

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 15, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on April 15, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present with 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, Assistant Police Chief/ Investigator Corey Dickinson, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Stephanie Freeman, Tammy Andrews, and Justin McCullers with 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 Cain made a motion to approve the agenda. 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 present.

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

Informational Items:

1. Mr. Odem was not present.

2. Stephanie Freeman with Ashland Elementary School addressed the City Council concerning the Archery team going to the National Tournament. Ms. Freeman requested any funds to help Ashland Elementary School assist the team with the expenses of the trip.

Council Member Cain made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 to Ashland Elementary School. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Fire Chief Thompson advised the department is working on a training schedule.

4. Fire Chief Thompson advised he would look into training for members of the Fire Department to receive qualification training.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner requested Council Members to think about a plan for the building next to the Urban Park.

Council Member Smith inquired about a property donation to East Central Alabama Gas.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain updated everyone on the progress of the Stingfellow Pocket Park and the Watermelon Festival.

Council Member Gaither reported the Urban Park has been used a lot for photographs for Prom and other functions. Council Member Gaither commended the Maintenance Department for their work ensuring everything looks nice. Council Member Gaither also thanked the Police Department for ensuring the safety of Ashland Citizens.

Council Member Cantrell also commended the Maintenance Department by stating the ballfields look great. Council Member Cantrell discussed parking issues at Williamson Field that have been resolved.

Assistant Chief/ Investigator Corey Dickinson thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard and himself to attend NRA Training for Firearms instructors.

Fire Chief Thompson reported everything has been quiet at the Fire Department. Fire Chief Thompson also advised a letter has been sent to Williamson Fire regarding the Rescue Truck.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$12, 228.23. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to reschedule the Council Meeting currently scheduled for May 06, 2019 to May 08, 2019 at 3 P.M. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to give Senior Center Director Jeanette Johnson a one-step evaluation raise to Range 7 Step 2 (\$10.59) effective April 22, 2019. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to recognize the city owns a 2008 Puma 26 RLSS VIN # 4X4TPUB218P016915 (travel trailer) and no longer needed for municipal purposes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to advertise for sell to highest bidder 2008 Puma 26 RL SS for cash, with the city reserving the right to reject any and all bids (no title guaranteed, buyer's responsibility to obtain title). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission \$306.00 for Quarterly EAC Membership Dues. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to evict tenant from City owned property. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Airport Appropriations in the amount of \$2,500.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to move Cecil Chappell to Temporary Full Time for 6 months, beginning Friday April 19, 2019 and ending October 17, 2019 (at same rate of pay). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to accept Kay Harris' retirement effective June 1, 2019. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to open and advertise for a Full Time Dispatcher position for 2 weeks. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the contract with Alabama Power to replace streetlights with LED fixtures. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to surplus 20 old red lights as they are no longer needed by the City of Ashland and sell them at a cost of \$30.00 each or best offer. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to surplus 8 suitcase tractor weights and sell them at a cost of \$25.00 each or best offer. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither Cain made a motion to promote Jeston Jennings to Equipment Operator at a pay Range 8 Step 1 (\$10.90) effective April 22, 2019. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Item Number 1 Approval to pay Driveway Doctor \$1,250.00 to seal and restripe South Parking Lot at the park that is sealable. This item died for lack of a motion.

Resolution, Ordinance, Orders, and More:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Resolution Number 04-15-01-2019 to participate in the "Back to School Sales Tax Holiday" July 19- July 21, 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.

Mayor

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