

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on February 18, 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 Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, K9 Officer Adam Otwell, Tammy Andrews, and Justin McCullers of the Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present. City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn was absent.

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 8: Approval to hire Gerald Weems as a Part-Time Seasonal employee effective March 11- October 31 at a pay range of Range 6 Step 1 (\$9.70 per hour)., Item Number 9: Approval to open and advertise the position of Laborer/ Operator for two weeks., Item Number 10: Approval to give Ronald Wideman a two-step raise based on annual evaluation to Range 9 Step 4 (\$12.63 per hour)., Item Number 11: Approve to give Linda Parkhill a one-step raise based on annual evaluation to Range 6 Step 8 (\$11.93 per hour). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed Street Lights in the Planning Meeting.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed quote for Wynn Building Air Conditioning.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve W & W Heating and Air Conditioning to install a 4-ton 14 seer a/c unit and all ductwork, thermostat, vent registers, and grills at the Wynn Building at an estimated cost of \$13,650.00. Council Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Chief Stanford discussed issued with security and lighting at Ashland City Cemetery.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed unused court chairs at the Wynn Building.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on Librarian Tina Nolen's request to plant a watermelon patch on city property, and Mrs. Nolen will be attending the Harper Lee Hall of Fame Induction.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported he will be at the Chief's Conference the remainder of this week, and Assistant Chief Corey Dickinson will be in charge. Chief Stanford also reported Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard picked up 4 dogs today for running at large. Chief Stanford advised Academy Cadet passed his legals and will be doing firearms training this week.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported on the generator located at the Old Police Department. Supervisor Robinson suggested the generator be moved to the storm shelter at the Library or be wired to run the red lights and canopy lights.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to pay the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$28,019.88. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Mark's Cleaning Service to clean all carpets at Ashland City Hall at a cost of \$300.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to accept the resignation of Senior Center Director Scotty Parker effective February 22, 2019. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to promote Senior Center Aide Jeanette Johnson to Senior Center Director and raise her salary to Range 7 Step 1 (\$10.28 per hour) effective February 25, 2019. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to reassign Senior Center Van Driver Sherry Coryell to Senior Center Aide effective February 25, 2019. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to open and advertise for two weeks the position of Senior Center Van Driver. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to purchase one case of tobacco stamps from Meyercord Revenue at an estimated cost of \$3,294.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to hire Gerald Weems as a Part-Time Seasonal employee effective March 11- October 31 at a pay range of Range 6 Step 1 (\$9.70 per hour). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception to Council Member Cantrell who abstained.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to open and advertise to two weeks the position of Laborer/Operator. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Ronald Wideman a two-step raise based on annual evaluation to Range 9 Step 4 (\$12.63 per hour). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Linda Parkhill a one-step raise based on annual evaluation to Range 6 Step 8 (\$11.93 per hour). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution 02-18-01-2019: Supporting Additional Motor Fuel Excise Tax and Requesting Legislators to Support Legislation and to Provide an Alternate Formula for Distribution of Revenues to more Adequately Represent the Demographics of Cities and Towns. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving Resolution 02-18-02-2019: Supporting and Urging Legislator to Add Placement of Municipal Employees Under the Protection of Municipal Liability Caps. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving Resolution 02-18-03-2019: Authorizing the City of Ashland to continue a \$250,000.00 line of credit with First State Bank for any unforeseen financial burden. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution 02-18-04-2019: Supporting 2019 Legislation Regarding Tier I and Tier II of the Employee Retirement System Similar to House Bill Number 344 Proposed in the 2018 Regular Session. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution 02-18-05-2019: A resolution to Remove Senior Center Director Scotty Parker as signer and add Van Driver Sherry Coryell as signers on the Ashland Senior Center Checking Account at First State Bank. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

Attest

