



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Special Called City Council Meeting
April 26, 2022 5:30 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Vice Mayor JT Smith
Councilman Tim Adkins
Councilman Gerald Greer
Councilman Chris Kerrigan
Councilman Kevin Thompson
Councilman Tony Young

ABSENT

Mayor Steve Allen

PLEDGE AND PRAYER

Councilman Adkins led the pledge and prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 12, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the April 12, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Ethics Complaint

Ms. Noe stated that she emailed her findings on the code of ethics violation. She stated that she has been the City Attorney since 1997 and this is the hardest thing we have ever asked her to do. Ms. Noe stated that two (2) employees had made complaints and both were made by department heads against the Mayor. She stated that they were brought up under the Code of Ethics which is in the personnel policy and the Municipal Code. Councilman Greer asked Ms. Noe to read the report for the record. Ms. Noe stated that she was there to do whatever the Council wanted her to do and she read her report to the Council. Councilman Greer thanked Ms. Noe for reading the report. He stated that there has been a lot of breach of trust and there is only one way for the employees to heal. A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, demanding the immediate resignation of Mayor Allen. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young. Ms. Noe stated that it would still be the Mayor's decision if he chooses to do that. Councilman Greer asked if there was a way that the Council could suspend his powers as Mayor until there is a resolution on this. Ms. Noe stated that as part of an ouster proceeding it is supposed to be given priority on the court's docket, however, our court's docket is inundated due to COVID. She stated that there can be a request made for one of our Chancellors to go ahead and strip him of those powers after appropriate notice is given to the Mayor and his attorney. Councilman Adkins asked when the ouster would be filed. Ms. Noe

stated that it is a process and she has met with the District Attorney and discussed the process. A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to allow the City Attorney to start the process of removing the Mayor's powers as soon as possible. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

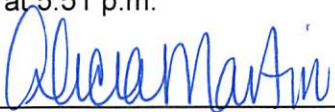
OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Young, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.


MAYOR STEVE ALLEN


CITY RECORDER ALICIA MARTIN, CMFO