

TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2017

6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee

CALL TO ORDER at 6:03 PM by Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Richard Johnson, Vice-Mayor Mr. Steve Allen, Ms. Alwilda Binkley, Ms. Lisa Walker, Mr. Jimmy Gill, Mr. Gary Norwood, and Mr. Roger Jackson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER – Led by Mr. Paul Gupton.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the May minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION

- A. **Representative Mary Littleton for Mayor Johnson-** State Representative Mary Littleton presented Mayor Johnson with a Proclamation House of Representatives signed by Speaker of the House of Representatives Beth Harwell and Representative Mary Littleton recognizing Mayor Johnson's induction into the Tennessee Environmental Hall of Fame.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance #469: Adopting 17-18 Fiscal Year Budget.** A motion made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance #469. Ms. Binkley asked if everyone is happy with the budget. Mr. Norwood responded stating he is happy with the budget, but is waiting on the salary study and in passing the budget the council will still be able to pass budget amendments. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- B. **Ordinance #470: Water Rate Increase.** A motion made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance #468. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- C. **Ordinance #471: Rezone 2543 Bell Street to R-PUD.** A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance #471. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**
- D. **Ordinance #472: Rezone Vine/West Lennox Street from C-1 to R-3.** A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance #472. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes. **2nd Reading**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **MMS Contract.** Mr. Jackson asked what the contract is for. Mayor Johnson stated in order to check traps for fats, oil, and grease. Norwood stated there are several tiers to the project and asked what the cost of the program will be. Mr. Allen pointed out the contract states it is not to exceed \$7,505. A motion made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to approve the MMS Contract. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- B. **Lindy Murph Contract.** A motion made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to approve the Lindy Murph Contract. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

- C. **V-Academy User Agreement.** A motion made by Gill, seconded by Walker approve the V-Academy User Agreement. Mr. Kenny Ray stated this is for online training. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- D. **Write-offs.** A motion made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the water write-offs totaling \$11,836.86. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- E. **Certificate of Compliance Package Liquor Store- 503 North Main Street.** A motion made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve 503 North Main Street's Certificate of Compliance. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- F. **Resolution 2017-07: Public Records Policy.** A motion made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 2017-07. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- G. **Resolution 2017-08: Record Retention Schedule Policy.** A motion made by Norwood, seconded by Allen to approve Resolution 2017-08. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- H. **Resolution 2017-09: TCRS Deferred Compensation 401k Plan Resolution Agreement and Resolution 2017-10: TCRS Deferred Compensation 457 Plan Resolution Agreement:** A motion made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve Resolution 2017-09 and 2017-10. Mr. Norwood stated he knew that the 457 plan was an option but he didn't recall the 401K plan. Ms. Kellie Reed stated the 401K was not an option prior, but that the employee can choose to participate in either of the programs if passed. Ms. Walker stated it was presented and discussed. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- I. **Resolution 2017-11: Purchasing Resolution adding Nationwide Bid.** Chief Walker stated this is for turnout gear on a nationwide bid that is done every year. Further, it is similar to the state contract bidding and the comptroller's office states it is legal and keeps us from having to bid out. A motion made by Gill, seconded by Norwood to approve Resolution 2017-11. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- J. **Resolution 2017-12: Authorization to sign a proposal with TDOT.** A motion made by Binkley seconded by Allen to approve Resolution 2017-12. Mr. Norwood asked Ms. Noe to give an idea of what is in the proposal as he is still unclear on the cost. Ms. Noe stated we do not have those figures. Mr. Norwood asked what the proposal is for. Ms. Noe responded it is for the right-of-way, relocating utilities, transfer of all land for right of way. Mr. Norwood stated he is hesitant in doing this because of lack of clarity. Ms. Noe stated the board has the option to defer and get some clarification from a representative from TDOT. Ms. Binkley withdrew her motion and Mr. Allen withdrew his second asking this be deferred in order to get some clarification on the proposal.
- K. **Resolution 2017-13: Authorization to sign ECD Accountability Agreement.** Ms. Noe stated this is for A.O. Smith and stating A.O. Smith will pay for all funding. Mr. Norwood asked if A.O. Smith declares bankruptcy what obligation would the city have. Ms. Noe stated the city will have no obligations. A motion made by Norwood, seconded by Allen to approve Resolution 2017-13. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- L. **Resolution 2017-14: Authorization to sign Downtowns Grant Contract.** A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 2017-14. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Norwood-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- M. **Resolution 2017-15: Authorization to accept and sign FEMA Grant.** Chief Walker stated this allows us to accept the award grant of \$650,000 from FEMA, of which the city would have a \$59,000 match. He further explained this is for the mobile training grounds and he will ask the fire association to contribute \$30,000 of these funds and Chief Coulon agreed to use drug fund money in the amount of \$10,000. In addition he will be working with the county to help fund the remaining \$19,000. A motion by Gill, seconded by Norwood approve Resolution 2017-15. Vote on motion: Gill-yes, Norwood-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.
- N. **Ordinance #473: Amend Title 13 Chapter 4-regulating abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles.** A motion was made by Norwood, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance #473. Ms. Noe explained this expands definitions of these items. Chief Walker explained lots of people complain about this and this is complaint driven. Vote on motion: Norwood-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **FEMA Flood Funds.** Mayor Johnson informed the council the FEMA flood money was received.

- B. Sell of City Property.** Ms. Binkley asked about selling city properties. Mayor Johnson stated a meeting needs to be called to discuss the sell.
- C. Approval of new positions.** Mr. Gill stated with as much as the city has grown and continues to grow he would like to see new positions added in the Police Department and Parks Departments in the near future. Mayor Johnson said that can be discussed and done.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Norwood, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR



KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER