

Regular Meeting of
Board of Mayor and Council
October 14, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City met in regular session on October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council members present: Steve Allen, Jimmy Gill, Rick Johnson, Carol Macha, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council members absent: Tommy Nicholson.

Others present: Michael Armstrong, Lisa Cantrell, Nancy Rucker, Joe Craig, Zach McCarver, Myrla Sproat, Steve Cothran, Chuck Walker, Marc Coulon, Kenneth Brown, Paul R. Gupton, Thomas McCormick, Bob ?, Anita Justice, Tony Young, Tim Adkins, Chris Hall, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Norwood informed the Council that Teresa Martin's husband Mickey Martin passed away and to keep Teresa in your prayers.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Gill, to approve the September minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Paul R. Gupton wanted to inform the Council about the activity of the Chaplain program saying this is a volunteer position and that he is available as needed. His expense and mileage is paid by the city. Mr. Gupton is a member of the Ministerial Alliance that host the Shepherd's hour every Friday at the senior center, as well as a board member of the Bethesda Center. Mr. Gupton thanked the Council for providing him with a uniform and also for the opportunity to provide this ministry.

Mayor Norwood informed everyone that Mr. Gupton was a Councilman for 2 terms and has been involved with the city one way or another for 30 years.

Nancy Rucker with the Cheatham County Extension Office said she was here this evening to present a check to the city. They in conjunction with City Parks received the County Parks grant. Both Kathy Nicholson and Tony Young worked on the preparation for the grant. Ms. Rucker said it was an honor to present this check in the amount of \$1,604.12 this money will be used to provide the risers for the park.

Kenneth Brown with Gibbs Brothers Paving said he is the sub- contractor through Lafferty and Sons for the paving on the Main Street project. Mr. Brown is here to request to do the paving during the day. Mr. Brown said he thinks it will be a mistake doing the paving at night; at no time will it be that bad you will have a better job if it is done in the day. He would like to start on Thursday providing it doesn't rain. Mr. Hall said he think Mr. Brown is correct with the shadows at night; during the day you would have to deal with the business owners. Chief Coulon said they will have to have plenty of flaggers. Mr. LaCrosse said you better provide your own as you couldn't count on Lafferty and Sons. Mayor asked if this was bid out to do at night would there be a refund due us. Mr. Hall replied it was bid as a per ton line item there would be no refund due. Mayor said they have done work for us for years. Mr. Johnson said after 2

years of construction if it winds it up Thursday and Friday he is for it. Chief Coulon asked Mr. Brown if they could meet the next afternoon. Mr. Brown replied yes.

Mr. Bob Riddle said he lives at 2121 Hwy 12S in the condo's. He has a \$387.50 water bill he called the water dept. and was advised he might have a leak. He called a plumber to find the leak was in the water heater. Mr. Riddle was told by the water dept. they couldn't adjust his bill and that he would have to come to Council. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, asking Mr. Riddle to obtain several months worth of water bills from his old water company for the same months last year and we would adjust this month's bill. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

New Business:

Myrla Sproat advised Council that the Governor would not be able to attend the ribbon cutting and that Merriman's would be providing the refreshments. Ms. Sproat also advised that the deadline for applying for the T-21 grant is November 4th.

Mr. Hall said that all the trees have been downed. CEMC did not have enough time to schedule their workers so this will be 1-2 weeks off.

Mr. Hall is going to go look at the trees for the planters. There was a discussion about the trees and not wanting the trees to be invasive.

Mr. Hall advised they were holding back on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse to make sure the funds are there.

Mayor asked about a clear coat or sealer on the sidewalks. Mr. Hall replied it has already been done.

Mayor asked how you can tell when it needs a new coat. Mr. Hall said every 5-7 years. Mr. LaCrosse asked how scraping snow will affect the sidewalk. Mr. Hall replied it shouldn't affect it at all.

Mr. LaCrosse said I'll say one thing – it has been an experience watching. And said it was worth it to have Chris Hall here to oversee the work.

Mr. Gill asked if the problem with Mr. Baker had been resolved. Mr. Hall replied they have spoken to Mr. Baker and he is happy they will take care of it.

Mr. LaCrosse asked if the surface was going to be level enough when the ice trucks come down to scrape the ice. Mr. Hall said yes.

Ms. Macha asked if there were specs on the light poles. Mr. Hall said he would get them for her.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Gill, to approve applying for the T-21 grant. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Myrla Sproat will get in contact with Chris Camp.

Mr. McCormick recommended that American Development receive the bid for the Ortho Poly blended and Nalco for the Polymer. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to award the bids per Mr. McCormick's recommendation. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson to accept the GNRC Contract. Mr. Young asked if we were doing everything we are supposed to be doing. Mr. Young said they have accepted everything. His concern was the training but it will be done. After a discussion the motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Macha-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Macha, to approve the Vantage Pointe Agreement. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha, to approve Ordinance #350 – Land Use Committee Compensation on 1st reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance #351 – Beer Brd, Liquor Brd, and Budget Committee Compensation on 1st reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to approve Ordinance #352 – amending Ordinance #179 adding Article IV, Section 260- zoning ordinance on 1st reading. Mr. Armstrong said basically what is changing is that when grading is done they will have the ability to enforce it. This is on disturbing 1 acre or more of land. The planning office facilitated this effort. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Macha, to accept Resolution 2008-05 Identity Theft. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Macha, to amend above ordinance to add operational responsibility and training is delegated to the city recorder. Amended motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Original motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Macha, to have the payment for the public works building split 4 ways. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Norwood advised next month – November- Council falls on the Veterans Day Holiday does the Council have an objection to have Council on the Workshop night. After a discussion it was decided to advertise the Workshop will be on Monday, November 3rd, and Council on Monday November 10th. Mayor also advised the Council that the Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on November 25th at 11:30 AM at Forestation II and the Christmas Dinner will be on December 11th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the Stantec pay request in the amount of \$14,999.55 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Johnson, to approve the CEMC invoices in the amounts of \$23,963. and \$3,850. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Johnson-yes, Macha-no, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Johnson, to approve Higher's and Koonce's pay requests in the amounts of \$118. and \$924. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Allen, to approve the Lose and Associates pay requests in the amounts of: \$2,392.91 and \$3,300. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha, to approve Lafferty & Sons pay requests in the amounts of \$154,599.80 and \$134,488.62. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Gill, to defer W & O's pay request #26 in the amount of \$20,000. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Macha, to approve HT Beckham's pay request in the amount of \$3,000. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Gill asked if we keep on deferring the W&O bill what is going to happen then. Mayor replied we are working on getting it all fixed.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to pay the bills. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Young requested \$4,999. for a piece of playground equipment worth \$20,000. He is going to take out the old wooden structure and replace it with this new equipment.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the payment of \$4,999 for playground equipment. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Young also reminded everyone the bike ride is this Saturday at 7:00 am beginning at the tennis courts.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City recorder