



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY Budget Meeting July 21, 2020 6:00 PM Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He further turned the meeting over to Budget Chairman Jackson.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Vice Chairman Roger Jackson
Committee Member Tim Adkins
Committee Member Daniel Anderson
Committee Member Gerald Greer
Committee Member Chris Kerrigan
Committee Member Lisa Walker

ABSENT

Chairman Mayor Steve Allen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Committee Member Walker, seconded by Committee Member Anderson, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Committee Member Anderson, seconded by Committee Member Kerrigan, to approve the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes as written. All approved by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution: Governor's Local Government Support Grant Funding
Mr. Sampson presented ideas for the parks. He stated the shade structures are priced based on the town installing them. Chairman Jackson stated he likes the ones at the park in Hendersonville and questioned if this company has something like those shade sails. Mr. Sampson stated he can get quotes for that type of structure as well. Chief Walker stated the playground at Fire Station II gets a lot of use, but he feels like it would get more use if there were some shade structures out there especially this time of year. Chief Walker stated they had originally proposed this in the budget, but they cut this out when they cut items from the budget. Chairman Jackson questioned how much the city will receive for this grant. Chief Walker responded it is a little over one hundred and thirty three thousand dollars (\$133,000). He further stated they could use the money for engineering over Puzzlefoot Creek to provide access across the creek. Mr. Sampson stated he cut the signage, HVAC units in the bathrooms, and Christmas decorations out of his budget as well. He further stated he cut seventy five thousand (\$75,000) out of the Parks Department budget this year. Councilman Kerrigan stated what he is seeing online the shade structure triangles are more expensive. Councilman Greer asked if we can pick one park to do those and do the lesser expensive ones at the other park. After much discussion a motion was made by Committee Member Anderson, seconded by Committee Member Kerrigan, to utilize the grant money for the parks. All approved by voice vote.
2. Land Discussion: Map 049N Parcel 00.200
Ms. Gayle stated this is for the bid on the land adjoining the property for City Hall. Committee Member Adkins questioned the date of the auction. Ms. Bowman stated she didn't have a date for the auction at this time. Chairman Jackson stated the one hundred and fifty thousand

(\$150,000) they approved for the purchase may not be enough due to the interest in the property. Committee Member Adkins questioned how it is going clearing the City Hall site property. Chief Walker stated Clint's crew is clearing it and it is going well. Chief Walker informed the committee Mayor Allen called about the lot behind the Fire Hall site and the owners are interested in selling. Further, they will be sending the information to the Mayor. He stated if the property is reasonable they would be able to push the building back on the property some to help with the turn radius.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Ordinance - Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Budget Amendment #1
Ms. Bowman explained twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) was mistakenly left out of the budget advertisement and this amendment will be to add money back into the line item to pay the reserve officers. She further stated this item was on the agenda to inform the committee why and what happened. Further, this will be on the agenda next month for first reading.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS:

None.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS:

None.

OTHER.

4. Possible Future Ball Fields
Mr. Sampson handed out a map showing possible uses for the land currently owned by the county if the city does decide to purchase this land. Chairman Jackson questioned how much they paid for it. Chief Walker responded they paid seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) per acre. Committee Member Anderson stated he would like the committee to think about putting money back in the budget specifically for the future development of this.
5. Water and Sewer Line
Chairman Jackson questioned running the line to the river. Chief Walker stated they are working on an easement for this currently.
6. Veteran's Memorial Park Water Bill
Ms. Bowman stated the Veterans Memorial Park was under the assumption that the city would take care of the water bill. Committee Member Anderson stated we talked about giving them a donation, but did not make a formal decision. Committee Member Greer stated he would like to find out more information and what the city will be responsible for paying. Committee Member Anderson questioned if we can put it on the workshop agenda for discussion. Ms. Bowman stated yes and she will follow up with the park representatives to let them know. Committee Member Walker requested an updated timeline for the City Hall Project.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Committee Member Walker, seconded by Committee Member Greer, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

MAYOR STEVE ALLEN

CITY RECORDER KELLIE REED, CMFO, CMC