



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

Regularly Scheduled Workshop Meeting-

October 01, 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
Councilman Tim Adkins
Councilwoman Binkley
Vice Mayor Chris Kerrigan
Councilman Michael Smith
Councilman Kevin Thompson
Councilman Tony Young

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 3, 2024, Minutes
2. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the September 3, 2024, minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Phil Bales – Thank you Mayor and Council. I am appearing before you again to keep the topic on point. I am Phil Bales from Ashland Park Condominiums, and I am president of the HOA and represent 48 residents. He was running numbers and homeowners' bills are roughly \$ 80.00 and half of that is \$ 40.00 and the step system fee on top of that. It is \$ 40.00 per month for the sewer portion of it. The 48 homeowners conservatively the Town is bringing in \$ 1920.00 per month. On a yearly basis it is \$ 23, 040.00. Over the last 4 years that is equal to \$ 92,160.00. If you figure in Hickory Hills on top of it and Joy Corn is in attendance as well. Her Complex brings in \$ 8600.00 a month and \$ 103, 200.00 a year and over the past 4 years \$ 412,400.00. So just between the 2 complexes over the last 4 years the Town has made a half million dollars just on sewer fees alone. He likes to use analogy and went on to say if you take a vehicle to an oil change garage and go there faithfully. Then one day they ask if you have a carburetor or is your vehicle fuel injected. He said his vehicle is fuel injected. They tell him they have to charge an extra fee for that, but you continue going there and then your vehicle shuts down. The vehicle goes to the dealership, and they call and ask when the last time was you had your oil changed. He says he has it changed faithfully and they ask if he is sure, and he states yes, he does it faithfully. The dealership states that they pulled the oil pan and there is 3 inches of sludge in the bottom of it and the oil filter has not been changed at all. When you go back and ask the oil change place why is this? The oil change place says well because your vehicle is fuel injected, we only pump off the top half of the oil and replenish it. We don't change the oil filter. If you think about it in terms of your vehicle, would you be happy about that? Thank you for your attention.

REPORTS

3. Attorney - Jennifer Noe stated she has wonderful news. We received the signed original change order that JT Smith had signed. We finally got it back from Reeves Young signed. They also signed the memorandum which allows them what the council had previously approved. She

thinks it is \$ 224,006.00 and then the 47 days. This board has already approved it and this board has already approved that they would receive if needed the extra 47 days of the expiration of the original contract date. We would not be seeking any liquidated damages. They came back with another \$ 120,000.00 and she put her foot down because she is tired of dealing with this. She told them take it or leave it and they took it. We have this resolved and she will get the mayor signature on it. The board has already approved both.

4. Project Update from Josh Wright stated he would start with the City Hall project update. The mayor and him were just over at the site about an hour ago checking things out. Everything is going great even after the rain we have had our project superintendent with Solomon Builders, Clinton Dodson is doing a great job. He managed to get all the water out of there and get things pretty well dried out for us. We are in good shape with city hall. He noticed in New Business we have the city hall change order discussion. He has let the mayor know and let you all know that is the additional access control. We had an original allowance in the city hall bid of \$ 40,000.00 for access control. After meeting with staff and Andre McCoy with Modern who does of the city's cameras and access control. The employees and Andre felt that we needed to add to the additional access control that we had originally allowed for, so that additional access control change order is for \$ 81,807.46. He wanted to let the council know about that. There were no questions on city hall, He moved on to Sports Park, he has had a lot of good feedback from the presentation last month. Our Civil engineer is wrapping up his drawings. Josh is wrapping up our drawings for phase 1 of the sports park. Josh stated they would have the construction documents, and he has been talking to AC about going after different grants. We will have more on that for you all next month to help pay for things. He let Council woman Binkley know if they have any questions they can call or email him anytime. The sports park presentation is on you tube and he has it available. Moving on the Thrive 55 and community center, the civil engineer is wrapping up his drawings and he is wrapping up his drawings for phase 2. He will have those construction documents and AC and he have been talking about going after different grants. He will have more on the grants next month.
5. City Recorder - Mary Molepske stated that she has all the Public Records Requests completed for September. Working on agendas and minutes and ran advertisements in the paper for multiple department heads. All of the executed contracts and minutes filed and uploaded. She worked with Alicia and Jamie on the changes at city hall. Got signed on to the bank accounts for the city. Worked with Clint on the paving bid. We have started the bid process for the sewer pump stations and I am working with Jason Reynolds on it. Attended a meeting with Josh Wright, Alicia, Jamie, and Becky for the recent change order. Organizing and filing paperwork from Gayle's office. Got the oath of office certificates signed and put in the council members files. Read through the updated charter and found some things we can change moving forward. I learned more about writing ordinances and resolutions from another recorder nearby. Attended the fall conference and learned a lot and made some corrections on things we are doing wrong. She has her typed notes with her if anyone wanted to look at them.
6. Codes Department - Allen Nicholson stated they had 13 permits, 20 inspections and 64 open and pending property maintenance cases. Total revenue collected \$ 80,104.68. Codes related we have 207 Stratton Blvd was building rooms in the basement and did not have a permit. We are in the process of getting them cited and into court. Jennifer, the mayor and I did a tour the other day of several of these properties that we have that need to be addresses that have multiple violations. We also have a property at 111 Boyd st where the same owner had some violations. We also have those addressed. We met with the owners of 2055 Highway 12 south again concerning their rezone with the planner and staff and property owner. We had a planning commission and BZA meeting last month. We had a request for a sleep and rehab center within the commercial district which was denied. There is a property rezone request that was going from C2 to I2 was the third and he has been deferred and he is keeping up to date on that through email. Some of the things he and the mayor are working on id the mayor's going to start meeting with each department heads and their departments. We had Thrive 55+ interviews with the mayor and Violet. We are glad to have Tammany Carter in the director role. We had an IT

meeting with the mayor and Justin on some job duties going forward. He took the courts department over to the new city hall and they had a chance to walk through and see the changes and we want to do all the departments like that, so they have the opportunity to go through and see the building process. They really enjoyed it. We did a site visit Tennessee state fire Marshall for the new sleep in. Violet and Allen had a TOSHA training, and they learned a lot through the process that was not being done correctly for keeping records. They are working on getting that cleaned up. They attended the monthly ECD and executive board meeting. They learned a lot from that throughout the county. Meeting with the mayor and the police chiefs which they will be discussing tonight about the shooting range on the agenda. Attended the 2030 strategic planning meeting with the county and other city officials and the county mayor and the ECD and national chamber. They have hired a consultant and are going around to 9 counties and trying to get us on board with projects and goals. More things will be coming for that. Had a USDA loan meeting going for USDA loan meetings we won't be there. They are saying they are not needed anymore. We will be added on the construction meetings that we have. We worked with Tyler software for the finance team, and he gave a shout out to Jamie and Alicia, Margie, and Carrie, Becky, Alyssa and the entire team. They have really come together. They needed help with support on the Tyler program because some of them have never had training. We got Jamie hooked up with our account manager and going to be getting hands on training and online training. Justin is working on a new website design that we learned in the ECD meeting. We are looking into some other web site designs.

7. Court Department - Cynthia Hollingsworth stated that this will be the first Thursday we are going to do court from 9:00 am to 10 am. This is the first new court date we are trying to see how everything is going to work. We are working on Bi-Lingual traffic school. The rest is business as usual. She stated the new city hall tour was nice.
8. Finance Department - Jamie Winslett emailed the finance report showing revenues verses expenses, fund balance, cash on hand and loan information and gave an update on the finance department and what they are working on. Allen said a lot of what she was going to say. She mentioned everyone in the department, and they are going through a huge learning curve right now. They have had anybody that they needed to step forward and help them through it. The loans are paid as they should be and all the monthly. Audit is next week.
9. Fire Department - Chief Walker stated that for the month of September they answered 86 calls from 911 to the public. One of those calls we helped recover the pilot from the plane crash close to the Cumberland River. They had in service last week with ropes where our career people. They were asked to get a team together to go the East Tennessee but with the rain and everything we had here, we just were not able to send anyone. They have also been asked to go and look for the missing people and we have our name in but there are 10 teams ahead of us so we may not be needed. We hired 3 full time firefighters, and we had one resign and go back to part time, so they are still one short. That person is going to stay on until we hire somebody. Dickson city fire department used our training tower this week for their live firefighter burns and we will be doing live firefighter 2 burns next week and a couple of our people will be in that class. We are working close with them to get our people certified.
10. Human Resources Department - Violet Black stated that she is working on an OSHA recordable accident that we had this month. We have had several HR issues that are being investigated and she is working with the mayor and Jennifer and Allen. Sat in on some interviews. We have 7 new employees for the month of September. She worked in the Tennessee recycling event, and it went very well. She was hoping to have the numbers before today but has not gotten them yet. There were approximately 140 people that showed up for the event. She has gathered more information on the pay study. They had a walk through with TOSHA and it was a really good turn out. she emailed the finance report showing revenues verses expenses, fund balance, cash on hand and loan information and gave an update on the finance department and what they are working on. They had a couple of issues that they are not keeping updated

correctly, but we will be moving forward. Attended the city hall updates and toured the new city hall with Josh and George from USDA. Attended the WWTP updates. She did zoom calls on the trail grants and the CDBG grants and she has also changed offices.

11. Parks Department - Anthony Clark stated that last month they received the AED's for the parks trucks. They also received the new parks truck. Soccer and football are in full swing. Farmers market finished the season this last weekend. We had the first movie in the park. Attendance was between 40-50 people. We had 1 new employee start and one employee involved in a single vehicle accident where the truck was totaled. There was a small single plane crash on the Eagle Pass side of the trail. They have had meetings with Kimley Horn and TDOT for the trail extension grant. Parks advisory Board and Christmas Parade. We are working on Music on Main which will be this Saturday from 10-4.
12. Police Department - Chief Ray stated that he does not have stats they were not ready. They have been busy and have 4 new hires. It will probably be January before they get into the academy. It was a busy month, and he is hoping it slows down soon.
13. Public Works Department - Clint Biggers stated they read meters and had cut offs. Only 20 cutoffs this month which is unusual. Cleaned out ditches and did repairs on the men's bathroom at Thrive 55. Cleaned the flower beds on Main St. Kept the water main at the dead end of Valley View there is a developer looking to develop there. He has already purchased it so he will be coming to zoning. Repaired lights in the welcome sign. The water plant employees had to work a couple of 24-hour days because of a water leak and they could not find it. It ended up being in Ashland Farms and it was big. Repaired a water leak on Boyd St. TOSHA was at the sewer plant for an inspection and inspected a water line at city hall. Public works for their truck back but they sent it back because it was sitting crooked, and they repaired it and brought it back and it is still crooked. We sent it back and asked for a brand new one. The sewer plant is going well and if they want a tour the steps are built now so they won't have to climb a ladder.
14. Technology Department - Justin Wheeler stated that the website has been a thought, and it is in the full detailed report he sent to them through email. He gave more details on the activities for the month. He passed a Microsoft 365 certified exam. The technician Billy with Modern came out because the doors were opening 4 minutes off. It was a firmware issue on their side and is fixed now.
15. Thrive 55+ Department - Tammy Carter stated that she has officially taken the director's position. She is currently going through and trying to figure out all of the tasks she needs to do. We had to cancel the health expo that was planned for the 12th, we had bad weather, and we will look to reschedule for the spring. She found a major grant we were awarded, and the plans were already in for what they were using it for. She is looking into more details for moving forward with grants. She is working on a final grant report due on October 31st. Met with Jamie in Finance to find out what needs to be worked on and pulled together. They have cancelled the Ark Trip and are working on the refunds. They had 1307 check-ins in September. They have 16 new members and looking to replace a fitness instructor to take Lindy Murff's place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. ORDINANCE: Rezone for the City - 2ND Reading Allen Nicholson stated this is to clean up the map where city hall is going.

NEW BUSINESS

17. Wage and Salary Discussion (formally Employee Manual Discussion) – Mayor Greer stated that he put this on the agenda last month. He was presenting the possibility of adding some wording to our employee manual or to the wage and salary policy, regarding people working during vacation and earning flex time. He asked for input from the Council on this subject. Mayor Greer asked if we need to clarify that you cannot earn flex time while on vacation. Councilman Thompson said he thinks that is something that everyone should already know. If he is a department head and I have to open my laptop while I am on vacation, then that is my job. I

should have somebody covering me while I am out but if not, then that is my job and if needed for 30 minutes then so be it. He stated that himself and Chris have a problem with this whole flex time that you gain for working past 40 hours. If you are a salary employee, then that is your job. He stated that if you work like AC that is 7 days a week, you never know when there is going to be a movie in the park. If you need time off, take a day off. He really does not see where this whole flex thing comes in and asked for anybody to speak up. He stated he is not taking money or time away, but they should have coverage if they are taking vacation time. He asked for an explanation of why flex time is building up to 88 hours. Allen Nicholson went to the podium to try to explain it. Allen stated that he will be transparent with him. Allen stated that he had the same question because he was always raised in that salary position. I was talking to the FLSA and they do not regulate. I called Mr. Grubbs that is HR through MTAS and he stated it is an added benefit but it is not required to be in our policy manual. It's something that is you as the council and the mayor has offered this to salary employees as a reward. Councilman Thompson asked the department heads how they feel about it. Do they feel that we need to keep track of this? Is this something that you being the department head, we trust you with what you do and if you need a day off, you need a day off. Chief Ray stated that he knows how it works, and he does not really use it and does not really care. Chief Walker has been here 31 years and has had it and had it taken away and had it given back. We fill out time sheets, so we are told if we are not in that day you have to use vacation time or sick time on the time sheets. Councilman Thompson asked why we have salary employees filling out time sheets? He asked Violet to help him understand why we have salary employees filling out time sheets. Violet stated that we have to be accountable. Councilman Thompson said he would write 40 hours every week. Councilman Thompson said why is taking 15 minutes out of his week that he could be doing other things. We will know when they are here and when they are not here. He is just trying to clean this up. Violet explained the time sheet that they have spoken about in the past is more or less accounting for the vacation time used. This way we know where they are at and further down the road we have a record of the vacation time that has been used and what they have left. Councilman Adkins asked: don't they submit something when they take a day off? Violet stated Mayor Greer just put that in effect that himself and Allen are signing off on it now but that was not always the case before. Chief Walker said if we are taking vacation, we should turn in a time sheet and Councilman Thompson responded that is always what he has done. He also stated that he has always let his department head above him know when he is going to be out. He always gave 30 days' notice. Allen stated that if you research and speak to MTAS on the flex time, you can do a flexible schedule, for instance, tonight, we are here for 2 hours. That lets me as a salary employee to leave 2 hours early on a day that's approved by the mayor. Councilman Thompson stated that he should not have to go tell daddy that he is leaving 2 hours early. Vice Mayor Kerrigan stated he does not understand that someone would even be taking that 2 hours off. Everyone here that is a department head knows they have responsibilities to attend to. This is a meeting, and he feels that they should not get comp time for doing your job. Councilman Thompson stated that if you left 15 minutes early or if you left an hour early or came in an hour late, we know how to get a hold of you. We don't have to call daddy and say, hey I'm just leaving early or coming in late or don't call me. The point is that these are department heads and we should trust you to do the job. There is no reason for us to be marking down on a piece of paper and wasting time telling me if you are here or not. You know the job and what you need to do. Vice Mayor Kerrigan stated if you're not here then your job is not going to get done and it will be reflected later down the road. Councilman Young stated that we still need a record for personnel. Councilman Thompson stated that if you do the hours AC does, he should not be coming in until noon. He needs to have some time off. Councilman Thompson stated that there should be trust in the managers. He stated that other than vacation he does not need to know if you're here or not. Mayor Greer asked if there was anyone else that had anything. No one else had anything to add.

18. Appoint BZA Member - Mayor Greer stated that we are not appointing tonight but there is a vacancy coming to the board. Councilwoman Binkley stated that she would get a resignation

letter from the person leaving. We do not want the same person serving on the BZA and Planning Commission. We need more diversity. The mayor will be recommending Sandra Braden next week. She is a member of the community that he has gotten to know, and he respects her. She is very smart and would be a great asset to our board

19. City Hall Change Order – Josh Wright stated that he briefly mentioned this earlier. The change order amount for the additional access control and Allen could probably help because he has been in on the meetings. We had an original allowance of \$ 40,000. We had access control on the exterior doors. The staff wants to add some access control to the interior doors, and it makes a lot of sense for the new city hall building. If we don't add this we are going to have keys and then if you have keys you will need to have things rekeyed because you have a different employee. He understands it is a lot of money but in the long run it will save the city a lot of time and money. Again, that amount is \$ 81,807.46. Councilman Thompson asked if that is over the \$ 40,000 we have in the budget that was already approved. There is some confusion on if the 81,807.46 is the total amount with the additional access control or in addition to the already approved \$ 40,000. Josh and Allen will get that answer for them.
20. ORDINANCE: Budget Amendment #1 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 - Fire Dept. back pay- 1st Reading – Jamie Winslett stated that we are going to need to defer it to next month because it is much more difficult than expected. They are waiting on information from Tyler to get this straight.
21. ORDINANCE: Budget Amendment #1 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 - Paving - 1st Reading – Jamie explained the additional funds needs to pave the senior center and the rest of the streets.
22. Water/Sewer fee Discussion – Clint stated that at each condo complex there is only one tap made at the street. In the parking lot all of the lines belong to the HOA and it does not belong to the residents that live there. The HOA is running it and that is like a business. We have one chemical pump at the bypass. We spend \$ 40,000 a year on that one pump, just for that side of town. He said it is labeled residential but is being used as commercial. Attorney Jennifer Noe stated that she has met with Clint and Billy to discuss it. What they told her made the light bulb go off is that if you have a tank that services only one household. These tanks are servicing four or more. HOA has fees for these like when you own a condo your only responsible for the interior and the HOA takes care of the outside. Like shared roof line and landscaping and things like that. Jennifer asked some follow up questions. Clint answered and then added if you are an individual home if it is used right may never have to be pumped but that is not the case with these. Councilman Adkins stated that he would like to do something for these residents if we could. If we start pumping them clint will need another employee next year to run the pump truck. He does not have the manpower now to finish the job. Councilman Tompson stated that if he lived in this complex, he is paying a fee to get rid of his waste but it not all being taken. Clint explained the additional cost of the service in question is only \$9.00 per house. We have to be all or none and either we charge them, or we don't. Vice Mayor Kerrigan asked the difference if I and we are not doing it for them/ Councilman Thompson the difference is that I am a homeowner. He stated that Dickson charges the and they pump. They chose the fee and they pump it for that fee. Clint said No they don't he called Dickson because his friend runs Dickson. Dickson also does not have a step system. They all have grinder tanks. Grinder tank is a 55-gallon drum out in their yard. They do not have septic tanks. The person that has the company that contracts with Dickson would argue that point. Clint stated that only amount that could be removed is the \$9.00 fee but not the \$ 40.00 fee because they still take care of their sewer water every single day. It costs more to treat their water than this side of town. Councilman Adkins asked if there is anything we could do because the residents have been coming to council for months and he feels like we owe them an answer one way or another. Jennifer Noe added that we cannot operate in the red and cannot take money out of the general fund to replace this cost. She added that we would have to look at this for next years budget because this budget is already set. Councilman Adkins stated that he did not want the residents to keep coming month after month and not get any answers. Mayor Greer stated that this is an

important topic and would like to find a resolution for this issue. Councilman Adkins asked that it may not be something we can do this fiscal year, but we could look into it next fiscal year. They cannot lower the numbers for the USDA loan. So, for the people on the condos, they will look at it in February when we start working on the new budget.

23. Redd Stewart Historical Marker – Councilman Adkins contacted the Tennessee historical commission about the marker for Redd Stewart. He found out they meet 3 times a year. They meet in February, June and October to approve the request and he also found out that the cost was more than what he originally thought. A marker with a pole with the same text on each side was \$2,150.00 and a marker with different text on each side is \$2,350.00. He just wanted to bring it to the council's attention so if it is something they wanted to do if we have the money this fiscal year to start the process or we have to wait until next fiscal year but we have to submit the request several months before the meeting and we have already missed the October meeting. If we would like to start the process for the February meeting all of the information would need to be submitted by November 30th. If we are thinking of the June meeting the information would have to be submitted by March 31st. The information we would need to submit is what the actual marker would say and the text and a map indicating where the marker would go and a letter of consent from the property owner. Councilman Thompson asked if we have a spot picked and Councilman Adkins stated he would need to talk with the family more. He knows they were looking somewhere on the bypass. Mayor Greer said it would be nice to put it somewhere on the walking traffic.
24. Park Advisory Board Discussion – Michael Smith stated we had talked about this before. This is something to do with the ordinance that was originally signed to create the parks board. It has section 2.215 and states that duties of the secretary. It states to appoint a town employee shall act as secretary for the board and not be a member. The last city employee that we had as a member was Jamie and Jamie left and we ended up not finding another city employee that would come in and do it, so we ended up using one of the board members that stepped up to be the secretary. The board talked about it and do not think it is going to be possible to find a city employee to come and do that role as secretary. Renee Cannon is a part-time city employee, and she is the secretary, and she is board member, and it has worked out. Renee is fantastic in both roles. As a board member she has great ideas. She also does a wonderful job as secretary. He would really hate to lose her in either position. He is asking the council if we could change the ordinance to allow a board member to be the secretary. Jamie spoke and explained that being a full-time employee it was too much for her to keep up the role as secretary and her full-time position duties. Mayor Greer asked about the minutes and keeping up the website. Councilman Smith said Jamie also did a great job too. Mayor Greer stated to find someone to serve on any of the boards is difficult. Councilman Smith said the Parks Board is a little different because we have activities in the park like music on main and a lot of the board members will actually come out and help work the events. Mayor Greer asked what the reason to not allow us to do this? Councilman Thompson stated he thinks it is just old writing. Vice Mayor Kerrigan stated that the reason was, so they had access to our web pages. Councilman Thompson said he sees no reason why we could not let Renee continue acting as secretary.
25. Christmas Parade Discussion – Councilman Smith stated that this was added to the agenda to talk about changing the route a little bit this year. Mayor Greer stated that the route will be reversed. It will be better for the line up and for traffic issues. The parade will start on the north end of the Tennessee Waltz Parkway and turn right onto Main St and come back to Tennessee Waltz Parkway and make the right there and then back down to the start point. Mayor Greer asked the Chiefs if it would help the traffic flow more this way? They agreed it is safer and the shoulders are wider for the line up on the other end as well. The Christmas Parade will be on December 7th this year at 5 PM. Mayor Greer announced the Grand Marshall for the Parade this year will be former Mayor Mary Grey Jenkins.

