



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Regularly Scheduled Workshop Meeting
July 05, 2022 6:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Vice Mayor Gerald Greer
Councilman Tim Adkins
Councilman Chris Kerrigan
Councilman Michael Smith
Councilman Kevin Thompson
Councilman Tony Young

ABSENT

Mayor JT Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the agenda with changes and additions. All approve by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 07, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the June 07, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Riverbluff Park Canoe Launch

Mr. Clark stated that this is just an update to let the council know that they are still working on this. He stated that they have to get approval from the Core of Engineers.

3. Ordinance: Amend Ordinance #575

Ms. Noe stated that this is for a 2nd and final reading. She stated that this would amend the previous ordinance due to discrepancies in the map and we will attach a list of roads from the State.

NEW BUSINESS

4. 2022 Riverbluff Triathlon

Mr. Joe Fleenor stated that he wanted to address the new rental agreement because it is a pretty significant change. He stated that this is his 6th year coordinating this triathlon and they have always gotten the right permits and paid the required fees, so this change makes it difficult to pay the fee. Mr. Fleenor asked the council to consider waiving the \$2600.00 fee for Riverbluff Park. He stated that they try to drive revenue to the community by bringing people here to stay in the hotel and wine and dine here. Councilman Adkins asked what date the race would be held. Mr. Fleenor stated August 28, 2022. Councilman Greer asked if the Hampton Inn was used in their advertisement. Mr. Fleenor stated that it was. Councilman Adkins asked when he needed a decision. Mr. Fleenor stated he needs it as soon as possible. Ms. Noe stated that the council just put this policy into place and that we cannot waive the fee for one and not everyone else. Councilman Smith asked if they would essentially just be using the park for parking. Mr. Fleenor stated yes. Councilman Greer asked if they could find donors to sponsor the event. Mr. Fleenor stated that it is a possibility, but it is very hard especially on such short notice. Ms. Noe stated that an amendment would be needed to make any changes and we can have something come before the board at next week's meeting.

5. Tornado Sirens Agreement
Mr. Noe stated that this is an agreement to move forward with the tornado sirens.
6. Insight Counseling MOU
Ms. Batts stated that this is an agreement to partner with Tech Goes Home for a grant. She stated at the end of the training the seniors will get a laptop.
7. ECS Southeast Agreement
Mr. Noe stated that this is an agreement for the third-party testing at the new fire hall site. He stated that it is \$52,000.00 and was not in the original bid, but it will come out of the loan.
8. GNRC Contract Amendment 22-2
Ms. Batts stated that this is an amendment to their contract for the additional \$1000.00 received.
9. Hold Harmless Agreement for Live Burn
Mr. Noe stated that this is an agreement for a live burn they will be doing following the video interviews with common voices at the training grounds.
10. Urban Growth Plan
Ms. Noe stated that this went to the Planning Commission, and they are recommending no changes to the urban growth boundary. She stated that this is just to get approval.
11. Changing the Election Date
Ms. Noe stated that the Stated Legislature did not change the law like we had hoped, so we will need a charter amendment to change our election date. Ms. Pam Frejowsky stated that there needs to be an ordinance drawn up and sent to State Representative Mary Littleton. She stated that once she receives that she will move it forward. Councilman Adkins asked if this could be done before the August election. Ms. Frejowsky stated that was the goal, but we may have to have another December election.
12. Resolution: Safety Partners Grant
Mr. Biggers stated that this is for permission to apply for the safety partner's grant.
13. Resolution: TCAD Grant
Ms. Batts stated that this is asking permission to apply for the TCAD grant of \$8000.00.
14. Resolution: Updating the Wage and Salary Policy - Pay table
Ms. Bowman stated that this is to change Fire Director to Fire Chief. She stated that we will not change the Human Resource Specialist title to HR/Mayor's Assistant even though the positions were combined because Ms. Sandy Cannon was both and her title was just Human Resources.
15. Resolution: Updating the Wage and Salary Policy - Overtime
Ms. Black stated that the changes were in red and. Ms. Noe stated that she was going to contact MTAS and see what they suggest.
16. Ordinance: Rezone Parcel 049O A 019 03
Ms. Martin stated that this is to rezone the parcel shown on the map. She stated that it will be rezoned from R-3 to C-2.
17. Ordinance: Rezone Parcel 055C U 009 00
Ms. Martin stated that this is to rezone the parcel shown on the map. She stated that it will be rezoned from R-2 to R-4 PUD. Councilman Adkins asked what kind of houses are being built. Vice Mayor Greer stated that they are building the tall and skinnies. Councilman Smith stated that they could build four (4) houses there.
18. Ordinance: Pole Signs
Ms. Martin stated that this is to amend our current ordinance and change the setback from ten (10) to (20) feet to just ten (10) feet and to change it to both pole and ground signs.
19. Ordinance: Amending Title 3: Municipal Court
Ms. Noe stated that this has blanks in it because she is needing guidance from the council. She stated that they passed an ordinance dissolving general sessions jurisdiction and now we need to change if the judge will be elected or appointed and what qualifications would be required. Ms. Noe asked if the board wanted to have a residency restriction and what term they wanted. Councilman Thompson stated that he would like them to be a Tennessee resident of at least one (1) year. Councilman Greer stated he would like it to be at least two (2) years. Ms. Noe stated that she recommended that they be at least twenty-five (25) years of age. She asked how many years they wanted per term. Councilman Greer asked what was normal. Ms. Noe stated that elected judges are on eight (8) year terms. She stated she would recommend two (2) or

four (4) year terms. Councilman Young stated he would like four (4) years and the rest of the council agreed. Ms. Noe stated that the current salary is a fixed \$11,250.00 and during the budget we approved a salary of \$15,000.00. She asked if the board wants that in the ordinance and the council stated yes.

20. Ordinance: Amend Title 9 Chapter 2- Peddlers

Ms. Noe stated that this was done in the 50's and it is outdated. She stated that it is really obsolete at this point, and they are asking to delete it in its entirety. Councilman Young asked what would replace it. Ms. Noe stated nothing would replace it. Councilman Kerrigan stated that he would like them to have some kind of registration with the city.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

21. Police Radios and Radars

Mr. Matlock stated that these are old radar units they are wanting to surplus and some radios for the buyback program.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

None.

OTHER

22. Resolution: Updating the Wage and Salary Policy - Comp time

Ms. Black stated that this is updating what is in red. Ms. Noe asked for all of these to be combined under item #14. Councilman Thompson stated that 100 hours is too much. Ms. Black stated that employees would be required to use comp time before any other time. Ms. Noe stated that the way it is written is not clear and it needs to be separated into two (2) sections. Ms. Bowman stated that she is removing the line that requires comp time to be paid out at the end of the year. Mr. Thompson stated that this would allow an employee to take off for a whole month. Chief Ray stated that is a department head management thing.

Braxton Lee Property

Councilman Adkins asked about the Braxton Lee property and if we plan to do any kind of resolution. Councilman Kerrigan stated that they should do their research on the developer first.

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 7:28 p.m.

MAYOR JT SMITH

CITY RECORDER ALICIA MARTIN, CMFO