



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY**  
**Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting**  
**March 10, 2020 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and declared a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mayor Steve Allen  
Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson  
Councilman Tim Adkins  
Councilman Gerald Greer  
Councilman Roger Jackson  
Councilman Chris Kerrigan  
Councilwoman Lisa Walker

**PLEDGE AND PRAYER**

Councilman Adkins led the pledge and prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Special Called Council Meeting Minutes 1-28-2020
2. Council Meeting Minutes 2-11-2020

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve both the January 28, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting minutes and the February 11, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Candice Beasley: Flooding and Water Quality Issues-** Ms. Beasley stepped forward and stated she is here tonight because her basement flooded again last week. She stated there are no ditches on North Poole and Turner Street. Mayor Allen stated the guys in Public Works have been very busy cleaning ditches and drainpipes, but it doesn't take long for them to get full again with all the rain we have been having lately. Ms. Beasley stated the issue is there are no drains or a way to reroute the water and no path for it to follow. Mayor Allen stated he would be glad to get the guys out there to look at it and there may need to be an engineering study done to see what they can do; however, he will get people out there to look at it. Ms. Beasley also stated they have very little water pressure and the water that is coming out of the faucet in her home has dirt and pebbles floating in it and further smells like chlorine. Mayor stated typically the only debris in the water is due to repair. Councilman Jackson stated they will test the water from the house. Ms. Beasley stated she is home every Monday and Tuesday and would love for them to test the water. Mayor questioned if that area is meeting the state requirement for the pressure test. Chief Walker responded they have tested it and it is meeting the minimum standard. Mayor apologized and stated he will get with the guys tomorrow and come look at the ditches and will further get with the water treatment plant to see what they can do about checking the water.

**Stacey Stuart: Flooding Issues-** Ms. Stuart stepped forward and stated she is here tonight to discuss flooding issues on her property as well. She stated her property did not flood during the 2010 flood. She further stated when Chris Cherry was the Public Works Director he came to the property and installed a curb that did help, but after the road was paved they did a slight incline on the road that

allowed the water to drain to the other side of the road. She stated since Piedmont Gas came out and did all their work, they knocked out the curb and messed up the road that was helping with the drainage issues and now the water runs right into her house. She stated her foundation is broken and they now have mold issues. Further, her mother is handicapped, and it would cost her around thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to raise the foundation on the home. She stated she intends to apply for the home grant if it is awarded and she is asking for the city's support in dealing with the gas company that made the issue worse. Mayor stated the gas company hired subcontractors who did not do a good job. Councilman Anderson stated it would be a good idea to have the engineer look at this as well. Mayor stated they will do everything they can to help.

**Jim Elmi: Concerns with Equipment for Police Officers-** Mr. Elmi stepped forward and stated the town has some of the best lawyers, judges and law enforcement in the state; however, the officers do not have equipment that is safe enough. He stated there is a warehouse in Nashville where our officers can get the best equipment and we need to allow them to utilize it. He stated we need new buildings and should ask the federal government to build a new water department. After much discussion Vice Mayor Anderson stated he formerly worked for Brentwood Police Department and they have a much larger revenue than Ashland City; however, the equipment our officers have is better than their equipment. Mayor stated he will research the facility Mr. Elmi mentioned and see if we can utilize it. Mr. Elmi stated we need to protect men and women who are working for us.

**Khristian Berry: Water Adjustment-** Ms. Berry stepped forward and stated she lives at Sycamore Place Apartments and learned she had a leak when she received a thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300) water bill. She further stated her bill is normally sixty to sixty-five dollars (\$60-\$65) and maintenance has fixed the issue. Mayor stated Ms. Berry's bill normally averages fifty-six dollars and seventy-one cents (\$56.71) and her leak bill totaled one thousand two hundred and forty-six dollars (\$1,246). A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to adjust the bill down to an average. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

**Dakota McDonald: Water Adjustment-** Mr. McDonald stated he had a leak outside the house, and they repaired the leak, but he would like to request a credit back. Mayor stated the leak bill totaled two hundred and sixty-seven dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$267.98), but normally averages thirty-six dollars (\$36). A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to adjust the bill down to an average. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

**Jacob Poindexter: Water Adjustment-** Mr. Poindexter stated he lives on Skyview Drive where the new constructed homes are, and he had a leak in the toilet tank causing a bill to skyrocket. Mayor stated Mr. Poindexter's bill totaled one hundred seventy-six dollars and seventy-three cents (\$179.73) and normally averages sixty-eight dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$68.99). A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to adjust the bill down to an average. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

**April Raines: Water Adjustment-** Ms. Raines stated she had a leak in the line, and it has been fixed, but she would like to request an adjustment. Mayor stated the leak bill totaled five hundred and twenty-three dollars and sixty four cents (\$523.64) and normally averages eighty one dollars and fifty cents (\$81.50). A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to adjust the bill down to an average. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

**Courtne Warren: Water Adjustment-** Ms. Warren stepped forward and stated she had a high water bill at 2812 Bell Street and it has since been fixed. Mayor stated the leak bill totaled four hundred and eight dollars and seven cents (\$498.07) and normally averages eighty-five dollars and seventy one cents (\$85.71). A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson to adjust the bill down to an average. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

**Robert Wilson: Water Adjustment-** Mr. Wilson stepped forward and stated he has the same issue and his bill went up, but he has been paying on it monthly. Mayor stated Mr. Wilson's leak bill totaled one thousand five hundred and ninety-seven dollars and forty four cents (\$1,597.44) and normally

averages eighty nine dollars and thirty nine cents (\$89.39). A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to adjust the bill down to an average. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

**Kellie Reed: Water Adjustments-** Ms. Reed stated she had three water adjustments that need to be presented to council. First, Richard Bishop has moved, and he had a water heater leak causing a high bill in the amount of four hundred and fifty-nine dollars and forty-six cents (\$459.46), but it normally averaged one hundred and three dollars and ninety-three cents (\$103.93). Second, Ruby Honeycutt is deceased, and she had a toilet leak causing a high bill in the amount of three hundred ninety-nine dollars and twenty cents (\$399.20), but normally averaged eighty-eight dollars and four cents (\$88.04). Third, Tyresa Husbands has moved, and she had a toilet leak that caused a high bill in the amount of one hundred and sixty six dollars and eighteen cents (\$166.18) and normally averaged eighty two dollars and eighty eight cents (\$82.88). A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to adjust these bills down to an average. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

## REPORTS

### 3. City Attorney Report

Ms. Jennifer Noe stated she wanted to let the board know there is an Attorney General opinion that has allowed several lawsuits in which the city may be eligible to collect settlement on cost of Narcan and further she may need to enlist the help of another attorney office that would handle the filing on a contingency fee. Councilman Jackson questioned what it is about. Ms. Noe responded it is a judgement to recoup time of officers and firefighters for overdoses.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### 4. Ordinance: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Amendment #2

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 19/20 FISCAL YEAR. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to approve the budget amendment. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker. **2nd reading**

### 5. Ordinance: Amending Title 15: Rules of Road

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE REPLACING MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 15 AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE STATE TRAFFIC OFFENSES AND RULES OF THE ROAD. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the ordinance to amend Title 15. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker. **2nd reading**

### 6. Ordinance: Updating Title 18 Chapter 1: Section 7: 18-107

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 18, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 18-107. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to amend Title 18, Chapter 1. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker. **2nd reading**

### 7. Ordinance: Title 2, Chapter 2: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TO ESTABLISH TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Greer, to add Title 2, Chapter 2 to the Municipal Code. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker. **2nd reading**

### 8. Resolution: Employee Manual Updates

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY UPDATING A PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURE MANUAL GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT WITH

THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY. Mayor questioned if this goes with the wage and salary policy. Ms. Reed stated it does as it takes everything regarding pay out of the manual and moves it to the wage and salary policy. Mayor suggested deferring this item for further discussion. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to defer the employee manual changes. All approved by voice vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

9. Ordinance: Rezone Map 64 Parcel 11.01- Highway 12 South and Caldwell Road  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PARCEL 11.01 OF THE CHEATHAM COUNTY TAX MAP 64, LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 12 SOUTH AND CALDWELL ROAD. Councilman Jackson questioned what the property is changing from. Chief Walker responded R-1 and the way he understands it is changing to the PO-PUD zoning the plan goes with the zoning and if the plan deviates it will have to go back to the planning commission. After much discussion Chief Walker suggested deferring the discussion to allow the planning commission to review this further. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Walker to defer the rezone. All approved by voice vote. Mr. Jackie Bates stated he is a resident with a lot of concern regarding this rezone. He further stated the property is connected to his property, but it is not listed on the map. In addition, they have moved a lot of dirt on this property and now there is flooding in the yards of the neighboring residents. Councilman Jackson stated since it has been deferred to the planning commission Mr. Bates can go to the meeting to voice his concerns. Vice Mayor Anderson stated he has a hard time telling someone what they can or can't do with their property. Further recently there was a business that opened in town several people opposed but they met all the requirements so the town couldn't stop them. Mr. Tim Wayman stated he lives behind the property and the owner was moving dirt on Sunday and is not taking care of his property. Further, there is no seed or straw spread and there is a fence, but now it is just bare dirt. Mayor stated the PUD means the owner will be required to do everything according to the plan so this is the best option to give them.
10. Pickleball Discussion  
Mr. Randy Smith stepped forward and stated he is a neighbor and friend to Bob Schaeffer. He further stated he felt it would be an asset to the city to convert the tennis court to be dual purpose for tennis and pickleball. Mayor stated he would like to be able to, but he would like to construct a new court not to change our current one. Vice Mayor Anderson requested we look into the cost of constructing one. Mr. Bob Schaeffer stated if you make them dual purpose we can play either tennis or pickleball. Mayor stated this can be discussed by the Parks and Recreation Board as well.
11. Resolution: TOSHA Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan  
A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN UPDATED OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM PLAN, DEVISE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A SAFETY COORDINATOR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROGRAM PLAN. Ms. Reed stated this is to update the plan we currently have as we are required to do so every six or seven years. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Resolution to establish an updated occupational safety and health program plan. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.
12. Resolution: Wage and Salary Policy  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY UPDATING THE WAGE AND SALARY POLICY GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to defer for further discussion. All approved by voice vote.
13. Resolution: Charter Changes  
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TO AMEND THE CHARTER WHICH WAS LAST AMENDED IN 2018 BY THE PRIVATE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. Ms. Reed stated this is to

amend to take out the verbiage for the financial officer. Councilwoman Walker asked if there is anything else we need to look at changing. Ms. Noe stated there probably is not enough time. After some discussion a motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve the resolution to amend the charter. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

14. Appoint Board of Equalization Representative

Ms. Noe stated the Property Assessor's office contacted her regarding the appointment of the Board of Equalization. Further, Ms. Yvonne Stinnett has represented the town for several years and she is willing to continue doing so. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Greer, to appoint Ms. Stinnett to the Board of Equalization. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

15. Clark Renewal Contracts

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Clark Renewal Contracts. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

16. Budget Amendment- Riverbluff Stage Cover

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 19/20 FISCAL YEAR. Mr. Sampson stated he has gotten three (3) bids to construct a metal cover over the stage at Riverbluff Park and the city would be able to host more events with this cover. 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, Councilwoman Walker.

17. Update on Caldwell Park.

Ms. Noe stated she spoke with Buddy Wright some time back and he surveyed the area, but had not written it up. Mayor stated he has called him several times and he has not returned his call yet. He further stated it is eight (8) acres in conflict with the Girth Family and he would rather give the property to them and be done. Chief Walker stated he spoke to Jeff Chandler some time back and he stated he would survey the property for between ten thousand and thirteen thousand dollars (\$10,000 -\$13,000). Mayor stated he will try to reach back out to Mr. Wright. Ms. Noe stated she has been in contact with the attorney for the Girth Family.

18. CEC Engineering Agreement for the Sewer Treatment Plant Project

Ms. Noe asked for this to be deferred to the next meeting so she can discuss a few proposed changes with Mr. Westerman. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to defer this agreement. All approved by voice vote.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS:**

None.

**EXPENDITURE REQUESTS:**

19. Cheatham County Enhancement Coalition Half Marathon Sponsorship

Ms. Melissa Womack stated this is the sponsorship for the Walk Across Tennessee program. Further the Coalition sent all the required paperwork except the audit. Ms. Noe stated there are certain requirements the comptroller has for donations which is why this is being brought before the council. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to approve the sponsorship once we receive the proper documentation. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilwoman Walker.

**OTHER**

Mayor stated there has been a lot going on. Further, he met with A.O. Smith and made sure everything is going well there.

Councilman Jackson asked if someone can check on the beaver issue and see how we can get that resolved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Walker, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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MAYOR STEVE ALLEN



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CITY RECORDER KELLIE REED, CMFO, CMC