

Town of Ashland City
Board of Mayor and Council
June 14, 2016

The Board of Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City met in regular session on June 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

Council present: Vice-Mayor Steve Allen, Lisa Binkley, Jimmy Gill, Roger Jackson, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Alwilda Binkley.

Others present: Paul R. Gupton, Mary Grey Jenkins, Ronnie Barnes, Tim Adkins, Marc Coulon, Chuck Walker, Jennifer Noe, Melissa Womack, Chris Cherry, Tony Young, Kellie Reed, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

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

Public Forum:

Ms. Mary Grey Jenkins approached Council on behalf of Ms. Kemp saying that she had two leaks one at her house and one at the apartments on Jefferson Street. Ms. Jenkins said she had the bill where the plumber came out and that the leak was fixed. Mayor advised that an average for both bills were \$52.56 and \$47.00 respectively. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to adjust both bills to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Candice Beasley approached Council saying she would like to add about 2 feet expansion to the little building – old South Burgers & Shakes but was told she couldn't add on to the building she would have to tear the whole building down and rebuild. She also would like to have a sitting area in the back by the back building with a cover to grill so she doesn't have to shut down when the weather is bad. Mayor Johnson replied that she needed to start out with building codes and planning commission so they can investigate the zoning and setbacks. Mayor asked Ms. Beasley to write down what she wanted to do and give the list to Ms. Schaeffer who will give it to codes. If need be it will go to planning and zoning first. We'll try to help you all we can.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said she and Chuck are still working on the fire agreement with the county and hopefully will have it to Council next month. She was just giving a status update to keep Council in the loop.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Ordinance #446 – amending Title 18 Section 109 - sewer pumps on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Ordinance #447 – 16/17 budget on 1st reading. Ms. Schaeffer said this was the for approval of the budget and tax rate. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve Ordinance #448 – water and sewer rates on 1st reading. Ms. Schaeffer said this is showing a 3% increase to the rates. 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 approve the electrical permit agreement. Ms. Schaeffer said this was the agreement for the city to continue typing electrical permits for the state. Ms. Noe said the contract was fine. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Cherry said on the Republic Services agreement for wastewater sludge Ms. Noe had a concern as did he on the automatic renewal for three years. He agrees it should not be for three years. He hopes to go back to the previous company. He hopes they get their permit done and approved so we can use the previous company again.

Mayor asked if Ms. Noe had any concerns to address. Ms. Noe said she had a couple of things. In the small print on indemnification #13 should all be crossed out except for the last 2 sentences. The city needs to cross out the 36 months and change to 12 months with no auto renewal. There is also a clause on liquidated damages and that is another reason not to have for 36 months.

Mr. Gill asked if it would be hauled to Clarksville. Mr. Cherry replied no, to Murfreesboro.

Mayor said he would entertain a motion to approve with the amendments. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Walker to approve the contract with the necessary amendments. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Walker-yes, Allen-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to approve the GNRC contract. Ms. Womack said this is their annual contract and provides the annual funding plus transportation in Cheatham County for those in need. We have excelled in everything they have asked of us. Ms. Noe said there is a provision in there to do proper billing. Ms. Womack said yes, they changed this a few quarters ago they are doing it by the quarter now she is used to it and it is not an issue for them. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Cherry said on the paving bids Gibbs Brothers Construction was the low bidder at \$389,103.96. Mr. Gill asked if he was recommending them. Mr. Cherry said yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Jackson to award the paving bid to the low bidder Gibbs Brothers. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Cherry said he received the quote from them on the additional paving of the road, parking lot and boat area. The quote is \$95,317. And has attached it to his packet he handed out. This is a 2 ½ times larger area than any road he is paving this year. Mayor asked Mr. Cherry if he got with MTAS. Mr. Cherry said he went on the website on the street aid fund that you can use funds for the right of ways but didn't really say anything about parking. He said that was also attached in his packet.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Allen to the write off request on the delinquent water accounts. Ms. Schaeffer went over the amounts for the last several years. Mayor said it did go down this year. Ms. Schaeffer replied yes. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Jackson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said on the water bill card stock it would be easier to go with Tyler and have them provide the stock. Mayor asked what the figures were again on each bill. It is currently .02 a bill and will go to .04 a bill. Ms. Schaeffer explained it would be a whole lot easier to Tyler where they would print our information on the back but the front of the card stock is left blank and when we do the billing it would print with all our information on it. If we stayed with the stock we are using, then Tyler would have to program it and there would be an extra expense to us for Tyler programming the bill to fit our current stock and then it still might not line up exactly right.

Mr. Gill asked Ms. Schaeffer if she recommended going with Tyler. Ms. Schaeffer replied yes.

Ms. Walker asked if we are going to have capability to pay on line Ms. Schaeffer said eventually yes. But that they would still receive a paper bill in the mail. After some discussion on this Ms. Schaeffer said she would get clarification.

A motion was made by Gill seconded by Jackson, to approve using Tyler to provide the stock for billing. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Walker-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mr. Cherry said they had talked about the lights on Main Street there are 23 fixtures and they are \$795. Each for a total cost of \$18,285. After a discussion on the lights Mayor said this was just for informational purposes at this time. It would help on savings. Also, the fire dept. changed out their lights. Chief Walker said they changed the ones in the bay from 400 watts to 80 watt LED it is bound to save us money as those lights stay on all the time. Also, this was through an energy grant and we will get reimbursed one half of the cost.

Mr. Allen said he did not like the amusement side as much as in the past. It seemed like there were less rides and more games. Mr. Young replied they had just gotten exchange students and there was a language barrier. There was further discussion on some incidents at the midway.

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Walker to pay the bills. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Walker-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 6:47 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder