

Town of Ashland City  
Board of Mayor and Council  
February 9, 2016

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

Council absent: Alwilda Binkley.

Others present: Raymond Barnes, Michael Armstrong, Lee Davidson, Marc Coulon, Chuck Walker, Jennifer Noe, Tim Adkins, Oreather Bell, Trish Sanders, Paul R. Gupton, Chris Cherry, Tony Young, Andrea Marsh, Gary Binkley, Kellie Reed, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and declared a quorum.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the January minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Oreather Bell approached the county from 125 Stratton Blvd and asked Council for help with her water bill. She had a plumber come out and he couldn't find any leaks. Her bill has gone back to normal. Mayor said she had an affidavit and plumber invoice. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen, to adjust the bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Mayor-yes, and LaCrosse-yes.

Trish Sanders spoke to the Council about the Cheatham County Enhancement Coalition they met with the county beer board some of the things they hope to see adopted is uniform fines across the county. Ms. Sanders handed out a letter wanting the Council to know that the coalition exists.

Andrea Marsh approached Council about her water bill. Her toilets were not operating correctly. Mayor said she does have a signed affidavit. Ms. Marsh had 2 high bills. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson that both bills be adjusted to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. LaCrosse said he was contacted by Ms. Donna Bunch she is under the weather and asked that Mr. LaCrosse address the Council about her water bill. Ms. Bunch has all her paper work in order. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to adjust the bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Old Business:

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance #442 – budget amendment on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Ordinance #443 – budget amendment on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance #444 – amending Title 8 adding Chapter 3. Wine sales in grocery stores - on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

#### New Business:

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Gill to approve Resolution 2016-02 Parks Advisory Board and By-laws. Mayor advised this is necessary for a parks grant and for the benchmarking program Tony is working on. Amendment to original motion is a motion by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to pay this advisory board as set by state law. Amended motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes. Original motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 2016-03 – amend personnel policy – inclement weather. Mayor said this policy was as fair as can be; it also follows state policy. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to approve the payment of \$125 for the TN State Parks agreement for planning day. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Lee Davidson spoke to the Council about a TDEC grant for parks and invited Council to attend a workshop at 2:00 on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the public works building. There will be a discussion for Ashland City if a train did come back. Mr. Davidson said as far as our grant project they are in the process of getting final plans approved for going under the bridge. The structural dept. has to approve we are only paving not touching any structure. Hopefully by the end of next month it will go to bid. The 20% match should show up in the next year's budget. He is excited about it and it will work well with the farmers market. The LPRF issue the benchmarking project needs to be turned in. TDEC also has a 50/50 match grant. They also match property as long as it has not been used for recreation. It is a good opportunity to get a grant. You need to come up with a project and hold several public meetings. Mr. LaCrosse said he didn't know what we are going to do with our land they had talked about camping down there. Mr. Davidson said it will be a great project what the community wants; an RV park, additional items a bridge over Puzzle Fool Creek may be something connecting Riverbluff to the new property. Mr. LaCrosse said he would like to go over the figures for the grant we have. Mr. Davidson said he still feels good with the numbers we already have he added 20% per year. Mr. LaCrosse said he wanted to be updated and review the plans. He is intent on keeping it on budget modify the plans if need be to stay on budget and not go over. Mayor said at end of month we will be starting the new budget this review can be part of Tony's budget meeting at that time.

Ms. Noe advised can't pay members of the parks board by state statute.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the RCAP agreement – improvement on the water system. Mayor said at this time there is not any money being spent. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor said the next item on agenda is the master agreement with Smith, Seckman Reid, Inc. Ms. Noe said she has reviewed this we have not had anyone in a while for public works this is a contract for that. They talked with the engineer and he doesn't think they would have any problems with the changes she has made to the contract. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve the contract with the changes that have been made. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to bid for mowing. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to approve the Blue Heron agreement. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes. Mr. LaCrosse asked if there have been any problems. Mr. Young replied he hasn't heard anything negative.

Mayor advised Council now was a good opportunity to think about Bull Run Park and if we want to continue the contract with the Corp. There was a lengthy discussion about the uses of the park and the problem with vandalism and keeping gravel on the drive through and whether the city should continue to use as a city park. Ms. Noe said as far as liability we have to keep it safe.

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

Mayor advised Bridgett Jones will be the facilitator at our planning session and they have negotiated a fee of \$1,500 including reporting at the end. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve the fee not to exceed \$1,500. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve the flood insurance for the lab and blower building at the wastewater plant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

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

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder