



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting-

November 19, 2024, 6:00 PM

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerald Greer

Vice Mayor Chris Kerrigan

Councilman Tim Adkins

Councilwoman: Nicole Binkley

Councilman Michael Smith

Councilman Kevin Thompson

Councilman Tony Young

PLEDGE AND PRAYER

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing: Resolution: Issuance of General Obligation Bonds Not to Exceed \$ 4,460,000
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to close the public hearing. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. October 8, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the October 8, 2024, minutes. All approved by voice vote.
3. October 8, 2024, Beer Board Minutes
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to Defer the October 8, 2024, Beer Board minutes to the next Beer Board Meeting. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

4. **Gabriel Smythia** – My proposal is for a little free library at River Bluff Park. I've spoken to Tony and AC about it. I just wanted to get confirmation that it would be okay with everyone. As far as a particular spot, where the flags are on the little island of green right there. I would be responsible for putting it in. I would build it, stock it, and maintain it and I would register it where it would show up on maps. When people search for a little free library, River Bluff Park would also come up.
Mayor Greer stated we do not generally get into a back-and-forth discussion on this so we will move this to Workshop.
Councilman Thompson asked if he could come back the First Tuesday of December.
Mr. Smythia stated sure.
Mayor Greer asked if he could email the information to the City Recorder Mary Molepske ahead of the meeting so the Council would have something to reference when he comes back in front of Council at the workshop meeting.

REPORTS

5. **Attorney - Jennifer Noe** asked if she could have the Board's permission, she would like Acknowledge Judge Stinnett in the celebration of his 95th Birthday and we have a proclamation. The council agreed. Ms. Noe asked the Mayor and the ladies from the Court department and the Judge to join her at the podium.

Judge Stinnett stated that he was happy to here, no matter what it is. He does not know what else there is to say except he would like to Thank the ladies in the court department, the officers that have worked with him, he said he could not have done anything good without them. They have taken care of him for as long as he has been in the position. He became a Judge around 1994. Whatever they have for him he could not appreciate all of them anymore. These are 3 of the best ladies you will ever see and they try to have a little fun over in court. He did not know he had as many friends as it seems that he has. Whatever this is all about He can his name at the top of that in a resolution and he cant be more thankful as he is tonight. He said if he feels as good in another 3 years as he does tonight, he will be running again.

Ms. Noe stated that she remembers when he got appointed as the City Judge, he was the acting city attorney at the time. She became the city attorney when he moved up to the city judge. She remembers him bringing her his files and she appreciates him giving her the opportunity to serve as the city attorney and take that position from you.

Ms. Noe reads the proclamation – In recognition and honor of your 95th Birthday, the Honorable Judge James W. Stinnett Jr. On behalf of the Town of Ashland City, we recognize and Honor Judge Bill Stinnett who turned 95 years old on November 1, 2024. Judge Stinnett has served as our city Judge since August of 1996 and has been our only elected Judge since August of 1998. Prior to his time on the bench, he served as our city attorney. His public service, which of 95 years of age, continues to this day. The judge graduated from Nashville YMC Law School, which is now Nashville School of Law in 1967 and started practicing law in 1968. He was named as outstanding alumni by the Nashville School of Law in 2012 and had a special recognition dinner for years. Decorated and accomplished baseball player. Judge Stinnett was inducted in the national old timer's baseball association in 2007 and the Cheatham County sports hall of fame in 2022. Judge Stinnett and his law partner Bill Wilkenson were long time sponsors of Cheatham County Babe Ruth and Dixie Young Baseball. Judge Stinnett also coached Babe Ruth and Dixie Youth Teams in Ashland City for many years. Town of Ashland City would also like to recognize and Thank Jude Stinnett for his service to our Country in the United States Navy. Judge Stinnett's contributions to the Town of Ashland City during the 55 years he and his family have lived here are immeasurable, appreciated, and highly valued. Thank you, Judge Stinnett, for your unwavering commitment to the Town of Ashland City. He was given an award of excellence with a gavel to continue to hit. Ms. Noe thinks he is the oldest Judge in the state of Tennessee.

Judge Stinnett stated that he knows he is the oldest sitting judge. He said this is very overwhelming. When he moved to Ashland City it was the hardest thing he had ever done because his family hated him for doing it. Ashland City has been great to him, and he hopes he has served Ashland City well and with help maybe he will be around another term. He will have to find a place on his wall for this now. He stated that he is now residing in the senior citizens place, and they are good to him, and if were not for Jim he would have a hard time getting around, but he takes me wherever he needs to go and he still owns his house so he can still vote. He thanks everyone because it is nice to know that he has made an impression on some many folks in Ashland City.

Mayor Greer stated thank you again Judge Stinnett for your many years of service.

Mayor Greer asked: We have Gary Jaeckel who was listed under other to discuss the City Administrator applicants and he would like to move him to the top of the agenda since he was already there waiting.

Ms. Noe stated the council could make a motion to suspend the Rules and the agenda and take him out of turn.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to suspend the Rules and take him out of turn. All approved by voice vote.

Mayor Greer called Gary Jaeckel to come up for his presentation.

Gary Jaeckel: passed out information to the Council Members.

Mayor Greer announced Mr. Jaeckel is there to present potential candidates for the City Administrator Position.

Mr. Jaeckel stated that they all have in front of them a list of the candidates. This time around he had 18 separate applications for the city administrator position. 13 of the applicants have some number of years' experience in city management. Like the last time, we looked at the Resumes according to the qualifications that we set up. The qualifications were 2-4 years of management experience or closely related to that in operations management, budgeting, and managing personnel. Utilizing that criteria we actually had 13 people who have had that type of experience at some point in their career. What he has done for the council is try to separate the individuals who came to the top of that process. Then some of the candidates that applied and are interested in the position may not have had 1 or more of the criteria we were using for the candidates. There are 10 individuals that fit in the first category. In looking at Resumes you would agree that when you look at some of them. When looking at the Resumes they all have different strengths that would be helpful to this city. He is much more confident in this group that there is someone in this group that will fit what you want to do. The 2 people at the top of the first group have Tennessee experience. He did not bring Resumes with him but he will send them the top 10 and they can determine how many they want to interview. He hopes the list will be whittled down by the week after Thanksgiving. He would like to see Zoom Interviews in the First half of December.

Councilman Adkins asked if he wanted the names back by December 6th.

Gary Jaeckel: answered probably if not earlier.

Councilman Thompson asked: "What about the 29th of November?"

Gary Jaeckel: stated the last week of November. He asked to have them in by Monday December 2nd.

Mayor Greer: Asked everyone if they wanted to go with Monday December 2nd.

Councilman Smith: said it depends on how many they want to interview.

Mayor Greer asked if interviews would be 45 minutes each. He also suggested moving the names up to the 29th of November.

Councilman Thompson agreed and stated that the longer we wait the better the chances these people move on and find another job. He asked about what we need to set the Special called meetings for the interviews. He then asked the other Council Members a few questions about the interview process. He thinks we should be holding interviews by the first week of December.

Attorney Noe: Asked the mayor if he wanted to go ahead and set the date for the interview so that the special called meeting can be advertised.

Councilman Thompson: suggested the interviews be on Monday December 9 at 5pm. Everyone agreed.

Mayor Greer: suggested a back update for any interviews that cannot be done on the 9th. The council all agreed to hold another special called meeting after the Regularly Scheduled City Council meeting on December 10th.

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to set a Special called meeting for interviews on December 9, 2024, at 5 pm. All approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith, Seconded by Councilwoman Binkley, to have a special called workshop meeting for December 10, 2024, immediately following the Regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. All approved by voice vote.

Mayor Greer asked to keep the candidates confidential.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. RESOLUTION 2024-27: Wage and Salary Policy Change

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the Wage and Salary Policy Change. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Thompson, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

7. **ORDINANCE 630: Park Advisory Board Policy Change**
A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the Wage and Salary Policy Change. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Vice Mayor Kerrigan Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
8. **ORDINANCE 629: Budget Amendment # 1 - Fiscal Year 2024-2025 - Paving - 2nd Reading**
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the Budget Amendment # 1 - paving. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
9. **Police Shooting Range Discussion**
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to defer the Police Shooting Rande discussion to December workshop. All approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

10. **ORDINANCE 632: Rezone Elizabeth St and Willow St - 1st Reading**
Allen Nicholson spoke to the council and advised them of the pre planning for the area and that Mr. Bumpus is looking to add 2 more homes. He gave the Council members a map of how it would look when it is built. They will have sidewalks that will connect to Ashland City Elementary School and to Willow Street and Elizabeth Street. They will also include streetlamps.
A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Adkins, to approve the Rezone. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
11. **Pleasant View Utility District Contract**
Clint explained- this is where they are wanting to hook up to Pleasant View at the top of Valley View Rd. This would improve water pressure, and we would not use a generator or pump house there any longer.
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the Contract with Pleasant View Utility District. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
12. **RESOLUTION 2024-23: Initial Issuance of General Obligation Bonds Not to Exceed \$ 4,460,000**
A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilwoman Binkley, to approve Resolution 2024-23 – General Obligation Bonds. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
13. **RESOLUTION 2024-24: Issuance of General Obligation Bonds Not to Exceed \$ 4,460,000**
A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve Resolution 2024-24 – General Obligation Bonds. Voting Yea: Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
14. **ORDINANCE 631: Budget Amendment # 2 - Fire Fighters Back Pay - fye 2024-2025**
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the Fire Fighters Back Pay. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
15. **RESOLUTION 2024-29: Driver Safety Grant**
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the Participation in the James L. Richardson Grant – Driver Safety. Voting Yea: Councilman

Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

16. RESOLUTION 2024-26: Apply for \$ 10,000 Dollar Grant with Tennessee Highway Safety Office - Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the Highway Safety Grant - \$10,000 Dollars Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

17. T.B.I. - Management Agreement -Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the Fire Fighters Back Pay. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

18. RESOLUTION 2024-25: Department of safety and Homeland Security Grant - Fire Department

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the Fire Fighters Back Pay. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

19. Award the CDBG bid for the 3 sewer pump stations.

Clint Biggers – We have a grant for the pump stations – It is \$ 221,000.00. The lowest bid we had for the 3 pump stations was \$ 959,750.00. He is asking the council if we are going to cover the remaining balance or do we need to go back out and re-bid for 1 station instead of 3 stations. One pump station will cost approximately \$ 300,050.00 and the placement would be for Ashland Drive.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to Re-Bid one pump station for Ashland Drive. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

NONE

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

20. Fire Catt Hose Testing - Fire Department

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the Fire Catt Hose Testing. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

21. Thrive 55+ - Grant # 84202 - Painting and Door Quote & Permission to Bid Flooring Replacement.

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the painting and the doors out of the grant money and bid the flooring. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

22. RESOLUTION 2024-28: Cooperative Purchase Agreement with OMNIA for City Hall Furniture

Attorney Noe explained: This was started by the prior administration, a group named OMNIA was contacted and used for the purchase of the furniture for City Hall. While looking into this, they are a cooperative and there is a TCA section that allows us to use a cooperative and they are used by other states and other agencies. There is a 3rd party that OMNIA uses in Nashville named Alfred Williams Furniture Store.

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the Cooperative Purchase Agreement with OMNIA. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

OTHER

23. City Admin Discussion - Gary Jaeckel

This was moved up in the agenda out of turn by a motion made by Councilwoman Binkley, Seconded by Councilman Smith.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Councilman Thompson added that Mr. Steven Patrick came before the council during the Workshop and this was not added to today's agenda and he would like to have it added to the next workshop.


MAYOR GERALD GREER


CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE