

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JULY 21, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Ethan Clark, Dylan Waldrep, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments of Item Numbers 5 and 6 to reflect an effective date of July 22, 2022. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Back to School Bash- August 7, 2022.- Chief Stanford advised as a private citizen he would like to utilize the Mike Beale Pavilion to host a back-to-school bash. All Council Members agreed to allow Chief Stanford to utilize the Mike Beale Pavilion on August 7, 2022.

2. Wynn Building Bathroom Update. - Maintenance Supervisor Stinson gave an update on the progress of the restrooms at the Wynn Building. Mayor Fetner asked Council Member Gaither and Council Member Cantrell to assist Supervisor Stinson in picking mirrors for the restrooms. Supervisor Stinson advised the new contractor is moving quickly.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on appointment to the EDC Board. Mayor Fetner advised he appointed Adam Robertson.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that the library is doing lots of great things.

Council Member Gaither praised the library for recent events.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items and introduced potential new hires. Chief Stanford advised the camera trailer is in and functioning, and will be utilized soon.

Fire Chief Thompson did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the corrective striping of High Pine Road. Supervisor Stinson advised the department has started pressure washing.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on soccer signups and the upcoming season.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn gave an update on the Urban Park renovations/design, and the grant the city is applying for to fund the project.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the current bills in the amount of \$13,991.98. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation from Patrol Sergeant Johnny Hamlin effective July 10, 2022. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Van Driver Kathy Freeman an evaluation-based raise to Range 3 Step 9 effective July 9, 2022. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to give Parks & Recreation Director Raquil Ward an evaluation-based raise to Range 16 Step 4 effective July 9, 2022. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to hire Ethan Clark as a non-certified Police Officer with a pay of Range 11 Step 1 effective July 22, 2022. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire Dylan Waldrep as a non-certified Police Officer with a pay of Range 11 Step 1 effective July 22, 2022. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Greg Varner & Associates \$2,201.75 for March legal fees. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Greg Varner & Associates \$1,635.50 for April legal fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to hire Aden Young, Darren Harris, Clay Yates, Julia Griffin, and Angel Jennings as temporary employees (maximum 2 weeks) for the Watermelon Festival (preparation, event, and cleanup) at a rate of \$8.00/hour. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving for Chief Stanford to attend grant writing training in Cullman, AL on August 11th and 12th and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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 Fetner

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn