



## TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

### Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting

**April 13, 2021 6:00 PM**

### Minutes

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 6:11 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 prayer and pledge.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Reed requested adding Engagement Letter and Tyler Server Migration Agreement to the agenda. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the agenda with the changes. All approved by voice vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. March 9, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Holly Spann: 2121 Highway 12 Hickory Hills Condos.** Ms. Spann stated she is here in regard to Caldwell Nature Park. Further, she did a records request for the minutes that led to the purchase of Caldwell Nature Park. She stated she has a document here tonight to show the property taxes which are about eighty thousand (\$80,000) a year for surrounding area. She stated we were able to acquire the property bc of the children's parents and the history is very interesting for this property. We should be proud we took the opportunity to purchase the property twenty (20) years ago. She questioned why in 2021 we would think about divesting that property. If we cared about someone coming in to make that a residence, we should have let them do that that twenty (20) years ago. She further asked the council to please don't sell it.

**Lousie Mandrell Haywood:** Ms. Mandrell Haywood stated she just found out this meeting was going on this afternoon and she wanted to be here to find out what is going on, but also to tell you she loves my home and my neighbors. We are talking about people's homes and if it changes hands it will be a big change. She stated this is home to me and she is here asking you to consider the number of people and homes that will be affected in that area. She stated she appreciates all of you considering what this really means as she knows you already have, and you will consider that with everyone in mind.

**Greg Minor:** Mr. Minor stated he is a homeowner in Mount Juliet, but his in-laws own a home in Ashland City, and he visits over forty (40) weekends a year. Thank you allowing me to be here tonight as he is here to to speak on the future of Ashland City in regard to swap city hall for parcel owned by the county. Further, building a sports complex to benefit the youth sports has increased and is one

hundred percent (100%) recession proof. There are two (2) ways to have a successful program: have everyone volunteer or through tournaments. Mr. Minor shared dollar statistics and stated this is a big opportunity to make a big financial statement will impact every business owner, every property owner. Mayor stated he would like to have that here and we appreciate your information.

## REPORTS

### 2. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Jennifer Noe requested at the conclusion of the meeting to have an attorney/client privilege meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 3. Arbor Loop Adjustment

Ms. Reed stated this is for the adjustment that was discussed at the budget meeting. Further, Council will need to vote on the adjustment to make it official. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the adjustment. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

### 4. Ordinance: Update Title 8 Chapter 1: Alcoholic Beverages

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY TO AMEND TITLE 8 CHAPTER 1: INTOXICATING LIQUORS.** Ms. Noe stated this is to address the liquor ordinance and is a draft as she took our current code and did mark ups in red so you can see the changes tracked. She stated she added definitions, but the biggest thing with liquor license is we really don't have any control the ABC is the one that has control. She stated there are a couple of things she has questions about: the residency requirement needs to be clarified and if this is something you want to keep this provision and if so the a time period as such. Councilman Kerrigan stated other cities have about eighteen (18) months in their requirements. Ms. Noe stated the bulk of them still have residency requirements. The application process still same and we are required to approve or deny within sixty (60) days. Councilman Jackson questions if we can defer this. Ms. Noe stated it can be. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to defer this until the next meeting. All approved by voice vote.

### 5. Caldwell Park Discussion

Ms. Noe stated as far as the boundary line dispute that has been taken care of and resolved. Councilman Greer stated he wasn't here when the discussion and decision was made to sell Caldwell Park, but many people are finding out about the sale of the property very recently. He further stated a lot of people who have been here for years were unaware there was a park there and Caldwell Park is the only park in this ward. He questioned if there have ever been any events and what have we done to promote the park. He further questioned if we have applied for any grants for improvement of the park. He stated his biggest question is twenty (20) years ago the property was put up for auction and the first bid was by a private citizen and the city and the private citizen went back and forth so why now? In addition, if we do go through with deciding to auction or putting up for sale for a specific price what can we do to calm the nearby residences for the potential to rezone the property. He stated there are a lot more people in ward two (2) than we use to have and those people deserve a green space and a park that we can put some money into and make a nice space. Mayor Allen stated the day it was auctioned both he and Ms. Noe attended the auction and when it was auctioned off he approached council about purchasing the property. He further stated since then we have had people come and ask to use it to do a bike and/or regular trails, some type of camping, some type of flea markets, council has never turned them down, but it nothing ever came about from them either. Councilman Greer stated his understanding in the past we have applied for some grants but for whatever reason those were denied and wonder if we should apply for them now. Councilman Adkins stated he wanted to bring something up as there was some miscommunication about making this property industrial. The question was raised and on social media the appearance was made that we wanted to make it industrial, but I wanted to clear that up, we are not making that property industrial. Chief Walker stated it is zoned R-1 right now, but it can't be rezoned industrial because it would be spot zoning. Councilman Greer questioned if

we could guarantee the people that only a certain number of structures could be built on the property and if that an option. City Attorney Jennifer Noe responded that would be something that I would have to look into. Councilman Jackson stated the reason it has been talked about it nothing has ever been done about it. Councilman Greer responded one of the issues is that there is no promotion of the park. If we make the efforts to promote the park would people then use it. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned holding a special called meeting in June for public input. Councilman Jackson stated we couldn't get the money we were asking for it. After much discussion, a motion was made to defer this until the June 8, 2021 Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for public involvement opportunities by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Greer. All approved by voice vote.

6. Sale of City Hall Discussion/Agreement

Ms. Noe stated the board has previously approved this and the only difference in this is we had asked for use of the county property and the mayor wanted to limit that to June of 2022. Further, we are meeting here temporarily, and we have a game plan with the courts if City Hall is not done we will hold court here. The closing on this June 1 instead of normal closings it will be deeds to transfer the property. She stated the County has approved to make this exchange and the most important thing is to allow us to use the facilities. Councilman Adkins questioned if we would talk about court. Mayor responded it will be probably next month at Workshop. Mayor stated we are trying to come up with a plan that will work for everyone. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned the closing date. Ms. Noe stated it will be no later than June 1 of this year. Councilman Jackson questioned if they approved this already for the transfer. Ms. Noe stated they have not approved us using the buildings. County Commissioner Gary Binkley stated the county commission is responsible for that space for long term use and the Mayor's Office has privilege of reserving for everyday use. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned any other problems you foresee. Ms. Noe stated it is not ideal, but there will always be a situation that is not ideal for everybody. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Patchwork Festival Discussion

Mr. Scott Sampson stated he asked Ms. Della Smith to be here tonight and she could not be here and he would like to request to defer this until next month. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to defer. All approved by voice vote.

8. Christmas/Mrs. Blake Waffird

Mrs. Waffird came to me about a month ago with an idea about Christmas down at the park. Mrs. Waffird stated she was in another town and in another state they had a Christmas tree trail and the business would put forth a certain amount of money to purchase a Christmas Tree. Further, each business would decorate their tree and then people would come and walk through the trail of Christmas Trees and vote would be on an app and remaining money would go to a charity of their choice. She stated she would like to keep it local charities and nonprofits. Mayor stated he thinks it is a great idea and she can get with Scott and work on this.

9. Tyler Inventory Control Quote

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

10. Lindy Murff Renewal Agreement

Ms. Melissa Womack stated the is the annual agreement for the exercise program at the Senior Center. A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to approve the agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

11. Contract for Summerfest Band

Ms. Noe stated on page two (2) at the third (3rd) paragraph the statement that discusses the town being liable for any guests that may harm the artist will need to be marked through. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the contract with the change. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

12. Fire Department Pitney Bowes Agreement

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Pitney Bowes Agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

13. Contract for Craig Campbell/Summerfest Performer

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the contract for Craig Campbell. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

14. Comcast Agreement: Fire Department

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Comcast Agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

15. Resolution: Initial Resolution authorizing Interim Sewer Treatment Plant Financing

**INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE, OF NOT TO EXCEED \$16,599,000, BY THE EXECUTION WITH THE PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE, OF A LOAN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INTERIM FINANCING FOR THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION AND TO FUND THE INCIDENTAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES RELATED THERETO.** A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, 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.

16. Resolution: Authorizing loan and loan agreement for Sewer Treatment Plant Interim Financing  
**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 \$16,599,000; 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 CITY'S OBLIGATION UNDER SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT; AND, CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS.** A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the Resolution. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

17. Resolution: Assistance to Firefighters Grants - Fire Department

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEMA FIREFIGHTER VEHICLE AND FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT.** A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve the Resolution. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

18. Resolution: SAFER Grants - Fire Department

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS.** A motion was made by Councilman Greer, 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.

19. Ordinance: Budget Amendment

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 20/21 FISCAL YEAR.** A motion was made by Councilman Adkins,

seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the Budget Amendment Ordinance. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

20. Engagement Letter: Alexander Thompson Arnold:

Ms. Reed stated she does not have a copy of this engagement letter and would request council to give authority to Mayor to sign with Ms. Noe's approval. She further stated this is an hourly rate to allow us to get our accounts receivables due for the audit. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the surplus. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

21. Tyler Server Migration Quote

Chief Walker stated this is to move the Police Department server. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the surplus. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

### **SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS**

22. Body Armor: 30 Bullet Proof Vests

23. Surplus: Forklift

A motion was made by Councilman Greer, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve both the surplus. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

### **EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

24. Metal Pole Barn Structure Bid

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the bid. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

25. Request to Bid: Traffic Signal for Hampton Inn Development

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

26. Police Department: Transport Van

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Greer, to approve the purchase. Voting Yea: Mayor Allen, Vice Mayor Anderson, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Greer, Councilman Jackson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith.

### **OTHER**

Ms. Reed explained there is a conference scheduled during the second week of May which she and Gayle will be attending. She further requested council to reschedule the May meeting due to this conference. After some discussion council agreed to reschedule to May 25th

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.