

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 04, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2023, 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 M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Cantrell 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 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Park Upgrades- Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed potential park upgrades and the estimated cost of the upgrades.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked everyone for Christmas decorations, FACS Cookie Crawl, and Staff.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting and the upcoming Christmas Parade. Chief Lee also updated everyone on ISO.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on asphalt work on the tennis court. Director Ward also reported on the Basketball Season.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on work completed and upcoming projects. Supervisor Stinson also reported on agenda items.

City Clerk/Administrator advised everyone they are invited to the re-dedication of the Farmers Market on January 8<sup>th</sup> at noon.

#### New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$8,038.04. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pave a portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North (side not previously approved) from City Square to Memorial Drive in the amount of \$14,800.00 by Woodard Brothers Grading, Inc. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase air packs for Ashland Fire Department from NAFECO through npp.gov cooperative at a total cost of \$91,416.00 (paid from tax fund). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve formally naming the Ashland Industrial Park the “Clay County Business Park” (at the request of the EDC). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase a heater for Ashland Maintenance Shop from East Central Alabama Gas at a total cost of \$3,566.42. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Randy Hanners an evaluation-based raise to Range 15 Step 3 effective November 25, 2023. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made motion to pay Goodwyn Mills and Caywood \$2,750.00 for engineering fees for Ashland ATRP SR-9 project. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

#### Old Business:

#### Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

##### 1. Resolution 12-04-01-2023: SEEDS Grant Funding.

Chance Jones with the EDC addressed the Mayor and Council to explain the request to apply for the SEEDS Grant. Mr. Jones advised there would be a 33% match.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution 12-04-01-2023 Seeds Grant Funding. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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