

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
July 14, 2015

The Board of Mayor and Council met in a regular session on July 14, 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, Roger Jackson, and Chris LaCrosse.

Others present: Raymond Barnes, Jason Matlock, Billy Harris, Kenny Ray, Brian Harris, Tim Adkins, Paul R. Gupton, Gina Stegall, Michael Armstrong, Melissa Womack, Tony Clark, Dwayne Noe, Wade Reed, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Mayor began the meeting with the public hearing on ordinance #430 rezoning for Vantage Pointe PUD. Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak on this ordinance. There being no comments Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing and commenced with the regular meeting. Those in attendance for the public hearing were present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the June 9th regular meeting and the June 25th special called meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Mayor Johnson asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak with the Council. Gina Stegall came to the podium and asked for an adjustment to her water bill as she had a leak. Ms. Stegall said the leak was found outside and had been repaired. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjust her bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Brandi Ghergia with the Chamber of Commerce wanted to let everyone know the Cheatham County Mayor's back to school bash would be on August 1st. A. O. Smith is sponsoring it this year. There will be a lot of vendors; last year the police and fire departments came out and were interacting with the public and thought this was great and asked if they could do it again. Ms. Ghergia also informed Council about the destination webinar being held in Pleasant View and Kingston Springs.

Old Business:

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to approve Ordinance #430 – Rezoning for Vantage Pointe PUD on 2nd reading.

Mr. Harris was present to answer any questions the Council may have. Mr. LaCrosse gave a brief overview that it basically is to address 2-3 items; existing parking independent living reconfigured to include age targeted needs; and age 55+apartments. There should be little burden to police fire, and schools. Mr. LaCrosse asked Mr. Harris if he had anything else to include. Mr. Harris replied you highlighted all of it. Mayor said the cat walk from the back lot to the top building may now be in conflict with the parking for those people on the top. And asked Mr. Harris what is being done. Mr. Harris

replied he was not sure what Mr. Wilkinson had done but that it remains on the master plan. Mayor asked that he let Mr. Wilkinson know it is a concern and those up there will feel they deserve a space. Mr. LaCrosse said that during a planning commission meeting; Mr. Wilkinson had said if it became a problem he would close it down. Mr. LaCrosse asked that the minutes reflect that Mr. Wilkinson had assured them that if a conflict between the targeted aged apartment parking and the apartment parking he would block it off.

Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill yes, and Mayor-yes. Mayor thanked Mr. Harris for coming.

New Business:

Mayor said the next item is Ordinance #431 – standard codes. Mr. Armstrong explained since the 2003 accessibility code is referenced in our 2009 codes it would be easier to use that code. The other change is adding appendix G and J. Saying that G is for swimming pools, spas and hot tubs and J is for existing building codes. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance #431 – standard codes amendment – on 1st reading. These changes are to have something in place to have better guidance and be fair to everyone. We have already adopted the 2009 code this is more or less a housekeeping item. After much discussion Mr. Gill said he apologizes for things that he did not read. Mr. Armstrong said this basically makes it clearer for people to understand. It is mandated. We have to be within 7 years of the Federal Code. If not they will be doing codes for us. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-no, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Jackson to approve Ordinance #432-Rezoning Vine St. on 1st reading. Mayor advised this is putting the code back to residential so a person can re-build if there was a loss. Mr. Armstrong said there were some residents that did not know their property had been re-zoned and want it back to residential. Mr. LaCrosse said anywhere in the city work with them on a case by case basis. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ordinance #433- amending the 15/16 budget. Mayor said this was for the fire truck and hiring an additional person in public works. If anyone has any questions Captain Clark is here to answer them. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance #433 on 1st reading. Mr. LaCrosse said he is glad they did what they did on the rollover protection. Captain Clark thanked the Council for approving this truck. After a discussion on the trucks power and safety features the motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve Resolution 2015-06- the Home Grant policies and procedures. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Resolution 2015-08-Wastewater plant emergency expenditures. Mayor advised this is for piping and fabricated metal. These go over our bid amount but we need to get the plant fixed. Mr. Harris said this is for the steel I-beams and brackets. Mr. LaCrosse asked if the stand will be covered. Mr. Harris said there will be a see-through cover across the top. Mr. Jackson asked about the odor. Mr. Harris replied it has always been open. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 2015-08. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

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

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

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Allen to adopt the Tennessee Open Roads Policy Agreement. This is for the fastest means possible to get the road cleared after a wreck. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to accept and approve the 2nd Clean Energy Grant Contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve the request to put the chemicals out to bid. Motion passed by a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Captain Clark explained that the FEMA fire dept. grant is for training and equipment. One of the big items is for 9 defibrillators; ours are old and are not supported anymore and you can't get parts. Another item is a positive pressure fan. Also, for training we will be able to get a whole new set of books. The grant is for \$51,915 and the city's portion is \$2,472. Chief Walker says that is in the current budget. Motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to accept and approve the FEMA grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to approve the Farmer's Market change order #2. Mayor said they had to move the building back so they need more fill. Mr. Armstrong said that CEMC said we had to move the building back from underneath the lines this caused an elevation change requiring the need for more fill. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Walker to approve the Tyler contract. Mr. LaCrosse said he spoke with both Phyllis and Jason to make sure the contract amount was the same we agreed on; he asked Jason to back through it. The only thing he can't help but mention is he would like to stay on budget the implementation number is a hard number but the services can't be nailed down and it can't be for travel, meals and lodging and is quoted as \$25,111. Jason called Blake it is just a schedule. Phyllis, Jason, the Mayor and I all heard it is a top end figure, a worst case scenario. They don't want to be wrong. After more discussion on the estimate Mr. LaCrosse said since we have had good experiences with them and we were told it is the top of the line he is willing to go with that. Ms. Noe said there were a couple of things that she would like to bring to their attention. There is a limitation of liability exclusion to 3rd party claim copyrights and patent. Also, if there is a dispute the lawsuit would have to be filed in Texas. This is #19 on page 10. Ms. Noe would rather the courts decide who has jurisdiction. Ms. Noe's recommendation is to delete #19 in its entirety. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Walker-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Ms. Binkley asked if we had a signed contract on the insurance is that all straight. Ms. Schaeffer replied that Ms. Cannon was working on that and she would get with Ms. Cannon tomorrow. This is broker going forward the city will not be paying the bills like we did with the other company.

Mayor said that Billy and company are on track and we are about \$200,000 to the good by doing our own work. Mayor said we have good people working for us.

Ms. Noe said she had something. Ms. Noe handed out 9 job descriptions for the police dept. Ms. Noe said she and Jason Matlock have been working on the state accreditations. Mr. Matlock said he has been working on this for the last 2 years and they are ready to go for their approval. And will need the job descriptions. Mr. LaCrosse asked if they were all updated. Mayor said the descriptions came from Chief Coulon., Ms. Noe replied these are updated for the police dept. There will be a formal approval at next month's council meeting along with the general order manual.

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

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City recorder