



## **TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY**

### **Regularly Scheduled Workshop Meeting**

### **October 04, 2022 6:00 PM**

### **Minutes**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **PRESENT**

Mayor JT Smith  
Vice Mayor Gerald Greer  
Councilman Tim Adkins  
Councilman Chris Kerrigan  
Councilman Michael Smith  
Councilman Kevin Thompson  
Councilman Tony Young

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Vice Mayor Greer, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. September 06, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the September 6, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2. General Sessions Term Discussion

Ms. Noe stated that as of October 1st, everything new moved to the County and everything pending stayed with the city. She stated that this is to determine when we can totally get rid of everything. Ms. Noe stated that realistically, anything prior to September 30th would have a first appearance in January, trial in March or April, and should be resolved by the end of the fiscal year June of 2024. She stated that Chief Ray and Deputy Chief Matlock are good with this date. Mr. Ray Crouch stated that it makes perfect sense for a dead date of June, 30, 2024. Ms. Noe stated there would be an Ordinance for two (2) readings.

3. Planning and Future Growth Application Review

Councilman Greer asked if all the applicants qualified. Mr. Nicholson stated there were two (2) that were not voters in Ashland City. Councilman Greer asked if Mr. Nicholson could have a mission statement for the board ready by next week. Mr. Nicholson stated that he would work on that. Councilman Kerrigan stated he felt it best that all twelve (12) applicants were interviewed and Councilman Greer agreed.

4. Industrial Sewer Contract Discussion

Ms. Bowman stated that this is the contract the board turned down last month and the percentage they wanted was not clear. Mr. Biggers suggested we keep it the same at ten percent (10%). Mr. Jim Dillingham, the Chairman of the Wastewater Authority, stated that they currently pay Ashland City to bill for sewer and the current rate is ten percent (10%) and has been that way since 1999. He stated that they received a letter that it was going up to twenty-five percent (25%) and they did not understand why, but if you are good with ten percent (10%) so are we. Councilman Kerrigan stated that things go up and there has not been an increase in a long time, but if we can operate at the old amount then we will stay. Councilman Thompson stated that gas was five dollars per gallon. Mr. Dillingham stated that they do not inflict that to the town and all the town does is collect on fourteen (14) accounts for them. Ms. Bowman

stated that we do not have a good current contract with them. Mr. Dillingham stated that they will be doing that next week.

5. Skyview Drive Discussion

Mr. Nicholson stated that last month they discussed speed bumps on Skyview Drive and Chief Walker brought up the City of Brentwood where a speed bump damaged their firetruck. Chief Walker stated that we don't have them anywhere else in the city. Mr. Biggers suggested to monitor first and see what happens. Councilman Kerrigan stated that the residents are complaining about speeding, but it's the current residents and not because of through traffic.

6. Memorial Dedications Discussion

Mr. Clark stated that he had discussed memorial trees and benches in the parks and on the trails with the board. He stated that he was wanting clarification on pricing. Mr. Clark asked if it would be set, case by case, or any at all. Councilman Kerrigan stated we should mirror Clarksville. Councilman Thompson asked if Mr. Clark would be controlling it and Mr. Clark stated yes.

7. Ordinance: Modify Title 7, Chapter 6 Fireworks

Chief Walker stated that based on the discussion at the last meeting, they do not want to get rid of it so he will do whatever. He stated that he would like to add an option to postpone if there is a dry spell. Ms. Noe asked the board for direction on changes. Councilman Kerrigan asked if there were dates when the tents could set up. Chief Walker stated it is not regulated. Ms. Noe stated she would add a contingency plan and regulations on tent set up.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Cheatham County Library Update

Ms. Bowman stated that we donate \$12,500 annually to the library and they are here to explain how that is used. Ms. May Lingner thanked the town for their support. She stated the library's service area population is around 26,000 and 18,000 hold a library card. Ms. Lingner stated that during the pandemic they changed how things were done and implemented a lot of new services like curbside. She stated that when they receive our funds, it is split between books and materials and electronic resources. Ms. Lingner stated that she really appreciates our support and there are some awesome things coming soon like a cold lab and a makers space so keep a lookout.

9. West Elm St Reimbursement Discussion

Councilman Smith stated that there were errors made when permits were issued and he felt the council needed to review it. He stated that the property owner is out quite a bit and wants to consider reimbursing them. Councilman Thompson stated that the homeowner wants a covered patio instead of a deck. Councilman Kerrigan asked if the deck was still up. Mr. Nicholson stated that today was the last day to remove it and tomorrow the property owner will be cited to court. He stated that there was an error issuing the permit, but there was also some conflicting receipts submitted for what was spent and that needs to be reviewed if you decide to reimburse. Ms. Noe stated that the council does not have the right to overturn the decision of the board of zoning and appeals and the only thing they could do as a council is take the BZA to court. She stated that the BZA determined that the property owner did not meet the criteria and did not grant the variance. Ms. Noe stated that she still does not meet the criteria for the variance she is asking for now. She stated that she also got a second opinion from MTAS and they stated the City does not have to reimburse this. Councilman Kerrigan stated that a permit is not a binding contract and if we reimburse for this we set a precedence for the future if mistakes are made again. Councilman Thompson stated that a mistake was still made and not the owner wants a covered patio. Councilman Kerrigan stated that Ms. Noe just said we could not do that. Councilman Thompson stated that it is up to the board to decide.

10. Noise Ordinance Discussion

Mr. Nicholson stated that this was adopted in 1973 and is outdated. He stated that we need to go through and revise it.

11. Parking in Town Discussion

Councilman Thompson stated that parking in the downtown district is a disaster and it was a disaster at Music on Main this past weekend. He stated that if we are ever going to bring people

to our town, we need more parking. Mr. Thompson recommended the City purchase the three (3) empty lots next to Cody's Diner and making it parking. Councilman Adkins asked if they knew the price for the lots. Ms. Noe stated that at one time they were asking over one million.

12. Hiring of Farrar and Bates

Ms. Noe stated that just as she predicted the Hidden Lakes Trial is being appealed and our insurance covers \$100,000 in legal fees. She stated that we have already gone through that and if they are going to continue representing us, they are going to need to be compensated. Ms. Noe stated that it is the boards decision, but she thinks it would be smart to have their help. Councilman Greer asked what happens if we lose. Ms. Noe stated that we would start issuing building permits out there.

13. US Geological Joint Funding Agreement

Chief Walker stated that this is a contract for the river gauge. He stated it has been done for several years, he believes since 2011. Chief Walker stated we pay \$3500.00, and the County pays \$3500.00.

### **SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS**

14. Weapons from PD

Chief Ray stated that these weapons were donated by Walmart, and they want to donate them to the Chief's Association for scholarship funds.

### **EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

None.

### **OTHER**

Councilman Adkins asked if the sound system could be reinstalled and the council use it again so that the audience could hear. Mr. Nicholson stated that a new system has been purchased and will be installed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Greer, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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MAYOR JT SMITH

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CITY ALICIA MARTIN, CMFO