

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
January 12, 2016

The Board of Mayor and Council met in a regular session on January 12, 2016 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, Raymond Barnes, Linda Miller, Wade Reed, Tia Magill, Valerie Dreier, Jason Cannon, Melissa Womack, Jackie Kemp, Donnie Kemp, Michael Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Linda Jackson, Jennifer Noe, Tim Adkins, Gary Binkley, Chris Cherry, Michael Armstrong, Paul Gupton, Kellie Reed, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Public Forum:

County Commissioner Gary Binkley spoke informing the Council that in the Joint Economic Committee meeting they would be reimbursed \$15,000 to begin engineering work for a future park. They will meet the first Wednesday of next month to pick an engineer. If you have any input please let him know. Also, Mr. Binkley said he would like to thank the building commissioner's dept, fire dept and Chris Cherry as they have been great to work with.

Ms. Linda Miller spoke to Council advising she has had trouble with her water and asked for help with the bill. Mayor advised she turned in all the paperwork for the repair and affidavit. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjust her bill to an average of \$44.34 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Tia Magill spoke to Council about her water bill. Mayor advised all of her paperwork has also been turned in. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjust to an average of \$76.56 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Johnson advised Council that Franklin Adcock could not attend tonight's meeting but that he also had a leak. Mr. Adcock turned in his paperwork. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to amend his water bill to an average for both months. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Attorney:

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

New Business:

Mayor said the first item is the alley behind Bank of America. Ms. Valerie Dreier presented a drawing to the Council and said they are requesting an easement granted to them and that they were prepared to pay the cost associated with this request. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to abandon

this alley. Mayor asked if the other property owners were notified. Ms. Noe advised notice was given to the neighbors. Ms. Dreier said she had also talked with the neighbors and they were fine with it. Ms. Noe said she had drawn up a resolution for the Council to approve. Resolution 2016-01. Mayor asked if the Council had any further discussion. Motion passed to approve the request in Resolution 2016-01 with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said it was time to appoint the City clerk-recorder/Finance Director and the City attorney. Mayor said he would like to keep it as it is. A motion was made by the Mayor seconded by Gill to re-appoint Phyllis and Jennifer. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Mayor-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, and Allen-yes.

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance #443 - budget amendment. Ms. Schaeffer explained that \$20,204 is for the 2nd server, computers and extraction of information by Local Gov't Corporation. The remaining \$4,350 is to add to the event committee line item. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse seconded by Gill to approve the amendment to the fire service contract with Cheatham County. Vice-Mayor Allen asked if the city was coming up short. Mayor advised this is just until July as the original is due to be re-negotiated. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next items are the temporary easements for John Haywood, Louise Mandrell, and Dusty Old Bones, LLC. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve both temporary easements. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance #442 – budget amendment for the Water Model Agreement. Mr. Cherry said this should be ready in the beginning of February. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

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

Ms. Noe spoke with Council on the new liquor laws concerning the sale of wine in grocery stores. The second phase starts July 1st. Ms. Noe advised she has prepared Ordinance #444 for Title 8 adding a new section. The city will only be responsible for giving a certificate of compliance. Ms. Noe also prepared the application and certificate for this. Ms. Noe explained the requirements for the city to approve. This is the 1st reading on this and she has put in a call to the MTAS attorney on a fee but she does not believe the city has the authority to have one. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance #444 on 1st reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Noe said according to regulations the stores that request a certificate are supposed to provide the city with background checks going back 10 years for the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and whoever manages at the local level. At this time Food Lion has sent a request in which we have within 60 days to reply the background checks they have supplied are only for 7 years and for they also need ones for the treasurer and local manager; for these reasons she is requesting that their request is denied at this time. It is not holding them back.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to deny the request at this time. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. LaCrosse asked Ms. Womack how things were going if she was short-handed. Ms. Womack replied no, she is fine her new employees are in place; Kathy Nicholson and Roy Dye.

Mr. Young said he was taking advantage of the weather and getting some paper work done.

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

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder