



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting
September 13, 2022 6:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor JT Smith

Councilman Tim Adkins

Councilman Chris Kerrigan

Councilman Michael Smith

Councilman Kevin Thompson

Councilman Tony Young

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Gerald Greer

PLEDGE AND PRAYER

Councilman Adkins led the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America and the prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Noe stated that she would like to add an attorney client meeting at the end. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the agenda with changes. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 9, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the August 9, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

SWEAR IN JUDGE

At this time, Judge Maxey swore in Judge Stinnett.

PUBLIC FORUM

Valerie Kemp - Ms. Kemp stated that she was speaking on behalf of the possible ban of fireworks. She stated that there is nothing more American than fireworks and that she was unaware of any problems. Ms. Kemp stated that she would be concerned about the council passing a law that limits the citizens from being able to participate. She stated that her second concern is regarding the Planning and Growth Committee and that it should be made up of 3 to 4 citizens per ward and not of current council and board members.

Patsy Smiley - Ms. Smiley stated that she was granted a building permit in August to build a deck on her rental property. She stated that she submitted drawings, paid the fees, everything was issued, and then she was told a mistake was made and she had to come ask for a variance because of setbacks. Ms. Smiley stated that she had already spent over \$4000.00, and the city admitted a mistake was made. She asked what she should do as a citizen.

Thomas Taylor - Mr. Taylor stated that he was concerned about the connection of Skyview and Annette. He stated that their questions have not been answered. Mr. Taylor stated they want to know how to stop it from happening and if not, how to control the speeding.

REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Full Time Mayor Discussion

Ms. Noe stated that MTAS will attend workshop on November 01, 2022. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Young, to table this discussion until the November workshop meeting. All approved by voice vote.

3. Caldwell Nature Park Discussion

Mr. Clark stated that a few months ago they had gotten some numbers together. He stated that they spoke about an 800sq foot building there and to do that with the parking lot, paving, and septic system it would cost \$175,000. Mr. Clark stated that is without the cost of manning it. Councilman Smith stated that Ms. Crisp was willing to donate the majority of the money. Ms. Bowman stated that Josh Wright will be at the November workshop to present his plans for the park in the city. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to table this discussion until the November workshop meeting. All approved by voice vote.

4. Ordinance: Amend Title 9 Chapter 2- Peddlers

Ms. Noe stated this is for second and final reading. She stated the ordinance was outdated. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Adkins, to approve the amendment. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Ordinance: Modify Title 7, Chapter 6 Fireworks

Mr. Nicholson stated that the Planning Commission had recommended to ban all fireworks. Ms. Noe stated that this is basically to rescind our current ordinance. Councilman Adkins asked about limiting to only professional displays. Ms. Noe stated that it was talked about, but it would put a hefty expense on some people. Councilman Kerrigan asked why they were governing this if there is no problem. He stated that the people have not had a voice in this, and the firework stands bring a few jobs to the community. Councilman Adkins stated that we should have a drought plan in place, but regardless people are going to do it. He asked how it would be regulated. Chief Walker stated that if we are not going to ban them, we should at least shorten the time on when they can shoot them. Councilman Smith asked if this could be deferred. A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to defer. All approved by voice vote.

6. Memorial Dedications Discussion

Mr. Clark stated that he had a few phone calls regarding memorial dedications in the parks and trails. He stated that they are asking about benches and trees and the city has nothing in writing regarding them. Mr. Clark asked for the council's opinion. Councilman Thompson stated he did not see an issue as long as there are limitations. Ms. Bowman stated that the City of Clarksville does something like this. Councilman Thompson requested to defer this discussion so that we can look into it more. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to defer. All approved by voice vote.

7. Gun Range for PD

Chief Ray asked for approval to move forward. He stated that Josh Wright is drawing it up. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve moving forward. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

8. Discussion on 510 Gloria Circle

Mr. Biggers stated that a sewer tap is \$3000.00, and the amount could be credited towards the installation. Ms. Noe stated that TCA 22-3302 explains the statute of limitations. Councilman Thompson stated that the city made a mistake and needs to pay it back. Councilman Kerrigan stated that the customer had the charges on their bill for twelve (12) years and no one noticed it. Ms. Kelly White stated that they thought they had sewer. Councilman Kerrigan stated that we have these laws for a reason, and this is an expensive mistake. After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to credit the full amount of \$2475.42 plus the new bill sewer amount. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson. Voting Nay: Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Mayor Smith. The motion failed. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Young to approve a credit of \$1760.60 plus the new bill sewer amount and crediting the account. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

9. Skyview Drive Discussion

Mr. Nicholson stated that the original plat in 1975 shows the connection of Annette and Skyview. He stated that when Bell Construction presented their plat, it was approved. Councilman Young asked if there would be sidewalks. Mr. Nicholson stated no. Councilman Smith asked about speed bumps. Mr. Biggers stated that they had to be removable. Mr. Nicholson stated that emergency services want the connection. After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to defer this discussion. All approved by voice vote.

10. Planning and Future Growth Committee Discussion

Mr. Nicholson stated that the council has received all applications submitted. A motion was made by Councilman Young, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to extend the application deadline until September 23, 2022, appoint two people per ward, review at workshop, and to interview at the October council meeting. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

11. CCCHS Football Bon Fire Donation

Mr. Clark stated that this is a donation for the Cheatham County High School bonfire. A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the donation. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

12. Panasonic FZ-55 Contract

Chief Ray stated that this agreement is for the laptops in the police cars. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

13. Industrial Sewer Contract

Mr. Biggers stated that he suggests we keep the same rate. Ms. Bowman stated we need to deny this contract because they are going down. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to deny the agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

14. Cheatham County Library Agreement

Ms. Bowman stated this is the annual agreement with the library. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the agreement. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

15. Benefits Inc Hold Harmless Agreement

Ms. Bowman stated that this the yearly contract where they file the ACA for us. Ms. Noe stated she sent over the changes. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the agreement with changes. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

16. Resolution: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Mr. Nicholson stated that this is a request to apply for a grant through TEMA to get mast arms on traffic lights at three intersections. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the Resolution. Voting Yea: Mayor Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young.

17. Proclamation Request

Mayor Smith stated that Mr. Hadley's family is having a reunion at the end of the month, and they are expecting about two hundred people. He stated that they are wanting to do a proclamation for him. A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the request. All approved by voice vote.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

None.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

None.

OTHER**18. Move October Council Meeting Time**

Mayor Smith stated that he has a class that evening and needs to move the meeting to 7: 00 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to move the meeting start time. All approved by voice vote.

Councilman Thompson asked to add the noise ordinance and parking in the Town of Ashland City to next month's agenda.

A representative of Parker Towing stated that they will have a groundbreaking September 28, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

At this time, adjourned for attorney client meeting.

Mayor Smith called the meeting back to order at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

MAYOR JT SMITH

CITY RECORDER ALICIA MARTIN, CMFO