

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 8, 2016
2:00 P.M.

The Ashland City Council met for a Special Called Meeting at 2:00 P.M. on January 26, 2016 in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Bobbie J. Steed, Gail E. Thompson, Rebecca G. Boddie and Brad Wolfe arrived at 2:15 P.M. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Ryan Nelson from Nelson and Company, Irving Thompson, and Tammy Andrews.

Council Member Billy Joe Smith was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Boddie gave the invocation.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner stated that the meeting was called to discuss the Industrial Park Project that is about to begin work again since we received the permit from ALDOT to resume work. He advised that the meeting was called to provide information on the project and determine funds to be spent from the finalization of the HUD grant. Ryan Nelson advised that the contractor is now getting his traffic control signs up to begin work. Nelson stated that as of now the plan is to pave up to the curve which is about 800 feet; however, this may have to be adjusted as it gets closer to time to pave to account for any issues that could occur in the process. Mayor Fetner asked Nelson how thick and how wide the paving would be. Nelson stated that it would be 24 feet wide and roughly 6 inches of stone and 5.75 inches of asphalt. He stated that where it will tie into Hwy. 9 would be close to 100 feet wide. Nelson advised that we would get all of the construction completed, and whatever funds were left would be used for paving. The current prediction is that the paving will be at the curve. Also, the project includes striping.

Mayor Fetner stated that he is still hopeful that the Industrial Board is going to build their building in the Industrial Park and put \$50,000.00 into the project. Mayor Fetner asked Nelson if the current plan included the potential \$50,000.00, and Nelson said that it did count in the overall budget which was used to plan the project. Nelson stated that part of the road would be stone.

Mayor Fetner asked Irving Thompson to speak on behalf of the Industrial Board, and Thompson stated that originally the \$50,000.00 was promised to the former project before it was shut down. He stated he wasn't sure of the Industrial Board's current intentions for the money since the plan had changed.

Mayor Fetner asked Nelson about the \$300,000.00 that the State had said they would give for the access lanes. Nelson stated that until there was something in writing stating that the funds were allocated to the project not to count on the money because until there is something in writing there is no funding. Nelson stated that it would not hurt for the City to continue communicating with ALDOT to get something in writing stating the funding would be available.

Council Member Wolfe asked if the water line would cause conflict with the project, and Nelson stated that it is far enough away to not cause an issue.. Nelson advised that there is a fiber optic line that has already been relocated and supposedly it is deep enough and shouldn't cause any problems. Inspector Bob Blythe has a meeting with Century Link this week to be sure it is not a problem. Nelson stated that we will go ahead and get the easements in hand so that when we get a funding letter from ALDOT we will be able to move along with the project.

Thompson asked what would become of the area that was originally graded off to be paved. Nelson stated that it will be seeded to grow grass in case the third phase of the project ever happened. Nelson stated that the third phase was unlikely because it included a very high traffic count that he does not for see being met. Mayor Fetner asked if there would still be room for a sign and still be on the City's property. Nelson advised that there would be room for a sign. He also stated that he does not see this project taking very long to get completed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion of Council Member Boddie and seconded by Council Member Wolfe. All votes were unanimous.

Mayor

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