

Town of Ashland City  
Board of Mayor and Council  
March 11, 2014

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on March 11, 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, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Roger Jackson.

Others present: Greg Edrington, Joel Fort, Jack Bates, Kaye Chandler, Charles Chandler, Wade A. Reed, Marc Coulon, Paul R. Gupton, Tim Adkins, Tyler Temple, and Raymond Barnes.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, declaring a quorum. Mayor Johnson began the meeting with the public forum on the Preacher Poole right of way. We need to swap the property under the bridge dedicating this property to parks to be in compliance with TDEC for grants. IS there anyone that would like to comment on this now is the time to do so. There being no comments, the Mayor went on with the meeting.

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

Public Forum:

Mr. Joel Fort said he was asking for the mercy of the Council as the front office called to tell him he had a leak. Mr. Fort found the leak but his water bill is 3,300 dollars. The leak has been fixed. Mayor asked if he had signed an affidavit. Ms. Schaeffer said he had signed the affidavit. Mr. Fort said this is at his rental house and the water has been turned off. A motion was made by Gill seconded by LaCrosse to adjust the bill to a normal and if the next bill was high adjust it also. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Charles Chandler came forward about his mother's property and water bill located at 2235 Hwy 12 South. Mr. Chandler said when Hwy1 2S changed to a 4 lane the city took 1/3 of her property and her water tap. The new water tap was placed on his brother's property and the water line runs through his yard and driveway. The water bill has been high since November around \$122 dollars a usual bill is in the 20-30 dollar range. He thinks it is unreasonable for him to have to get a backhoe and dig through the driveway and his yard. He is asking that his mother's water bill be forgiven for the excess. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjust the last 5 months to an average.

The Mayor advised to fix the problem he suggested that there are 3 owners affected by these taps; if the city makes three taps on the main road one for each of the owners they can connect to them. Two out of the three a now crossing property lines. Moving the taps would take care of this so if any property is sold there won't be a problem. Ms. Noe asked who installed the line. Mayor said the city installed the line. Mr. Gill said he thinks the city should take care of it. Mayor said by the city putting in the new line and taps would take care of the problem. The owners would be responsible from the meter to their house. Mr. LaCrosse said he believes that it needs to be resolved. When can the taps be put in. Mayor said he thinks they could be put in within the next couple of months. Mayor suggested we give a credit

to go against future bills. The second and motion were withdrawn Mr. LaCrosse asked if they would be okay with that to pay the bills and when taps are in they will be given a credit. Jackie Chandler stood and said he would like to see 4 taps put in as the property on the other side of his house had a tap before the Hwy took that house. Now there is no water tap. If he ever sold that property he would like a tap. Mayor said that could be done but he would have to pay for that tap. Mr. Chandler will keep paying the high bill and at the end he will get a credit.

Tyler temple approached and said he lives at 2121 Hwy 12S; his water heater burst and he has had several high bills. An average bill is around \$65. Mayor asked how many live there now. Mr. Temple replied 2 people. Mayor said an average bill is \$72.72 a motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker, to adjust bills to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor asked if there was anyone else to come before the Council. Mayor said he had one, Rebecca Cohen, couldn't be at the meeting due to a child's event but she had a frozen pipe in the laundry room and was requesting help. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen, to adjust to an average of \$66.36 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

City Attorney:

Ms. Noe said she would like to discuss the liquor by the drink tax. Ms. Noe said the state collects this and distributes to the city; the county Board of Education is supposed to get half of this, we are still waiting to hear from the comptroller's office as to what the legislature will decide. Ms. Noe said we had a meeting with a board representative today. She recommends that the city start making payments back to October going forward and wait on the prior until we hear something then we can address the prior at a later date. Mr. LaCrosse asked how much it was from October through February. Ms. Schaeffer replied \$1,250. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to pay from October through February, and to start paying forward. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Noe also advised there is a Port Authority meeting this Thursday. Nothing had been approved as yet. Mr. LaCrosse asked where we are now with it. Ms. Noe replied the Judge has not made a decision yet. The meeting will be at 5pm.

Mayor Johnson advised he had met with the engineer and contractor today Jennifer had spoken with the engineer earlier. They have a change order that needs to be approved it is a decrease in the contract on electrical work. We need to run the electrical line underground. This will be a decrease in the contract and we will have to pay additional out of pocket an estimated amount is \$6,500 out of pocket. Also, the contractor wants to have until April 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the job. That will still give Phyllis time to complete the paperwork. Mr. LaCrosse said this will increase the time from 180 days to 197 days. Mayor recommends giving the extension. The reason for the change is the wooden pole was over the generator and they didn't want an electrical line over the gas so Billy said they moved the pole and transformer over about 62 feet. There is now a metal pole. Billy said he believes any new service with CEMC is due to be underground. A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Allen, to approve the change order. <r. Edrington said they will be good to go once this is done. Mr. Gill asked what if they don't complete it then. Mayor said then they are in violation of their contract and the bond will be called. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item on the agenda is the FEMA contract. Ms. Schaeffer said this is an amended contract re-including the projects that FEMA thought had an easement issue this is getting everything in order for the end of the period. Ms. Schaeffer went over the figures and said she could come up with the same figure as FEMA. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker, to accept the FEMA contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The EMS agreement will need to be deferred.

Deputy Chief Biggs said the grant for the fire dept is online and there isn't a contract to sign this is the \$306,000 grant over 4 years, Chief asked that Council approve contingent upon Ms. Noe looking it over. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to approve the Fire dept contract when it comes in upon Jennifer's approval. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Schaeffer said the audit contract is the same as last year and the fee is also the same. Mr. LaCrosse asked if everyone was happy with them. Ms. Schaeffer said yes. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley, to approve the audit contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Young addressed the mowing bid and advised the low bid was LCJW. They have done a good job for us in the past and they save us money and time doing the mowing. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker, to award the bid to LCJW. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item on the agenda is the invoices. Mayor Johnson said they are in a packet together for Edwards Construction, Goodwyn Mills & Cawood, and Raymond & Associates. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve all three in the same packet. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

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

Mr. Gill asked if we had done anything to the driveway across from the Sonic. Mayor replied yes, due to the weather we are waiting on the paving. We will have a culvert at Polly's driveway.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder