

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on September 17, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy J. Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Attorney John K. Johnson, City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Interim Maintenance Supervisor Charles F. Alexander, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Nathan Holmes representing Wellborn Cabinet Inc., Lester Robinson, and Justin McCullers of 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 Smith gave the invocation.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 20: Approval to accept the recommendation from Police Chief Joseph Stanford to terminate probationary Patrol Officer James Dawson effective immediately., Item Number 21: Approval to open the position of Patrol Officer and advertise the position for two (2) weeks., Item Number 22: Approval to purchase a bodycam for Ashland Police Department from Pro Vision Bodycam at a total cost of \$310.00., Item Number 23: Approval to purchase a radiator for the 2007 Chevrolet 2500 from Ashland Auto Parts at a total cost of \$381.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Smith 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.

Information Items:

No Informational Items to discuss.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain advised the Bicentennial Travel Exhibit will be held at the Clay County Chamber of Commerce on October 09-19, 2018 daily from 8A.M.-12P.M. and from 4P.M.-7P.M. Council Member Cain requested volunteers to work the exhibit during those hours. Council Member Cain also discussed getting electricity at the City Park. Council Member Cain advised she met with Alabama Power and was advised there is no need to set more poles everything can be pulled from the existing power supply. Council Member Cain also advised she met with Electrician Andrew Harris.

Council Member Gaither reported that the Commercial Account Right of Entry Agreement with Charter needed to be approved to get the internet at the park project started.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported he has solicited a quote for security cameras at all city buildings. Chief Stanford also reported Coffee with Cop will be held October 03, 2018 from 9-12 A.M. in the Wynn Building. Chief Stanford also advised the Police Department website has been unveiled.

Fire Chief Thompson reported the Fire Department has been quiet. Chief Thompson advised the Department has expressed interest in doing the Haunted Trail again this year, but he hasn't had anyone take charge.

Interim Maintenance Supervisor Alexander advised the Maintenance Department is running the limb route and attempting to catch up on everything.

Mayor Fetner thanked Interim Supervisor Alexander for working hard and doing a good job.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$8,639.10. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to pay Local Government Corporation \$891.00 for annual software support for Delta Business License software. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the job description for the position of Code Enforcement/Animal Control/Safety Officer. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to open and advertise for two (2) weeks the position of Code Enforcement/Animal Control/Safety Officer at salary Range 15 based on experience. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving the city to contract with Clay County Animal Shelter for housing and care of any animals collected by the City of Ashland. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to accept the sealed bid for a John Deere 777 2 track 60" deck mower from Jody Brown in the amount of \$101.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, motion carried upon a roll call vote:

Council Member Smith – Nay
Council Member Steed – Yay
Council Member Cain – Abstained
Council Member Gaither – Yay
Council Member Cantrell – Yay
Mayor Fetner – Yay

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the sealed bid for a Clemco Classic 150 Sandblaster from Jody Brown in the amount of \$101.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to accept the sealed bit for an Echo SRM-260 Weed eater from Charles Alexander in the amount of \$25.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approving no bid surplus property Echo Blower PD 250 handheld property by disposal at landfill. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Mayor Fetner to sign the Commercial Account Right of Entry Agreement with Charter Communications. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 City of Ashland Budget. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to accept notice of retirement from Senior Aide Dollie Zachery with her last day of work being October 31, 2018. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to transfer Jeanette Johnson from Senior Center Van Driver to Senior Center Aide effective November 01, 2018 with credit of time worked at same pay grade. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to open and advertise for two (2) weeks the position of Senior Center Van Driver at pay Range 3. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve a contract with ProBenefits, Inc. to draft a Cafeteria Plan for employee insurance at a cost of \$350.00 with an annual renewal fee of \$250.00 if approved. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the city to pay sixty (60) percent of cost for employee's "Family Medical Insurance Coverage". Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Air Methods Advantage Membership Agreement. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving an agreement with Bailey's Bush Hogging to bush hog the City's Right of Ways in the amount of \$535.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving the city to pay SEMS Fire Protection \$1,421.00 for annual hose testing for the Fire Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the recommendation from Police Chief Stanford to terminate probationary Patrol Officer James Dawson effective immediately. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to open the position of Patrol Officer and advertise for two (2) weeks. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve the purchase of a bodycam from Pro Vision Bodycam at a total cost of \$310.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the purchase of a radiator for the 2007 Chevrolet 2500 from Ashland Auto Parts at a total cost of \$381.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. application for tax abatement, tax abatement agreement, and Resolution 09-17-01-2018 to grant tax abatement. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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