



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting

February 09, 2021 6:00 PM

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allen called the City Council meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. stating, "I am Steven Allen, Mayor for the Town of Ashland City, and I hereby call to order the February 9, 2021 City Council Meeting of the Town of Ashland City. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order, this meeting is being conducted with limited physical public access. The meeting is being made available however to public via live video stream on the Zoom application. The meeting is being done by electronic means to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the City's citizens in light of the COVID-19 pandemic."

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Steve Allen
Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson
Councilman Tim Adkins
Councilman Gerald Greer
Councilman Roger Jackson
Councilman Chris Kerrigan
Councilman JT Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Clint Biggers requested permission to bid the Water Treatment Plant filters be added under expenditure requests. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the agenda with the requested change. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 12, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to approve the January 12, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Teresa Morris- Meals on Wheels Program: Ms. Morris stated she is here tonight to speak on behalf of her mother Ruby Johns. She stated her mother is ninety-three (93) years old and up until COVID hit she was very active. She stated she would go to the Senior Center every day and eat lunch, make visits at the nursing home, and was in charge of the Friday night dance. Ms. Morris stated when her mother heard the Meals on Wheels program was removed from the Senior Center she cried. In July, Ms. Johns got rid of her car and Ms. Morris states she can tell her health has deteriorated. Ms. Morris stated being able to go to the Center everyday for lunch was good for her mother as well as for others to be able to socialize and interact with others.

Arion Cole- Meals on Wheels: Mr. Cole introduced himself and stated he is eighty-five (85) years old and has been going to the center for a long time. Due to COVID there has been a lot of changes, but he is here tonight to protest the fact that Meals on Wheels was removed from the Center. He stated when he checked with Tina Smith the reason given was COVID. Mr. Cole stated he spoke to the county mayor and was told this action is temporary and he hopes this is true. He stated he has called Mayor Allen and was told the first time he spoke to the mayor Ms. Smith did not keep a clean kitchen. Mr. Cole stated the kitchen is inspected twice a year by the health inspector and has not had bad remarks. He stated that when he spoke to the mayor the second time he was assured the mayor would speak to Tina Smith, but that still has not been done. He further stated the seniors sent a letter

to the mayor and he questioned if everyone has been provided a copy of the letter. Mayor stated he has a copy on his computer. Mr. Cole read the letter. After he read the letter Mr. Cole questioned why the mayor has not spoken to Ms. Smith. Mayor responded he has not spoken to Ms. Smith, but has spoken to several different people. He further stated he had COVID. Vice Mayor Anderson interjected and stated with all due respect this will need to go on the Workshop Agenda for next week for further discussion. He further requested a little bit of time for Council to further discuss this in order to come to a resolution. He stated public forum is meant for the public to come and voice concerns, but it is not meant to be a question and answer session. Mr. Cole stated he expects three things from the city: an apology from the Mayor to Tina Smith, some house cleaning at the Center, and council members to discuss this matter with their constituents.

Gary Binkley- Lion's Club: Mr. Binkley stated he wanted to represent the Ashland City Lion's Club on Oak Street with their eight-hundred-dollar (\$800) water bill. Ms. Reed stated she would have to check on this to see if they have a the insurance. Ms. Bowman stated most customers have Serveline insurance and Council does not do adjustments anymore; however, if Mr. Binkley will call the office tomorrow and she can check on this for them. Mr. Binkley stated he will stay on the call to listen in if anyone needs anything from the county.

REPORTS

2. City Attorney

Ms. Noe stated she has scheduled an attorney/client meeting prior to the Budget Meeting, but she doesn't have anything else.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Caldwell Park Discussion

Ms. Noe stated she is in the process of ironing out some legal language with the dispute on the property. Mr. Sampson stated he provided some information from the GIS website for discussion purposes.

4. Sale of City Hall Discussion/Agreement

Ms. Noe stated we decided to go ahead and move forward earlier due to vacating City Hall. She stated she believes we will be closing some time in April. This will be on the agenda for March for Council approval. She discussed the relocation of the court proceedings and council meetings.

5. Ordinance: Rezone Request C-2 to R-3: 116 Washington Street Map 049 N B Parcel 1.00 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 001.00 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 049N GROUP B, LOCATED AT 116 WASHINGTON STREET.** A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the rezone. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith. **2nd Reading**

6. Ordinance: Rezone Request PO-PUD to R-4PUD: Highway 12 Map 64 Parcel 11.01 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 11.01 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 64, LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 12 SOUTH AND CALDWELL ROAD.** A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the rezone. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith. **2nd Reading.**

NEW BUSINESS

7. Badgepass Renewal Agreement

Ms. Reed stated this is an annual agreement we have for our ID batches. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Badgepass Agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

8. Fireworks Contract Agreement for Summerfest

Mr. Sampson stated this is for the fireworks for Summerfest and Ms. Noe has made some changes to this agreement. Ms. Noe stated he spoke to the Pyro Shows management in regard

to some of the changes. The changes are in regards to if we have to cancel due to COVID. She requested the board approve the contract with room to negotiate the cancellation terms of the contract. She further stated they are crediting the city last year's payment when we had to cancel due to the pandemic. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the contract with Ms. Noe's recommended changes and room to negotiate terms of cancellation. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

9. Resolution: Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF ALL TOWN DEPARTMENTS. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the Resolution. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

10. Resolution: Temporarily allow variances under the current Sign Ordinance

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO TEMPORARILY ALLOW VARIANCES UNDER THE CURRENT SIGN ORDINANCE. Ms. Reed stated this is something we did last year to try to help some of our businesses after COVID hit in order to allow variances for signage for more advertisement. If Council chooses to extend this we just need a timeframe to know how long it will need to be extended. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to extend and allow for a six (6) month timeframe. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

11. Resolution: FEMA Firefighter Equipment Grant

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEMA FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT GRANT. Chief Walker stated this is a grant for air packs with a five percent (5%) match. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to approve the resolution. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

12. Budget Amendment

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 20/21 FISCAL YEAR. Ms. Bowman went over the terms of the amendment. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the budget amendment. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

13. Ordinance: Rezone Subdivision

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 048.03 OF CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 065, LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 12 SOUTH KNOWN AS LINDHAL SUBDIVISION. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the rezone. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

14. Updating Title 18: Allow landlords temporary water reconnection

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TENNESSEE, TO AMEND TITLE 18 CHAPTER 1 SECTION 18-107(1) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY AND ALL AREAS SURROUNDING THE CITY THAT RECEIVE WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICE FROM THE ASHLAND CITY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT. Ms. Bowman explained the process of paying for a connection and usage for water accounts. Further, landlords will be required to pay for a one (1) time connection fee and when reconnected allowing them to reconnect after renters move out so they can reconnect their water. She further stated they will need a timeframe for how long water can stay connected. After much discussion a motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by

Councilman Greer, to approve this ordinance with a time limit of one (1) month. Voting Yea: Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Smith. Voting Nay: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Kerrigan.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

15. Surplus Christmas decorations
16. Surplus Equipment
17. Surplus IT Equipment

Mayor stated we can handle all the surplus items together and do this in one vote. Chief Walker stated most of this will be surplus and put on Govdeals, but a nonprofit has requested us donate some of the computer equipment after we clear the hard drives to them. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to surplus all requested items and donate equipment as the department heads see fit. All approved by voice vote.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

18. Polaris Ranger XP 1,000

Chief Kenny Ray stated they want to get another Ranger as the old one is wearing out, but they will keep the old one as well. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Greer to approve the expenditure request. All approved by voice vote.

19. Emergency Purchase Notification

Ms. Noe stated this is to make the Council aware of what the expenditures were, but it will not hurt for the board to approve the expenditure. Ms. Bowman stated the bill started at about fourteen thousand (\$14,000), but Derek has them down to about eight thousand (\$8,000) now. After some discussion a motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to defer this until next month. All approved by voice vote.

20. Permission to bid: Water Treatment Plant Filters: Mr. Biggers stated last year we replaced one when it blew out and we would like to get ahead of the game and go ahead and replace this one and this is a budgeted item. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Adkins, to bid out the filters. All approved by voice vote.

OTHER

Ms. Bowman stated Saveline went on to everyone's account and council does not handle adjustments anymore. Ms. Reed stated if anyone chooses not to participate in the insurance the customer can call the company and request to not be part of that program.

Mayor stated everything is busy. The expansion at Caymas Boats is moving along. Further, there are a couple of businesses looking to move into Ashland City. Mayor questioned if we get Caldwell Park sold where Council would like to spend the money. Vice Mayor Anderson stated there are several options in projects with Parks, City Hall, and Fire Hall. Mayor agreed and stated he would like to spend it on Parks, but it is something to be thinking about.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Adkins, to adjourn the meeting. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

MAYOR STEVE ALLEN

CITY RECORDER KELLIE REED, CMFO, CMC