

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
January 13, 2015

The Board of Mayor and Council met in a regular session on January 13, 2015 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, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Roger Jackson.

Others present: Kaye Chandler, Charles Chandler, Marc Coulon, Anita Justice, Linda Thomas Jackson, Michael Jackson, Tommy Jackson, Brandi Ghergia, Kay Kinnard Steele, Jim Steele, Kim Davis, Ronnie Barnes, Raymond Barnes, Leslie Akins, Tim Adkins, Melissa Womack, Dwayne Noe, Billy Harris, Hunter Barnett, Michael Armstrong, Mary Glasgow, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and declared a quorum. Mayor said that the meeting will start with a public hearing on Ordinance #s 423 and 424. The ordinances were read. Mayor Johnson asked if there was anyone from the public to discuss either one. No one replied. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting.

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

Public Forum: Charles Chandler came forward and said he was here to represent his mother regarding the water bills and the new water line. Mayor advised this is where we changed the location of the water line on Hwy 12S and placement of the meter. They will have to run their water line from meter to house. Mr. Chandler said this has already been done. Mayor asked Mr. Chandler to fill out an affidavit to that effect and bring in receipts. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by LaCrosse to adjust the bills to an average and to give a credit or reimburse if allowed.

Mr. Chandler said he would rather have the reimbursement for his mother rather than a large credit.

Ms. Noe said she would look into this and see if we can give them a reimbursement.

Mr. Allen said he would like to see her get her money back but we need to do it legally.

Mr. LaCrosse it is in our hearts to help you if we can. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Patrick Barnett said he had a water line to burst he has had it repaired in December. He resides at 2121 Hwy 12S Unit 193; the bill is under Mary Conner. A motion was made by Gill seconded by Allen to adjust to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Leslie Akins came forward and said he believes this has been talked about before but he has an issue with the newspaper being thrown out on the ground all over the place. These papers stop up the drains when it rains. It seems they always manage to be put out before a hard rain. They will fall back on the 1st

amendment but he says litter is litter. He is disabled and not able to clean the street of these papers. People do not pick them up and they just lay there.

Mayor said we have talked to the paper- Ms. Shirley and she has advised her drivers they are not to leave more than one at a house. The paper has cooperated with the city. He will talk with them. Mr. Akins was asked where he lived. Mr. Akins replied 104 Gallaher St. Mr. LaCrosse said they can ask Shirley again to instruct the delivery people not to leave a paper if there is one already there.

Mayor thanked Mr. Akins for coming by.

Mr. LaCrosse Shirley at the Times recognized there was a problem. He himself has driven down N Poole St and saw a cluster of them; way too many on the ground. The agreement was to train their drivers. One of the major revenue sources for the city is sales tax this circular is used to promote sales and this gives the information to the subscriber it is an avenue for people to save money. They promised they would work with us. Mr. Akins said apply the fines and see if that helps. Mr. LaCrosse said he understood and hopes Mr. Akins can understand the value of the circular also.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said she did not have anything not on the agenda.

Old Business:

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance 423 – rezoning a portion of Hwy 12 S on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to approve ordinance #424 – budget amendment on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said the next item on the agendas is the Health Cost Solutions and Gerber contracts. Ms. Sandy said she and Jennifer have discussed this and agreed that we should sign the Gerber agreement and the Health Cost solutions contract as long as we can terminate the contract at the end of June. Ms. Noe said she has changed the section one deleting the auto renewal. And page 4 she has marked out the liability limits. A motion was made by Binkley seconded by Allen to sign the contracts. Ms. Binkley said we don't need to leave the employees dangling. Ms. Sandy said she and Phyllis have got the rfps and are working to find a new broker. Ms. Sandy has put together an insurance group to look over the rfps when they are turned in. Mr. LaCrosse asked about the issues they knew of and wanted to know if they are being worked through and resolved. Ms. Sandy said yes.

Ms. Noe said we can get out of the contract with a 30 day notice. Mr. LaCrosse said by July we should be out of this. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-no, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

Mayor advised Resolution 2015-02 is asking the state to raise the By-Pass. The city is not committing to any cost. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Resolution 2015-01. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance #425 – liquor tax on 1st reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Noe said there have been several changes to the state law and she is revamping the liquor ordinance to be in compliance with new laws. She will have something next month or at the budget meeting.

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

Mayor said the next item is the Safer Routes to school contract. We have received the grant in the amount of \$20,050. This is for classroom work teaching the children safety on the roads. The school will be using this money it is a pass through for us. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item is the EMS Agreement. Chief Walker said they have attended numerous meetings on this but it is all good. The fire personnel work under the county EMS agency. His recommendation is to approve the agreement. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve the EMS agreement. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said on the Kirby agreement he had already signed it as they gave him the authority to accept the bid. Ms. Noe said there were a couple of things she questioned and she would mark out the contract and the Mayor could initial and then we would send the corrected copy to Kirby. One is the right to substitute material. Ms. Noe asked Dwayne if that was acceptable. Dwayne said it would have to match the bid. Ms. Noe said she wanted the city to know they were asking for 10% down now and 90% COD. Mayor said this is a reimbursable grant we have to spend first to get it. Also, Ms. Noe said there is a provision that allows them to get out of the production price they need to keep that price. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the Kirby Agreement with the changes made by Ms. Noe. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mr. Gill said he would like to recommend a new ordinance on refunding. Mayor said we might not need that Ms. Noe is going to check our current ordinance.

Ms. Binkley said she wanted to thank the public works employees for all the hard work on the Christmas decorations.

Mr. Allen said he thought it was a good idea to have the Christmas dinner the attendance was really good and he hopes we do it that way again.

Mayor said the events committee has come up with a Main Street music festival. Melissa said they are looking at September 26th. Mayor said the events committee is doing great work. They need to start promoting the festival.

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

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder