



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Regularly Scheduled Workshop Meeting
July 06, 2021 6:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Steve Allen

Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson

Councilman Gerald Greer

Councilman Roger Jackson

Councilman Chris Kerrigan

Councilman JT Smith

ABSENT

Councilman Tim Adkins

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 1, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the June 1, 2021, Workshop Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

REPORTS

Fire, Codes, and IT - Chief Chuck Walker stated they had been busy but had a fairly quiet 4th of July weekend.

Police Department - Chief Kenny Ray stated they had been busy but not much with anything fireworks-related.

Senior Center - Ms. Gena Batts stated that the Center had been really busy, they had an upcoming day trip in August, a Kayak and Canoe group that was starting up, and a new Music for Seniors program.

Public Works/Utilities - Mr. Clint Biggers stated that they were just keeping up with tree trimming and mowing. He stated that all the paving around town was complete.

Parks Department - Mr. Scott Sampson stated that the Cheatham County Dog Pack was awarded the \$25,000.00 dog park grant and they should be breaking ground on that sometime this year. Mr. Sampson stated that the Main Street Awards were announced. He thanked the citizens for voting Riverbluff Park as a finalist, the Bicentennial Trail as a finalist, and then Caldwell Park as a finalist and winner of Best Park and Recreation in Cheatham County. He stated that Ashland City Parks were finalists for the Best Family Fun Venue in Cheatham County.

Financial Department - Ms. Gayle Bowman stated that she put the Financial Report in the packet she gave Council. She stated that she also gave them the email she sent to Vance to let them know what she knows about the loans and hopefully she would talk to someone soon and find out where we were at. She stated that they were working through vacations and a little short-handed but they were business as usual and were making changes with insurance.

City Recorder - Ms. Alicia Martin stated that she has been really busy trying to play catch up and she gave the Council an email example of what to include in the newsletter they requested and asked for feedback.

Court Department - None.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Caldwell Park

Councilman Greer stated that when they first started these discussions, he was charged with finding something to do with the park and he believed that with the response received from the community, the people could make this park a nature jewel for this city. He stated that he had spoken with a fellow musician, who was a published author, that believed he could get involved with the park to create mountain biking trails. Councilman Greer stated that one thing they should see there was a pavilion with restrooms and Ms. Jane Crisps' generous proposal would get us there with money left over to help with other parks as well. He asked if the other council members had questions. Councilman Kerrigan stated that the first thing that needed to happen was to get a sign so people knew where it was and they needed to discuss if they wanted to accept Ms. Crisps' proposal. Councilman Greer stated a structure would not cost that much for the size we need and that it just needed to have room for four (4) to six (6) picnic tables. Mr. Sampson questioned how the land would perk with toilets. Councilman Greer stated that if there would be a large event happening they would need to have porta-potties at the expense of the event host. He stated they could apply for grants to get more money to enhance the park further and it did not need to happen all at once. Councilman Greer stated that to attract people it would just need to have basic amenities. Mr. Sampson said maybe a 15x30 shelter, 2 bathrooms, and some trash cans. Councilman Greer asked what they needed to do to get started. Mr. Sampson stated they would need to have a list of what they wanted to do. Councilman Kerrigan asked what Ms. Crisps' time frame was. Ms. Crisp stated that her only concern was to have a memorial or dedication in the fall for her late husband but that she just wanted an unveiling of a new sign or something to honor him, it did not have to have all that other stuff to do that. After much discussion, Mayor Allen asked if Ms. Crisp could get with Mr. Josh Wright after the meeting to discuss a design.

3. Ordinance Franchise Agreement: CEMC

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO GRANTEE, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO ERECT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN, UNDER, OVER, ALONG, ACROSS THE STREETS, LANES, AVENUES, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, AND EASEMENTS DEDICATED FOR COMPATIBLE USES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, AND THE SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONS THERETO, TOWERS, FIBERS, CABLES AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING A CABLE SYSTEM, AS DEFINED HEREIN, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, REGULATING THE SAME AND PROVIDING COMPENSATION TO THE CITY. Ms. Martin stated that Ms. Jennifer Noe would speak on this next week.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Amendment to GNRC Grant Contract

Ms. Batts stated that this was just to continue the grant they give them each year.

5. Planner Contract

Chief Walker stated that this was an agreement to use Mr. Rick Gregory as our planner in place of GNRC.

6. Comprehensive Plan by Josh Wright

Mr. Wright stated that this was a comprehensive plan for the city which was a road map for the Town of Ashland City for the next 20 years. He stated that if Ms. Crisp would like, he could include a schematic design for Caldwell Park in this as well. Mr. Wright stated that this would also allow Mr. Sampson to apply for more grants for the parks here. He stated there would be a series of 13 meetings and it would allow the community to have an input. Mr. Sampson stated that this was already included in the budget. Mr. Wright informed Ms. Crisp that this would allow her to get a budgetary idea and design to present to the council.

7. Tyler Incode 10 for Court

Ms. Bowman stated that this was the agreement to move Court to Incode 10. She stated that this was already in the budget.

8. Hold Harmless Agreement for Firearms

Chief Ray stated that this was an agreement with Walmart who donated 2 weapons to the Police Department for them to donate to the Chief's Association for their scholarship funds.

9. Tyler Incode 10 Project Accounting

Ms. Bowman stated that this was a new program that would allow them to track projects, grants, and later a capital budget from start to finish.

10. 2022 Local Government DA Grant

Ms. Bowman stated this was the money the state was giving the City. She stated that they had to accept the money with an agreement and then the council would decide what to do with it. Ms. Bowman stated that they had asked for it to go towards a new roof over Public Works and the Police Department.

11. Ordinance: Amending Ordinance #551 Title 12, Chapter 1, Section 12-101

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AMENDING ORDINANCE #551 TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 12-101. Chief Walker stated that this was to update the language for the residential code.

12. Resolution: Authorizing Check Signers

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING SIGNERS TO ALL BANK ACCOUNTS. Ms. Bowman stated this was something they needed when someone leaves. She stated that they removed Ms. Reed and added Ms. Martin to be able to sign checks.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

13. 2001 Dodge 2500 Truck

Mr. Biggers stated the mice had eaten the wires and gas line up in this truck and it was time to get rid of it.

14. 2 Weapons

Chief Ray stated those were the 2 weapons donated by Walmart.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

15. Request to bid concrete work for playground at Fire Hall 2.

Mr. Sampson stated that this was a capital item already in the budget and they would like to get started on it sooner rather than later. Mayor Allen stated that he wanted the council to consider putting a shade structure over the playground at Riverbluff park.

16. Request to bid fencing at the tennis courts.

Mr. Sampson stated that this was the same as item #15.

OTHER

Newsletter for Council - Ms. Bowman asked if they would want to do away with department reports at Workshop if they were given weekly newsletters about the Department Head meetings. Councilman Anderson stated he would see no reason for them to be on the agenda anymore if it would be the same thing they would report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

MAYOR STEVE ALLEN

INTERIM CITY RECORDER ALICIA MARTIN, CMFO