

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 5, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 05, 2022, at 5:30 in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were 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.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn and Tommy Cantrell was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

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

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

Informational:

1. Fence at lot next to City Hall: Mayor and Council discussed putting a fence at the lot next to city hall. Mayor Fetner asked all the Council Members to look at the area and come up with ideas. Council Member Cain advised of a type of parking lot that looks like grass.

2. ARP Funds- Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed way the City could use the ARP funds that would benefit the citizens of Ashland. Mayor Fetner advised we may have to meet with an engineer.

3. Tobacco Tax Ordinance discussed tax rate and need for new ordinance.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked everyone who has worked on city events, and advised the East Central Open House was a huge success.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on Winter Nights Under the Lights, and the Open House for East Central Alabama Gas was a great event.

Council Member Gaither reported on compliments for the Christmas Decoration. Council Member Gaither commended Traskey Ford for his work on the Christmas Decorations.

Police Chief Stanford reported on the graduation of New Police Officers last Thursday. Chief Stanford they are in the training faze for several weeks. Chief Stanford reported on a community roundtable meeting coming soon.

Fire Chief Lee reported on the Christmas Parade and issues concerning the event including the lineup. Chief Lee reported on upcoming fundraiser, and the Christmas Dinner will be at the Blue & White Café on December 12-13th, 2022. Chief Lee reported the Fire Department will participate on the Lineville Christmas Parade.

Parks & Recreation/ Youth Sports Ward reported on the upcoming Basketball season. Parks and Recreation/ Youth Sports Director Ward advised Chuck Brimer construction is working at Williamson Field and reported the steps to the concession stand need to be replaced, they are a danger.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approving Chuck Brimer to repair the steps at Williamson Field Concession Stand. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$9,768.78. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to reschedule the regularly scheduled council meeting from Monday, January 2, 2023 to Tuesday, January 3, 2023 due to New Year's holiday. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to reschedule the regularly scheduled council meeting from Monday, January 16, 2023 to Tuesday, January 17, 2023 due to Martin Luther King holiday. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to purchase computer and equipment for Mental Health Liaison from Southern Data Automation, Inc. at a total cost of \$1,990.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Police Officer Ethan Clark a promotion raise from Non-Certified Officer to Certified Officer effective December 9, 2022 to Range 13 Step 1. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Police Officer Dylan Waldrep a promotion raise from Non-Certified Officer to Certified Officer effective December 9, 2022 to Range 13 Step 1. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to remove Dispatcher Leigh Ann Mask from probation, and give her a six-month merit-based raise to Range 9 Step 3 effective November 25, 2022. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance No. 2022-12-05-01: An Ordinance to authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensaries within the corporate limits of the City of Ashland. -First Reading.
2. Resolution No. 12-05-01-2022: A Resolution to select engineer(s) to provide services for grants.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution No. 12-05-01-2022 a resolution to select engineer(s) to provide services for grants. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Resolution No. 12-05-02-2022: A Resolution to apply for CDBG & ARC grants.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution No. 12-05-02-2022 a resolution to apply for CDBG & ARC Grants. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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