

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 19, 2024, 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, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn called roll and deemed a quorum present.
Council Member 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 Ballard made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes from 02.05.2024. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting on 02.09.2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Statement of Economic Interest- Due April 30, 2024

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on the Black History Bowl hosted at the Wynn Building. Mayor Fetner commended Shevy Glenn for organizing the event. Mayor Fetner also reported an Architect will come February 28, 2024 at 1 P.M. to discuss the Robinson Building.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on CDL Training for the Maintenance Department. Council Member Gaither also reported on concrete pad for tables at the library and the food truck lot.

Police Chief Stanford reported on sprinklers at the new Market Dollar General. Chief Stanford reported findings from the Alabama Fire Marshall concerning the sprinkler requirements. Chief Stanford also reported on regular agenda items. Chief Stanford also advised he leaves for the Chiefs Conference tonight.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting and training. Chief Lee also reported on the Market Dollar General walk through, and the upcoming Easter Event.

Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on Ashland Youth Sports Basketball Season. Director Ward also reported there are 55 players signed up for Baseball/T-ball/Softball. Director Ward also reported on upcoming projects and agenda items.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the CDL program. Supervisor Stinson advised the units have been removed from the Robinson Building. Supervisor Stinson also reported on tree removal on city rights-of-way. Supervisor Stinson also reported on sealing material applied to the Urban Park.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on CMO training registrations.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to enter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss disciplinary action for Patrol Officer Kristopher Eatman. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed-Yea

Council Member Cain-Yea

Council Member Gaither-Yea

Ashland City Council entered executive session at 5:42 P.M.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to resume regular meeting at 5:55 P.M. Council Member seconded Cain the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed-Yea

Council Member Cain-Yea

Council Member Gaither-Yea

Council Member Gaither made a motion to terminate Patrol Officer Kristopher Eatman upon the recommendation of Supervisor/ Police Chief Stanford effective February 19, 2024. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$9,139.86. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Tree Services of Alabama \$4,500.00 for removal of trees at Ashland City Park. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Tree Services of Alabama \$5,150.00 for removal of trees on City Right-of-Way. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to sponsor the 2024 Clay County Fair in the amount of \$500.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Ethan Clark as a Patrol Officer at a pay of Range 16 Step 2 effective February 23, 2024 and supply all uniforms needed. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to hire Shenandoah McInnish as Senior Officer at a pay of Range 17 Step 2 effective March 1, 2024 and supply all uniforms needed. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the CDL Reimbursement Agreement. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution No. 02-19-01-2024: Surplus Property

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-19-01-2024: Surplus Property. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Ordinance No. 2024-02-05-01: Noise Ordinance

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-02-05-01: Noise Ordinance. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

3. Ordinance No. 2024-02-05-02: Parking Ordinance

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-02-05-01: Parking Ordinance. Council Member Steed seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

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

Mayor

Attest