

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett was absent.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn called roll and deemed a quorum present.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Ribbon Cutting for Central Vibe Nutrition- Mayor Fetner informed everyone that the ribbon cutting would be Friday, July 8, 2022 at 11am.
2. Update on Cemetery Camera Systems- Chief Stanford advised that all equipment except for the camera poles is in. As soon as the poles are received, Chief Stanford and Maintenance Supervisor Stinson will get them put up.
3. ARP Funds- Premium Pay – Mayor Fetner addressed the Council regarding the American Rescue Plan funds. City Clerk Administrator distributed information regarding what other cities around the same size population have given their employees in regards to premium pay. City Clerk Wynn also advised the Mayor and Council that attorney Phil Fikes has approved funds to be spent on in the park.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner praised city employees on how good the City looked for the holiday weekend.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that she would like to see a park walk-thru take place prior to the watermelon festival, and asked questions regarding the Urban Park renovation.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported business as usual, they have been assisting other local departments on cases, the camera trailer is in, and that he is working with federal partners on issues and new hires.

Fire Chief Thompson reported that the hold up on the fire truck grant is the NIFERS registration.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported that partitions have been delivered for the Wynn Building bathroom renovations and that the Ashland Housing Authority has contracted out the tile in the women's restroom to complete the project quicker. Supervisor Stinson also reported that they had been cutting Right-of-Ways and the plan for pressure washing around town before the Watermelon Festival.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the current bills in the amount of \$7,478.59. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to allow Shanon House to attend SLEDS training in Opelika (\$939.00 for room and travel expenses). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

There being no further business Council Member Cantrell made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest