

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
December 9, 2008

The board of Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City met in regular session on December 9, 2008 in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Vice-Mayor Steve Allen.

Council present: Tommy Nicholson, Jimmy Gill, Rick Johnson, Carol Macha, and Chris LaCrosse.

Members absent: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Others present: Michael Armstrong, Mary Glasgow, Marc Coulon, Wade A. Reed, Anita Justice, Thomas McCormick, Martha Jordan, Zach McCarver, Jennifer Noe, Tony Young, Chuck Walker, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Public Forum:

Tony Young said he went into the Mulberry Liquor Store on Saturday they had just opened for business. Some people walked out without buying anything and Mr. Young asked what was wrong and the reply was the prices are too high. Mr. Young said he was advising Council in case they were asked.

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

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said the city has had requests or one right now to have a taco stand outside of a business, before it was a hot dog stand. We don't currently have anything that allows for this type of vendor. Mr. Johnson said that is all regulated by the Dept. of Health a temporary is 10 days and a permanent permit is for a year. You are required to have a permit. This is for sanitary and health conditions. Ms. Noe said we do not have anything to address this type of vendor if Council is interested do they want the approval in the form of an ordinance. Mr. LaCrosse said once they are in they're in, Nashville has it and it is a problem. In Nashville he thinks it is a sore spot. He personally doesn't think we need to open this up. He is not against anything temporary parades, carnivals and special events. Vice-Mayor Allen asked if we need to address anything for the temporary permit. Ms. Noe said she thinks there is something already in place to address the temporary vendors.

Chief Walker said he was given notice that the ISO survey for rating will be next September. They have been working on improvement all along. Hopefully it will be lowered for the better. They have made improvements to the equipment, station, and personnel. Once the rating is below a 5 it doesn't help the residential area as they have gotten all the discounts they will get but it will help the industry – commercial end.

Chief Coulon informed the Council that he has 2 officers getting ready to graduate from the academy. They are Rick Arguello and Daniel Anderson.

New Business:

RAC update. Mr. LaCrosse said he hopes the 269 we are over is all that we will be over.

The electric poles on the west side are supposed to go away.

Vice-Mayor Allen said he wished that Chris was here. He thinks that a couple of those crossings will have problems with the snow scraper.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill, to approve Ordinance #353 – zoning change from I-2 to I-1 on portion of Hwy 12S – on 1st reading. Mr. Armstrong said this is Mr. Binkley's property by the storage sheds, he wants 1 more building he had to have the property surveyed and was given 2 options a variance for the setback or a zoning change. Mr. Binkley said he went with the zoning change because he wanted to stay consistent with what he already had so all the buildings are the same width from front to back.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson, to have general fund pay the half of the equity of \$106,238.34 by applying the debt of \$66,778. Water owes general, then general will pay the balance of \$39,460.34 to water. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, Gill-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Allen-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha, to pay the Tyler Software invoice in the amount of \$10,960. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Allen-yes. Mr. Nicholson asked if the dept heads had met with the Mayor so this does not occur again. The reply was no yet we will have a meeting before the next budget committee. Mr. LaCrosse said you can see why this is important so there are no misunderstandings between the depts. and front office so the Council is not surprised by a big bill like this.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Macha, to defer the CEMC bill. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve pay request #11 for Lafferty and Sons in the amount of \$82,634.78. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, Johnson-yes, and Allen-yes.

Other:

Mr. Johnson said he had a comment to make there was a fire in his neighborhood the Fire Dept came quickly and did a good job and he appreciates it. Henrietta and Pleasant View both came to help. The houses are close together and with the quick action they did a good job he appreciates it.

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

Reminder the Christmas parade is December 13th at 6:30 and the Christmas Dinner is December 11th at 6:30.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

