew his motion. Council decided they would have a special called meeting on November 25th at 6 p.m. to discuss this project. Lee Davidson with Lose & Associates to be invited to review the scope of work in detail.

Chief Coulon advised that he is losing an officer and a reserve officer. The police vests are made to fit the individual so he will not be able to use them. Chief Coulon is requesting that he be allowed to sell these vest to the agency they have gone to. Willie Castleman went back to his home place in Coffee

County and Dahianna has been hired by the Sheriff's Dept. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve selling the vests to the other agencies. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson requested they place the Farmers Market building out to bid. Mayor advised the location has changed a little bit. Mr. Young said this will be across the street from the pavilion towards the wooded area. Mr. Young advised there is water and electric there already making it a benefit to place the market in this location. Also, Mr. Young believes it will be used more often. Mr. LaCrosse asked about the parking. Parking is right across the street. Mr. Noe said there will also be additional parking added around the Market pavilion. Mr. Jackson said he like that, he thinks that is a better place. Mr. Noe said at this time they only want to bid for the metal building package. The concrete will come later.

Ms. Binkley asked if it could be closed in. Mr. Noe replied no, the grant won't allow it. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to approve the request to bid out the metal building package. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to pay the bills. Mayor Johnson advised Council we would have to pay Chandler Surveying we have the bill for the first spot and we are going to have to pay for the second spot as well. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor let the Council know the Christmas dinner will be December 11th at 6:00 pm at the Farmer's Country Buffet. The Thanksgiving luncheon will be on the 25th at 11:30 a.m. at Fire station II.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder