



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

Regularly Scheduled Workshop Meeting

May 04, 2021 6:00 PM

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 6:21 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Reed stated we have a request to add Verizon Agreement and Rezone Ordinance to the agenda. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Adkins, to approve the agenda with the change. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 6, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the April 6, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

REPORTS

2. Fire, Codes and IT Report

Chief Walker stated they have been extremely busy. Codes has a lot going on and there is a lot of interest in Ashland City. The Fire Department answered one hundred (100) calls last month and everything is out of City Hall except a ladder truck and an engine. IT will send out a report next week.

3. Police Department

Chief Ray reported answering nearly nine hundred (900) calls last month. He reported they are down two (2) police officers and in the process of taking applications.

4. Court Department

Ms. Justice-Kokoski stated they are busy having court every week and making it hard to stay caught up. She further stated they brought in fifty-two thousand dollars (\$52,000) during the month of April. Councilman Kerrigan questioned holding court at the Senior Center if there has been resolution. Ms. Justice-Kokoski responded everything is currently status quo.

5. Senior Center

Ms. Gena Batts stated the center is up and going especially after the vaccinations. She further report the Center served one hundred and sixty (160) people who were able to get their vaccinations on site. She stated they had this place packed today with Cinco de Mayo bingo and card players in attendance and the first day trip planned at the end of this month.

6. Parks Department

Mr. Scott Sampson reported last Saturday night they had a movie down at the park and the Parks Advisory Board would like to do two (2) more movies this year. Amanda Melton has applied for the dog park grant. He stated its the time of year to vote for Cheatham County favorites and he encouraged people to vote for their Ashland City favorites.

7. Public Utilities/Works

Mr. Biggers stated everything is going well. Further, they have installed the two inch (2") water tap at Caymas. The pumper truck went down and has been fixed. They have ordered a new culvert for the tennis court and the road will be shut down for about a day after it arrives for installation.

8. Financial Director

Ms. Gayle Bowman stated she emailed everyone the reports for financials and the only issue we have had in the past week was getting bills out. She further stated everyone has been helping with working on the budget.

9. City Recorder

Ms. Reed stated she has been working on insurance renewals and reminded everyone of the change in the council meeting dates.

OLD BUSINESS

10. Patchwork Festival Discussion

Mr. Scott Sampson stated he invited Della Smith was invited, but she couldn't make it tonight she will be here for council.

11. Ordinance: Update Title 8 Chapter 1: Alcoholic Beverages

Ms. Reed stated this is the updates to the code, but there are some questions in regard to residency requirements, distance, and limiting the number of locations. She asked if everyone would review the ordinance between now and the council meeting in order to give direction.

12. Ordinance: Budget Amendment

Ms. Reed stated this is the second and final reading on the budget amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

13. TCRS Rate Letter

Ms. Reed stated this is the annual agreement for TCRS and further they will be recommending to stay at our current rate of six point five (6.5%) percent in order to reduce liability.

14. Filming Release Agreement: Weird Candy Creative Group Inc.

Mr. Sampson stated this is an agreement for some filming that was done in the city limits and is more of housekeeping thing for them.

15. Memorandum of Understanding: U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Chief Ray stated this is an agreement we do every year with the Army that states if we use their base we will abide by their rules and regulations.

16. Ordinance: Amend Title 18, Chapter 1 Section 18-107(1) Water and Sewer Rates

Ms. Reed stated this will be for the three percent (3%) water rate increase

17. Ordinance: Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Ms. Bowman reviewed the budget and questioned the changes in order to prepare the advertisement and ordinance for the council meeting. After much discussion council directed there to be no changes in the proposed budget and to move forward with cost of living increases of three percent (3%).

18. Landscape Ordinance

Mayor stated this is an item the Planning Commission has been working on and has recommended changes. He further stated he would like council to consider passing this at the council meeting.

19. Rezone Request: 1807 Highway 12 South- Chief Walker stated last night the Planning Commission heard a rezone request for this property. Further, it sits behind Station II. The Planning Commission voted not in favor for the rezone. The City Planner Rick Gregory did not recommend it because it could be considered spot zoning. This particular development they are wanting to do 45 town homes. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned the reason for denial from Planning Commission. Chief Walker stated he would get with Rick Gregory and see what he could come up with before the council meeting. Mr. Mike Stuart stepped forward with Ms. Amanda Bell and handed out the concept drawings for the lot and reviewed the plan with the council.

20. Verizon Contract: Chief Derek Noe stated about a year ago we moved from the state contract to the NASPO contract. The renegotiated the state contract this will save us about twenty five to

thirty (\$25-\$30) dollars a month and be able to replace phones. We would be a top priority during a disaster. We would lose that with the current contract.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

19. Police Department: Ballistic Vest

20. Police Department: 2008 Ford Crown Vic

Chief Ray stated Public Works decided they want the car and the vest is where an officer went to Belle Meade so we would get a check from them at some point.

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

21. Bank Rate Quotes

Ms. Bowman explained this is an annual requirement from the state to review bank rates and information. Further, she will make recommendation for any changes at the council meeting.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

MAYOR STEVE ALLEN

CITY RECORDER KELLIE REED, CMFO, CMC