

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

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on December 9, 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, Chris LaCrosse, and Roger Jackson.

Others present: Peggy Hitchcock, Renea Rosson, Michael Armstrong, Billy Harris, Camera Reed, Dan Cook, Marc Coulon, Tim Adkins, Anita Justice, Melissa Womack, Nadene Moon, Randy moon, Amanda Bell, Kelley Counter, Al Cocorochio, Robert Counter, Melissa Moore, Kathy Bunch, Haley Wright, Wade Reed, Gary Binkley, Cooper Binkley, Dwight Marable, John Morrow, Tony Young, Jimmy Pippin, Chris Reid, Jamon Singleton, Shaun Singleton, Matthew Pippin, Will Sikes, Noah Cook, Claudia Bolton, Chuck Walker, Steve & Patty Kennedy, Jennifer Noe, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

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

Mayor Johnson began the meeting with the public hearing on Ordinance #422 budget amendment. Mayor advised there is a copy on file if anyone would like to see it. There were no comments. Mayor closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting.

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

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to approve the regular November minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Johnson said before we start the meeting there are a number of distinguished guests present and asked Mr. John Morrow to come up to the podium. Mr. Morrow said he was with Community Bank and Trust and said they were going to give the prizes for the decorating contest. Mr. Morrow said he would like to thank all the entries and congratulate the winners. The residential winner is Randy Moon. Mr. Morrow presented Mr. Moon with a \$250 check. The next winner was for the commercial entry and the winner is Goldstar Realty. They also received a \$250 check.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for their participation in the contest showing their spirit for the season. Next Mayor Johnson said he would like to recognize the winners of the Christmas parade starting with the 3rd place winner. 3rd [place goes to Goldstar Realty; 2nd place goes to At Home Realty, and 1st place goes to Hillcrest. Everyone did a great job. Mayor said his choice award this year goes to the boy scouts Troop 987, Mayor told them they did a great job. Mayor again thanked everyone for participating and said he was speaking for the whole Council.

Mr. LaCrosse said we had two sets of minutes to be approved so he will make a motion, seconded by Binkley to approve the Special Called Council meeting on November 25, 2014. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Ms. Peggy Hitchcock stated her name and said she lived at 105 Forrest St and wanted to contest her water bill. Mayor said Ms. Hitchcock had a leak under the house and that it had been repaired. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen, to adjust the last 2 bills to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Dwight Marable came forward and said he had a problem with his water he said the 1st month his bill was high he called a plumber and that person could not ID the problem. The 2nd month his bill was outrageous; he got a different plumber and the leak has now been repaired. An average bill is about \$72.49. Mr. LaCrosse asked where the leak was. Mr. Marable replied in the pump house at the base of the hill. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to adjust both bills to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson introduced Bob Counter who is with the Veterans Affairs in Cheatham County. Mayor stated he was one of the parade judges along with Kelly Counter and Al Cocorochio.

Ms. Schaeffer said she was asked to present a water leak problem for the Croker residence on Bell St. Ms. Crocker is an elderly lady and on a fixed income and has had several leaks in the kitchen sink and 2 different toilets in the residence. She has had a plumber come and fix these issues and she is asking for help with her bills. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to adjust the bills to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Attorney:

Mayor advised that he knew there needed to be an attorney/client meeting and he recessed the Council meeting. At 7:30 p.m. the council meeting reconvened.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to approve Ordinance #4223 – budget amendment on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor advised the Health Cost Solutions agreement will be put off until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker, to approve Ordinance #423-rezoning a portion of Hwy 12S on 1st reading. Vice-Mayor Allen asked if this had to be rezoned, couldn't he live there as it is now. After a discussion on pre-existing and grandfathered uses Mr. Armstrong said if he is to live there it has to be re-zoned. Mayor said Mr. Richardson has asked us to re-zone if there isn't any other discussion call the roll. Motion passed with a roll call of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to approve Ordinance #424-budget amendment on 1st reading. 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 Binkley, seconded by LaCrosse to approve the Community Bank& Trust agreement. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Young said at this time he didn't have anything to present on the Blue Heron agreement but he is willing to have the same agreement as last year but has agreed to pay \$900 to the city. Mr. Young will have an agreement next month.

Ms. Noe said in working on the conversion from TDEC to TDOT they discovered a piece of property that could be recommended to be used as replacement land to the park. They have approved the property but it is in the Feds hands now hopefully they will approve it also. We have been offered a price to pay of \$4,716 by they would like to close by the end of the year. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to pay \$4,716. For the property and have the closing prior to the end of the year. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Walker said he has had a problem with the fire gear bid. The low bidder will have to withdraw his bid. He would like to withdraw all bids at this time and re-bid.

Ms. Schaeffer said they received one bid for the Farmers Market in the amount of \$26,000 from Kirby Building Systems. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to award he bid to Kirby Building Systems. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to reject all bids for the fire gear. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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.

Ms. Justice reminded everyone the Christmas dinner was this Thursday at 6pm at the Farmers Country Buffet.

Ms. Binkley asked what CMT ever did with the clips. Mayor said they were fine and he signed that they could use them.

Mr. LaCrosse said he wanted to take this opportunity to thank the event committee they worked very hard and he appreciated it. Mr. LaCrosse also thanked everyone involved with the parade.

Mr. Young told Council the lawn ornaments from Mr. Taylor has been placed in the park. Ms. Walker asked when they would be turned on. Mr. Young said Friday by 8pm.

Chief Coulon said they are considering re-routing the Christmas parade next year. Chief Walker came up with a good idea that he thinks will work.

Mr. LaCrosse thanked Wade Reed and Tim Adkins for coming to all the meeting. He appreciates everybody.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder