

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on June 17, 2019 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 Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Magistrate/ City Hall Aide Sarah McKemie, Mr. Dennis Robertson, Dianne Branch, Eddie Branch, Ray Freeman, and Tammy Andrews.

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

Fire Chief Brett Thompson was absent.

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 10: Approval to give Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 15 Step 3 (\$17.39) effective June 14, 2019. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

1. Council Member Cain made a motion for the City of Ashland to take over the Clay County Yellow-Meated Watermelon Festival. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.
2. Ashland Christmas Parade set for December 05, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.
3. Council Member Cain discussed the Oxford Performing Arts Children's Theatre at the Wynn Building June 25, 2019 at 10:30 A.M.
4. Mr. Eddie Branch with the Clay County Historical Society addressed the Council about several items including a tourism brochure. Mr. Branch requested everyone to become a member of the Historical Society. Mr. Branch also requested the City of Ashland to add the Historical Society as a line item in the city's upcoming budget.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell advised the baseball tournament was a success and advised the city will need to look into repairing the septic system at Northside ballfield. Council Member Cantrell also advised youth sports is working on a plan for fields that would no longer require the city to contract with the Board of Education for use of fields.

Police Chief Stanford gave a report of Officer McGraw who is currently in the Police Academy. Chief Stanford also advised his staff worked with the US Marshalls service which led to a large drug bust. Chief Stanford applauded Investigator Harris and Officers who worked with the Marshalls service. Chief Stanford discussed agenda items to include hiring Donald Jordan as a part-time Officer. Chief Stanford advised if Officer Jordan is hired, he would be placed on the same shift as the recently graduated Officer and newly hired dispatcher to give some senior leadership on that shift. Chief Stanford also invited everyone to attend “Blue and You”, an event that will be held at the Ashland City Park on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 9 AM – 1 PM. Chief Stanford advised the Police Department will be interacting with the public at this event by playing sports and games with everyone who attends.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson advised the city received \$1200.00 in free labor last week when SIFAT volunteered with the city. Supervisor Robinson stated with their help the Maintenance crew was able to remove four loads of limbs from the city park in preparation for the Watermelon Festival. Supervisor Robinson also advised the Driveway Doctor patched the walking trail in the park last week and will soon begin sealing the trail. Supervisor Robinson stated the Maintenance Department will begin a second round of right of way cutting soon and it should be completed by July 04, 2019. Supervisor Robinson also advised the canopy on the square has been repaired by Graves Fabricating after an automobile accident damaged it, but the city would be reimbursed by the owner’s insurance for those repairs.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn advised she spoke with City Attorney John Kelley Johnson about the zoning ordinance. Mr. Johnson stated to her he had not had the opportunity to look it over.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$20,038.93. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving K9 Officer Adam Otwell to attend Taser Instructor Certification Course in Pell City, AL on July 15-16, 2019 at a cost of \$495.00 and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to make Magistrate/ City Hall Aide Sarah McKemie a full-time employee effective July 01, 2019 at the current rate of pay. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the sale to second highest bidder retroactive to 06/10/2019 due to failure of initial high bidder to purchase trailer. (2006 Puma Travel Trailer) Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn advised the Mayor and Council the city had been in contact with the initial high bidder on several occasions, and they were not available to pick up the travel trailer. Clerk Wynn discussed the matter Attorney John Kelley Johnson, and he advised the city could move on to the second highest bidder.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Donald Jordan as part-time Police Officer at a pay rate of R9S2 (\$11.90) effective June 21, 2019. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Graves Fabricating, Inc. \$2,600.00 for canopy repair. (to be reimbursed) Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1,650.00 for SNAP Entry Workstation and LETS Access for April 1, 2019-June 30, 2019. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the Volunteer Athletic Club \$325.00 for advertisement. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase 12 tires for the following vehicles: 173 (2015 Tahoe), 171 (2017 Tahoe), and 170 (2017 Tahoe) on state bid for a total cost of \$1,578.60 from TireHub. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 15 Step 3 (\$17.39) effective June 14, 2019. Council Member Cain 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.

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