



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting January 18, 2022 6:00 PM Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Steve Allen

Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson

Councilman Tim Adkins

Councilman Gerald Greer

Councilman Chris Kerrigan

Councilman Roger Jackson

Councilman JT Smith

PLEDGE AND PRAYER

Councilman Adkins led the pledge and prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 14, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the December 14, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as written. All approved by voice vote.

SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

At this time, Mayor Allen presented Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson and Councilman Roger Jackson with appreciation awards for their years of service as council members.

2. Councilman Tony Young

Judge Jim Stinnett swore in Mr. Tony Young as the newly elected Councilman representing ward one.

3. Councilman Kevin Thompson

Judge Jim Stinnett swore in Mr. Kevin Thompson as the newly elected Councilman representing ward three.

4. Councilman Tim Adkins

Judge Jim Stinnett swore in Councilman Tim Adkins as a reelected Councilman representing ward two.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-MAYOR

Mayor Allen opened the floor for nominations. Councilman Adkins nominated Councilman Kerrigan. Councilman Thompson nominated Councilman Greer. Councilman Kerrigan nominated Councilman Smith. Mayor Allen closed the floor for nominations. The 1st round went as follows: Councilman Greer voted himself, Councilman Thompson voted Councilman Greer, Councilman Smith voted himself, Councilman Kerrigan voted himself, Councilman Adkins voted Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Young voted Councilman Smith, Mayor Allen voted Councilman Smith. The 2nd round went as follows: Councilman Greer voted himself, Councilman Thompson voted Councilman Greer, Councilman Smith voted himself, Councilman Kerrigan voted himself, Councilman Adkins voted Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Young voted Councilman Kerrigan, Mayor Allen voted Councilman Smith. The 3rd round went as follows: Councilman Greer voted himself, Councilman Thompson voted Councilman Greer, Councilman Smith voted himself, Councilman Kerrigan voted himself, Councilman Adkins voted Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Young voted Councilman Greer, Mayor Allen voted Councilman Smith. The 4th round went as follows: Councilman Greer voted himself, Councilman Thompson voted

Councilman Smith, Councilman Smith voted himself, Councilman Kerrigan voted himself, Councilman Adkins voted Councilman Smith, Councilman Young voted Councilman Smith, and Mayor Allen voted Councilman Smith. With a majority vote of five (5) to two (2), Councilman Smith was elected Vice Mayor.

PUBLIC FORUM

William Reilly - Mr. Reilly stated that he is a resident of the Braxton. He stated that he would like to add pickleball lines on the other tennis court. He stated that his second request was to add a backboard on the new fencing so that residents could play alone.

Michael Holt - Mr. Holt stated that he was wondering if anyone had questions about the rezoning. He stated that he was looking at building townhomes and selling them. Mr. Holt stated that this was at the corner of Little Marrowbone and Highway 12 and consisted of three (3) acres. Councilman Greer asked how many units and if he was planning to rent or sell them. Mr. Holt stated 35 and it was his intent to sell them all. Councilman Smith asked how big they were. Mr. Holt stated that they were 1620 sq feet of living space. Councilman Greer asked about the price point. Mr. Holt stated they would go for \$299,000-\$350,000.

REPORTS

5. City Attorney

Ms. Noe stated that the Hidden Lakes trial was started and then the snow hit so they did not finish. She stated that as of now, there is no new trial date.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Blue Cross Healthy Places Grant

Mr. Sampson Stated that we did not get awarded the grant for the BCBS Healthy Places Grant. He stated that we would try again next year.

7. Bicentennial Trail Grant Update

Mr. Sampson stated that we are currently in the NEPA phase, and he hopes to have it approved by midsummer. He stated if it was, it would go to the final design.

8. City Recorder Position

Mayor Allen stated that Ms. Alicia Martin accepted the position of City Recorder and has done a fantastic job as interim. He stated that he would really appreciate the council's support to appoint her. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Greer, to appoint Ms. Martin as City Recorder. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

9. CCEC Memorandum for Understanding Agreement

Ms. Noe stated that she spoke with Chief Ray regarding this agreement, and they are asking to not approve it. She stated that if a child is involved in an incident, DCS is required to support it so there would not be a need for our officers to report it. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Young, to deny the agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

10. Ordinance: Budget Amendment #4 (Fire and Police)

Ms. Bowman stated that this was for a second reading. She stated that this is to appropriate the donations received for Fire and Police. A motion was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, to approve the budget amendment. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

11. Ordinance: Amend Ordinance 561- Land Use Regulations

Chief Walker stated that this was for a second reading. He stated this was written in two places and needed to be removed from one. A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the Ordinance. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

12. Ordinance: Redistricting Wards

Ms. Noe stated that this was for a final reading. She stated that after the census came back, we were knocked out of compliance, and we need to redistrict to be more equal. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the Ordinance. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

13. Ordinance: Temporary Use Permit

Chief Walker stated that we need to defer this to the Planning Commission to revise the language. He stated that it is on the agenda for the Planning Commission in February and then it will come back before the council. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Ordinance. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

NEW BUSINESS

14. Events Policy

Mr. Sampson stated that he and Jennifer need to get together to come up with a policy. He stated that Ms. Noe wanted to wait for the new board members to get opinions on alcohol sales. She stated they would have a rough draft next month.

15. Hampton Signal Change Order

Mr. Biggers stated that this is for the light at Walmart for the Hampton Inn. He stated that the pole needs to be changed because it is not suitable. Mr. Biggers stated that this is a pass-through. Councilman Thompson asked if they would be adding poles or lights. Mr. Biggers stated that they would add lights coming out of the Hampton Inn. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the change order. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

16. Senior Exercise Instructor Contract

Ms. Batts stated that this was a contract for the new exercise instructor that is evidence-based. She stated that it is reimbursed by GNRC. A motion was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, to approve the contract. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

17. Merchant Agreement for Payment Processing

Ms. Martin stated that this is an agreement to switch from our current merchant, AMS, to a merchant directly through their Tyler program. She stated that this would help streamline reports and make everything run smoother for the finance department. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

18. Ordinance: Budget Amendment #5 (Senior, Fire, and Codes)

Ms. Bowman stated that this budget amendment would appropriate the money for the COVID grant for the fire department, give codes the money needed for salaries, and appropriate the funds the Senior Center received for the TCAD grant and Kathy's Kitchen. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Young, to approve the budget amendment. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

19. Ordinance: Moving City Election

Ms. Noe stated that she was happy to go through the process required to move the election. She asked to defer this and stated she could have something ready next month to present to the council. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, to defer the Ordinance. All approved by voice vote.

20. Ordinance: Rezone Parcel 062 035.06.000

Chief Walker stated that this is a request to rezone this parcel from R1 to R4 and it is located right across from Station II. He stated this has been recommended by the planning commission.

Mayor Allen stated that this was for a first reading. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Adkins, to approve the rezone.
Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

21. 1996 Chevy 3500

Mr. Biggers stated that this truck has already been replaced and that he wanted to sell this one. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the surplus. All approved by voice vote.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

22. Request to Rebid Roof Replacement Public Works and Police Department

Mr. Biggers asked to put the roof out to bid for a third time. A motion was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Adkins, to approve the rebid. All approved by voice vote.

OTHER

Pavilion Repair - Mr. Sampson stated that a semi-truck hit the pavilion at Riverbluff, and it was submitted to insurance. He stated that this is a contract for their insurance to pay for the repairs. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Young, to approve the contract for repair. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

ACA Agreement - Ms. Bowman stated that this agreement is required by Benefits, Inc. Ms. Noe stated that a modification needs to be added to the indemnification clause stating, "as allowed by law". A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Adkins, to approve the agreement with these modifications. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

Resolution: Inclement Weather Policy - Ms. Bowman stated that there were a lot of questions raised during payroll regarding pay during the inclement weather we had. She stated that after a phone call to MTAS with Mayor Allen and Jennifer they made changes to the policy since ours was out of date. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, to approve the Resolution. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

Resolution: Contagious Disease Policy - Ms. Bowman Stated that her office all tested positive, and they had to close. She stated that we did not have a policy in place, and this would give the Mayor the right to close. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the Resolution. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to adjourn the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. All approved by voice vote.


MAYOR STEVE ALLEN


CITY RECORDER ALICIA MARTIN, CMFO