

TOWN OF ASHLAND WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
January 8th, 2019
6:00 PM at Ashland City Municipal Building
101 Court Street, Ashland City, Tennessee

CALL TO ORDER at 6:02 PM by Mayor Allen.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Steve Allen, Ms. Lisa Walker, Ms. Alwilda Binkley, Mr. Tim Adkins and Vice Mayor Daniel Anderson.

Absent: Mr. Roger Jackson and Mr. Chris Kerrigan.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Mayor Allen stated there are a few changes to the agenda, add Tucker Empson Building discussion, School Board Contract discussion and to remove Triathlon Proposal agreement and Resolution: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. A motion made by Mr. Adkins, seconded by Ms. Binkley to approve the January agenda with the requested changes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by Ms. Binkley, seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the December minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS

A. Department Heads.

- a. **Fire, Codes and Life Safety Department.** Chief Walker stated the Planning Commission met last night and approved Taco Bell for Owen Place subdivision. Furthermore, the condemnation hearing held earlier today, will result in four homes to be torn down: two on Bell Street, one on Hickory Circle and one on Maple Drive, in which the city will be removing the structure. Chief Walker informed there is a recruit open house tomorrow night for the 2019 year. Ms. Walker asked for an update on the Petway Fire House. Chief Walker replied the project has been held up due to the weather.
- b. **Police Department.** Chief Coulon stated that everything is ran smoothly over the Holidays.
- c. **Court Department.** Ms. Justice reported everything is business as usual.
- d. **Parks Department.** Mr. Sampson stated connector trail project is finished, except for planting grass seed. Ms. Binkley requested the two lights out on Main Street be fixed. Mr. Sampson replied he will call Cumberland Electric Service corporation about the issue.
- e. **Senior Center.** Ms. Womack stated the senior center is currently servicing 1,344 members.
- f. **Water and Streets Department.** Mr. Biggers reported water taps are about caught up, taking down Christmas decorations and patching the roads.
- g. **Mayor's Assistant –** Mrs. Cannon reported meeting about the census and we our official a small city now.
- h. **Recorder Office-** Ms. Reed reported working on year end reports and the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Playground Discussion.** Mr. Sampson stated currently the money is in the budget for playground equipment but not for the surfacing, which he suggested doing the project in two phases. Mr. Sampson introduce Ms. Stephanie Ricks with Gametime. Ms. Ricks explained the two different option for the playground equipment, which both option is able to be handicap accessible.

- Option 1- Nature theme with natural colors.

- Option 2- More colorful palate.

Mayor Allen inquired about the life span of the wood fiber. Ms. Ricks stated they refill every 2-3 years. Ms. Binkley asked the cost of the surfacing. Ms. Ricks replied rubber surfacing is \$83,000.00. Ms. Binkley asked how long is the life span on the surfacing. Ms. Ricks replied 8-15 years depending on the upkeep. Vice Mayor Anderson asked if the price includes handicap accessible equipment. Ms. Ricks replied it will be additional cost for the five-point harness, which is \$300.00. Mayor Allen asked if they could add handicap accessible swings. Ms. Ricks replied yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution: TDOT State Industrial Access Application.** Mr. Biggers stated this is an application for TDOT grant that will give the city a road to access the water tank in the industrial park and upgrade the water lines for the business. Mr. Terrell with economic development stated the city will have three new business, which will supply over four hundred jobs. Ms. Danielle Haywood with TDOT went over how TDOT reviews the applications: look at the project, capital investment, jobs, benefits and cost ratio. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned if the city would be responsible for the utility lines. Ms. Haywood responded it would be a 50% cost shared estimate \$128,000. Mr. Biggers stated the city can upgrade the water tank and lines at 50% cost share. Ms. Haywood stated the city would have to pay the difference to the upgrade cost of the water tank and water lines. Ms. Noe inquired if we have to pay the 50% upfront. Ms. Haywood replied TDOT will request a 50% deposit and recommended not paying until after the right away plan. Ms. Noe stated the city will become responsible road for maintained.
- B. **Resolution: Community Development Block Grant Program Application.** Mr. Biggers stated this is for the sewer rehab requires a match. Further, they received the camera report and there are over two hundred issues with sewer lines. Vice Mayor Anderson requested a copy of the camera report. Mr. Biggers responded he will have it next week. Vice Mayor Anderson asked if the city repairs all the sewers line, would we still need a new sewer plant. Ms. Noe replied yes, it is part of the consent order from the TDEC.
- C. **Ordinance: Update Title 18: Chapter 4.** Mr. Biggers stated this will update Title 18 that business owners will be reasonable for the backflows and return paperwork at certain time.
- D. **Renewal of Wine Permit Certification- Cashesaver.** Ms. Reed stated this is a two-year renewal for wine and the city has completed a background check as required.
- E. **Tucker Empson Building Discussion.** Ms. Cannon stated the county has asked if the city is interested in the Tucker Empson building. Furthermore, the architect does not want to look at the building if the city has no interest in the building. Ms. Binkley replied I have no interest in purchasing the building for two reason, no parking and the fire department would not be able to move there. Mayor Allen stated the price is \$1.4 million. Ms. Cannon stated the county will let the city purchase the building for \$1.2 million. Mr. Adkins stated there is draining issue in that building.
- F. **School Board Contract Discussion.** Ms. Noe stated the city had an old lease agreement that has expired and the agreement was last signed in 1993. Furthermore, we reached out to the county to discussed how to precede with updated lease. Mayor Allen stated we have not been able to get in touch with school board. Ms. Reed stated there has been scheduling issues and council needs to come to agreement/terms. Furthermore, this was a twenty-five year lease prior and the city has been responsible for maintenance and repairs. Ms. Walker stated why can't the school board take it over. Ms. Binkley requested cost analysis for the upkeep. Ms. Reed replied I will get a cost analysis together.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

Ms. Reed stated that we do not have any surplus tonight, but there will be one for the parks vehicle on the agenda for the council meeting next week.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Ms. Walker to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



STEVE ALLEN, MAYOR



KELLIE REED, CITY RECORDER