26. Amendment 2 of Contract 77734-100 - Police Dept. – Chief Ray stated that it is another academy amendment that they have apologized for but needed to make more changes.
27. City Police Department Shooting Range Discussion – Chief Ray stated that they want to add a shooting range, and they want to know where we are in the decision. They had a visual on the screen of the location they are suggesting. They are asking if this location is ok or do, they need the mayor to look for another property to add it? This is something that is necessary and they really need it. They have spoken to people who build ranges, and they say because of the berm and the woods that are around the area in question should muffle the sound. Chief said for them it is the perfect spot for it. Councilman Smith asked how tall the Berm would be, and they answered they are not sure at this time. Chief said it will be taller than the berm at the bypass. They have talked to Mayor about going and looking at the city of Dickson's range which has been placed at the edge of one of their biggest parks in the city for 30 years. They have also built a school very close to that range as well. Councilwoman Binkley asked where are the ball fields going to be compared to the range? Josh Wright came up and pointed out where everything is placed for the new Sports park in comparison to the gun range location. Council asked questions about how often the range would be used. The range would not be public use at all and they would not be using it 5 days. Ty of the direction of the shooting and when the range would be in use and not having it used during other events. The police are not opposed to another location, but they just need to find one. Cheatham County Sheriffs would have access to it as well. Chief Ray stated they want to be good neighbors, but they want to have ownership of it and control the use.
28. Thrive 55+ - Tai Chi Instructor Discussion – Tammany stated that she is looking to sign a contract with Anna Winberg for Tai Chi. She will be taking the place of Lindy Murff. Anna holds the credentials to do Tai Chi which is an evidence-based program. She is also able to do the sales class too.
29. Resolution/Ordinance Discussion – Mary Molepske (city recorder) stated that she has received some questions on how the ordinances and resolutions have been presented in the council meetings. She did some research and found that in our Charter this is the correct way of presenting them. Any ordinance that repeals or amends existing ordinances shall set forth, at length, the sections or subsections repealed or amended. Every ordinance, except an emergency ordinance, shall be approved on two (2) readings, not less than one (1) week apart, and shall become effective twenty (20) days after final approval unless its terms provide a later effective date. Every ordinance shall be read by reading the title unless there is a motion by the Council to read the entire ordinance; the second reading may be by title only, except that any amended provisions shall be read in full. Each resolution shall be read in full one (1) time unless the Council, by motion, elects to waive the formal reading, and shall become effective when adopted unless its terms provide otherwise. To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, or property, an emergency ordinance may be adopted on two (2) readings on separate days and shall become effective immediately, by the affirmative votes of a majority of the members of Council, if the ordinance contains a full statement of the facts creating the emergency, provided that any emergency ordinance shall be effective for only ninety (90) days. No emergency ordinance shall be passed that grants franchises, levies taxes, or gives special privileges. (b) The Council shall have the general and continuing ordinances of the City assembled into an official code of the City, a copy of which shall be kept currently up to date by the City Recorder and shall be available to the public. Following the adoption of the official code all ordinances shall be adopted as additions to, deletions from, or amendments to the code. Moving forward the mayor still wanted the department heads to come up to the podium but I will read the title of the ordinance and if there are no other questions by the council that need answers we can vote on it. There is not a reason t=for the department head to have to go over it again if it was spoken on at workshop. Councilman Adkins stated that he likes that we would read the title of the ordinance or resolution because we are live streaming the meetings and there may be people out the watching and wondering what we are doing. He stated that out of transparency that is a good idea. When I first came on board, I was told not to give the ordinance or resolution

a number unless it was passed but I learned at TAMCAR that we should be giving them a number to present at council and written in the books, so we have a record of anything that has failed. We would just mark it failed in the record book.

30. Volunteer State Community College Contract - Fire Department – Chief Walker stated that Jennifer has looked over the contract and it is for Vol State community college to come to our stations and teach training for advanced EMTY and Regular EMT. This contract requires a signature so we can't sign it so they have to bring it to council. It is \$ 1400.00 and it is covered by our federal grant that we have.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

31. Ashland City Fire Dept- Equinox Quote – Chief Walker stated last month Chief Noe told council about the price and the original price we had for all 4 of them to be installed was \$ 146,073.00. This is on tips and that is a bid council, which is when the bid these out all over the United States and if you go with one of their bids, you do not have to bid it out. He called and asked why the cost was higher than what we budgeted for, and it was due to an increase in inflation. She did take \$ 3,000.00 off the cost. So it will be \$ 70, 345.00 and that is off of their labor it is not off the bid. They would come here and do a study and see exactly what the best location would be, we have some ideas of where we think they need to go but the sound study will determine if that is correct. It would still use our main controls at station 1 for the additional warning sirens. Councilman Thompson asked how much was set aside in the budget for this? Chief Walker thinks it was \$ 60,000.00 or something close to that amount. He hopes it is in there but we would need to pay the electrical hook up as well.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.


MAYOR GERALD GREER


CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE