



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY**  
**Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting**  
**December 14, 2021 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mayor Steve Allen

Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson

Councilman Tim Adkins

Councilman Gerald Greer

Councilman Roger Jackson

Councilman Chris Kerrigan

Councilman JT Smith

**PLEDGE AND PRAYER**

Councilman Adkins led the pledge and prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. November 09, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the November 09, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Kevin Thompson** - Mr. Thompson stated that he wanted to make sure that everyone is on the same track regarding the Temporary Use Permit and what is best for the Town. He stated that when he first brought this to the board he was looking for something to get away from the yard sale zoning that he had. Mr. Thompson stated that the zoning board went off of some rules that other cities went by and it doesn't really work for us. He stated that he wants to make sure that we remove the 51% of growth on your own property because 75% of his yard is in his front yard and he asked who would police it. Mr. Thompson stated that it should not matter when the produce is grown as long as it tastes good. He stated that the property should be zoned C2 or farming and that the time limit should be changed.

**Denise Thompson** - Ms. Thompson stated that she was there to speak about Meals on Wheels. She stated she wanted to know why it was removed because they were told it was removed for several different reasons. Ms. Thompson stated that they wanted to know what it would take to have it return to the center and were told by the council to speak to the administration and a couple of them have done that. She stated that she was told by Ms. Batts that it would be determined by the council. Ms. Thompson stated that this was a 40-year program in this center that many seniors attended. She stated that removing Meals on Wheels was not giving the seniors their full right to exercise their social potential. Ms. Thompson stated that Kathy's Kitchen has a fee of \$5.00 that many seniors can not afford. She stated that there have been many offers for donations but we are looking at a generation that will not take charity. Ms. Thompson stated that we had seniors that thrived to go every day to have a meal and socialize but it was removed. She stated that it was removed by the Mayor and Ms. Melissa Womack and it was never voted on by the council and they are having to go through hoops to get it back in the center.

**Arion Cole** - Mr. Cole stated that he was there to see that Meals on Wheels was put back in the center. He stated that it was removed because of Ms. Womack's recommendation. Mr. Cole stated that the

Mayor gave him his word that he would speak to Meals on Wheels to get their side of the story and he has not done so. He stated that they should not have to be doing this and the council should not have let this happen.

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

At this time, Mayor Allen presented awards to the winners of the Town of Ashland City's Christmas Parade.

**Third Place** - Tim Binkley for Sherriff

**Second Place** - Town of Ashland City

**First Place** - At Home Realty

**Mayor's Choice Award** - Colby's Army

### **REPORTS**

2. City Attorney

Ms. Jennifer Noe stated that the Hidden Lakes trial will begin on January 4, 2022.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

3. Soccer Club Proposal

Mr. Sampson stated that there was no one in attendance to speak on behalf of this proposal.

4. Catfish on the Cumberland

Councilman Kerrigan stated that at workshop we discussed coming up with a policy. Ms. Noe stated that she and Scott need to look at other cities and see how they handle events like this and come up with a proposal to present in January. Councilman Greer stated that he spoke with Ms. Keenan and discussed the possibility of reducing the size of the event for the first year without beer.

5. U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement

Chief Walker stated that this was on the agenda before but they had raised the price so we did not pay it. He stated that they have lowered it back down to the original price and he would recommend approving it. Ms. Bowman asked about the dates of the agreement and stated they would need to be changed. Ms. Noe stated that we can go ahead and approve the agreement with contingencies of a new contract and the correct dates. A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the agreement with changes. All approved by voice vote.

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

#### **AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 21/22 FISCAL YEAR**

Ms. Bowman stated that this one will need to be deferred due to being contingent on the \$25,000.00 donation we have not received yet. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to defer until the next meeting. All approved by voice vote.

7. Ordinance: Amend Ordinance 561- Land Use Regulations

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE BY DELETING ARTICLE III., SECTION 3.150 STANDARDS PERTAINING TO TREE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THE SECTION RESERVED**

Councilman Jackson asked if this was being done by codes. Chief Walker stated that it was brought up by planning. Councilman Jackson stated that he hasn't seen a tree planted since all of this started. He stated that the ordinance is not being followed. Councilman Jackson stated that before anyone starts building, they cannot cut down trees if it states they cannot cut them down and they need to plant back the trees they are supposed to. Vice Mayor Anderson stated that the ordinance conflicting with this language has already been passed. Councilman Jackson stated that it is not being followed. Chief Walker stated that according to the ordinance we are supposed to have a tree board. Councilman Jackson stated that there needs to be one because we aren't going to have any more trees. A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to defer the Ordinance until the next meeting. All approved by voice vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

8. Tyler Merchant Accounts  
Ms. Bowman stated that this is a contract we have to do for people to make online payments. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the contract. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.
9. Recruitment Advertising Contracts  
Chief Walker stated that these are contracts to allow us to advertise for recruits through our FEMA Grant. Ms. Noe stated that she requests that the language "as allowed by law" be added to the contracts under the hold harmless indemnification clause. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the contracts with changes. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.
10. Public Works Building Xerox Upgrade  
Mayor Allen asked to defer. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to defer until the next meeting. All approved by voice vote.
11. CCEC Memorandum for Understanding Agreement  
Chief Ray requested to defer this until the next meeting. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to defer until the next meeting. All approved by voice vote.
12. Resolution: Interim Financing City Hall  
**INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,300,000, BY THE EXECUTION WITH THE PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE, OF A LOAN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INTERIM FINANCING FOR THE TOWN'S NEW CITY HALL AND TO FUND THE INCIDENTAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES RELATED THERETO** A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Resolution. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.
13. Resolution: Loan Agreement City Hall  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOAN PURSUANT TO A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, AND THE PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,300,000; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID LOAN; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND BY SUCH PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID LOAN AND THE PAYMENT OF SUCH INDEBTEDNESS; CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE TOWN'S OBLIGATION UNDER SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT; AND, CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS** A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the Resolution. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.
14. Ordinance: Redistricting Wards  
**AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING THE WARDS FOR THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE** Ms. Noe stated that this is the formal Ordinance to approve the redistricting. She stated that this is for a first reading. A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the Ordinance. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.
15. Ordinance: Temporary Use Permit  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE BY AMENDING ARTICLE IV., SECTION 4.030(F) TEMPORARY USE**

**REGULATIONS** Chief Walker stated that he thinks we need to study this further. He stated that if the zoning is used as residential, it needs to be residential and vice versa. Chief Walker stated that it cannot be used both ways because it is being taxed for how it is used. Councilman Jackson stated this would not hurt the farmers market. Mr. Kevin Thompson stated that the farmers market is only on Saturdays. Councilman Greer asked what the percentage of outside vendors that sell at the farmers market are from outside of the City limits. Mr. Sampson stated we have maybe Five(5) vendors and four(4) of those are from outside the City. Councilman Jackson stated that looking at the business aspect of it, there are a lot of different rules when starting a business. He stated that selling veggies out of your yard is one thing but having an actual business is another. Councilman Greer stated that he would like to see some change. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to defer until the next meeting. All approved by voice vote.

### **SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS**

None.

### **EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

16. Award Bid: Water Tank Repairs

Ms. Bowman stated that the lowest bidder was Pittsburg Tank & Tower at \$45,715.00. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Adkins, to award the bid. All approved by voice vote.

17. Award Bid: Mowing Agreement

Mr. Sampson stated that he recommends the lower bid which came in at \$876.00 per cut. A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to award the bid to LCJW. All approved by voice vote.

18. Award Bid: Roof Replacement Public Works and Police Dept

Councilman Jackson stated he was concerned about how low the bid came in at. A motion was made by Councilman Greer to accept the lowest bid. No movement was made and the request failed. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Smith, to rebid for the roof replacement. All approved by voice vote.

### **OTHER**

Chief Walker stated that they had an applicant for a building inspector that they would like to hire instead of a building officer. After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to hire an inspector instead of an officer. All approved by voice vote.

Councilman Adkins stated that he had a resident reach out to him regarding the sirens after the storms. He stated that they are requesting we add more sirens for weather emergencies. Chief Walker stated that he agrees and the last time they looked into them they were quite expensive. He stated that we could look at doing a little at a time. Chief Walker stated that maybe we can speak to businesses in the industrial area about chipping in since it would benefit them and their employees. Councilman Jackson asked about reverse 911. Chief Walker stated that most people no longer have a home phone anymore. He stated that the weather trends are only going to get worse.

Mayor Allen thanked Vice Mayor Anderson and Councilman Jackson for their time served on the council.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, Seconded by Councilman Jackson, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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MAYOR STEVE ALLEN

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CITY RECORDER ALICIA MARTIN, CMFO