



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Regularly Scheduled Workshop Meeting
April 02, 2024, 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
Vice Mayor Gerald Greer
Councilman Chris Kerrigan
Councilman Michael Smith
Councilman Kevin Thompson
Councilman Tony Young

ABSENT

Councilman Tim Adkins

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 5, 2024, Workshop Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Greer, to approve the March 5, 2024, Workshop Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dennis Thompson spoke about ordinance 512 and how it is not being enforced on N. Poole St. He would like to know what he must do to get it enforced.

Kathy Thompson spoke about the clean up needed in her neighborhood. She does not understand why nothing is being done. Ordinance 512 has been in place for 5 years. and there are still homes falling down and eyesores. Why can someone just open the door, and throw a sofa out and leave it there and nothing is enforced. What is the time limit, that it can stay there before it must be cleaned up?

REPORTS

3. Attorney

Ms. Noe requested an attorney and client meeting at the end of the council meeting.

4. Project Update from Josh Wright

Mr. Wright gave updates on the new City Hall, Ball Fields, and Senior/Community Centers. He will bring floor plans for the next meeting for the council to view.

5. City Recorder

Ms. Molepske gave an update on training progress and organizing documents.

6. Codes Department

Mr. Nicholson gave a codes update.

7. Court Department

Ms. Hollingsworth gave a court update.

8. Finance Department

Ms. Bowman emailed the finance report showing revenues versus expenses, fund balance, cash on hand and loan information and gave an update on the finance department.

9. Fire Department
Chief Walker gave a fire update.
10. Human Resources
Ms. Black gave a human resources update.
11. Parks Department
Mr. Clark gave a parks update.
12. Police Department
Chief Ray gave a police update.
13. Public Works Department
Mr. Harris gave a public works update.
14. Technology Department
Mr. Wheeler gave an update on progress with new Police Cars.
15. Thrive 55+ Department
Ms. Batts gave a senior update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Thrive 55 + building use for events.
Ms. Batts and Ms. Noe spoke on this and asked for more input from the council to determine who the building would be open to, and costs associated. This matter will be tabled next month to get more direction from Councilman, and they have had a chance to contact Ms. Batts to discuss some ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

17. TCRS Contribution Rate.
Ms. Bowman stated this is regarding the retirement rate. Fye 25.
18. UTA Contract
Mr. Clark stated that he got the contract signed with the corrections made by Ms. Noe.
19. Ordinance #405 & #409 Mayor/Council Salary Discussion
Ms. Bowman stated that the Mayor and the Council have not had a raise in Salary in 11 years. She asked about giving pay increases. Vice Mayor Greer stated to wait. Councilman Kerrigan stated that the pay is higher than some other places. Councilman Smith and Councilman Thompson are in favor of a raise for the mayor position only.
20. Corp of Engineers Fish Rodeo Discussion
Mr. Clark is requesting a donation of \$ 2000.00 for the Fishing Rodeo event this year. We have given in the past and he has money in his budget for this. They are also looking to get an agreement for it to be a yearly donation.
21. Ms. Bowman informed these are the initial resolutions for the USDA loan for the cost overrun on the WWTP.
22. Authorize Issuance, Sale & Payment of Water & sewer Revenue Tax Bonds \$ 10,639,000
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23. Re-Appoint Jackie Simkins to the 2024 Board of Equalization
Mayor Smith stated that Ms. Simkins is doing an excellent job, and he re-appointed her to the position.
24. Summerfest State Farm Insurance Agreement
Ms. Bowman is going to make a resolution to allow Ms. Noe to make changes as needed.
25. City Wide Cleanup Discussion
Mr. Nicholson spoke and stated that Ordinance 512 is regarding tires and that his integrity was questioned. He stated that he is not lining his pockets and when someone is going to speak on something to do the research first. There are three buildings in question. The 1st is probate, and the city cannot take any action on the property while it is in probate court, and this was followed by Ms. Noe explaining the city would have to file a motion and go through the court. Property 2 was sold in auction last year and the new owner has the right to fix the property up. The city will have to follow the state law on Slum Clearance and go through the proper procedures to get this completed. Property 3, everyone agreed that it should be taken care of as soon as possible. Mr. Nicholson stated that there is no ordinance that states that someone cannot have a trampoline

in the front yard. Councilman Smith asked to make a city cleanup day. It was explained that the city cannot just go on someone's property and remove anything without following the law of the state. Councilman Smith stated that the codes.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

26. Surplus Property Nomination - Police Dept

Police Dept. Chief Ray explained that selling the confiscated weapons is only going to cost \$1800.00 to replace all officer firearms and it will save a lot of money.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

27. Request for Proposal - Salary Study

Ms. Bowman stated this was added as requested from the previous budget meeting. We will need directions as to request a proposal of a merit-based pay table or a step pay table.

28. Trail Pavement Repair

Mr. Clark got 3 Quotes but only 1 of them would give a price for the repairs needed. There are 98 places to be repaired.

OTHER

29. 2023-37 Live Stream Meeting Discussion

The current Ordinance states that all workshops and Council meetings are live Streamed. Ms. Noe asked if anyone wanted to amend the ordinance to exclude Budget Meetings. The board does not want to make any changes and thinks the meeting should be streamed and the city should be as transparent as possible.

30. Resolution- Authorizing the Incurrence of Indebtedness not to exceed \$ 10,639,000

Ms. Bowman informed these are the initial resolutions for the Interim loan financing for the cost overrun on the WWTP.

31. Authorizing Loan Agreement Between Town of Ashland City and Public Building Authority of the City of Clarksville Not to Exceed \$10,639,000

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Attorney/Client meeting began at 7:05 pm and returned at 7:24 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

MAYOR JT SMITH

CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE