

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023 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, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Lester and Angela Robinson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the agenda. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Noise Complaint- Mr. Lester Robinson addressed Mayor Fetner and City Council Members concerning noise issues in the area including jake brakes, music, vehicle traffic, etc. Mr. Robinson addressed Police Chief Stanford and thanked Ashland Police Departments for their efforts to curtail the noise issues. Mr. Robinson advised he is not sure what the solution is, but he is aware other cities have noise ordinances that are enforced. Mr. Robinson advised his hope is that the city can come up with a way to enforce the current noise ordinance or draft a new ordinance that is enforceable.

2. Cassandra Allen requests the use of Ashland City Park for a Lupus Event/Walk on September 9, 2023.

Mayor Fetner advised to ask Ms. Allen to attend the next City Council Meeting to answer questions.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reminded the City Council of a called Planning Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5:15 P.M. for a proposed rezone on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor asked the City Council to attend.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked the Maintenance and Parks and Recreation Departments for their patience while she is working in the city park.

Council Member Gaither updated everyone on the progress/plan for the new Robinson Building.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Fire Chief Lee discussed upcoming events for the Fire Department. Chief Lee also reported on recent repairs and cornhole for the Watermelon Festival.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on work recently completed and upcoming tasks.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on baseball season and the tennis courts at the city park. Director Ward also reported sod has been ordered.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised the landscape architect will be in the City Park this Friday if anyone would like to meet with him.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$13,048.15. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to enter into an agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for the purpose of redistricting the City of Ashland at an estimated cost of \$1,587.20. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to remove Dispatcher Christy Yates from probation and give her a one-step raise to Range 9 Step 2 effective May 26, 2023. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay FUSUS \$5,299.00 for annual subscription for the Police Department (to be reimbursed by grant). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Gregory Varner and Associates \$1,440.00 for April legal fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to hire Heather Hill at Range 11 Step 1, as a full-time dispatcher, effective June 7, 2023 and purchase necessary uniforms. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Jasmine Graham as a Senior Officer, at Range 16 Step 1, effective June 7, 2023, and purchase necessary uniforms and equipment. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to open and advertise for the position of Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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

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