

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024, 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, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Mr. Jarrod Allen, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Cantrell and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward was absent.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Updated Parking Lot- Park Plan Renovations- Mayor and Council discussed changes to the Parking Lot Renovations.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the updated parking lot for park renovations. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Robinson Building License Agreement

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the proposed Robinson Building License Agreement with Nana’s Lemonade at \$100.00 per month for 12 months effective October 1, 2024. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Easement- New Waterline for ATRP 2 Project

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve an Easement (Industrial Park) with Ashland Wastewater and Sewer Board for ATRP 2 Project. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on an invoice from Clay Farm Market for azaleas for the park pavilion. Cain also reported on the Stringfellow Park.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on the potential new hire Jarrod Allen. Chief Stanford also reported on "Coffee with a Cop", requested the presence of the City Council, and asked them to invite others to the event at the Coffee Bean. Chief Stanford also reported on the need for a School Resource Officer for Ashland Elementary School.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett reported on the need to renew current business license software.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting. Lee also reported on possibly donating bunker gear.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on speed breakers installed at the Wynn Building, restrooms at the City Park, and troubleshooting the lights on Court Square.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$32,726.23. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission \$1,587.20 for 2024 redistricting services. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Agenda Item Number 3 approval to pay Edgar & Associates, LLC. \$4,938.35 for audit- was approved at a previous meeting. Item dies for lack of a motion.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Local Government Corporation \$1,496.00 for business license software. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase 8 picnic tables from Kirby Built at an estimated cost of \$7,500.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to authorize Mr. Ronald Robertson, Revenue Commissioner of Clay County, to assess and collect property taxes for the City of Ashland, Alabama. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to hire Jarrod Allen as senior officer, at R18S1 (bachelor's degree, 12 years' experience), contingent upon passing psychological evaluation, effective 09.18.2024, and send to the refresher academy. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Insite Engineering \$3,290.00 for professional services performed for park upgrade design. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were

unanimous with the exception of Council Member Gaither who was opposed and requested a detailed bill to know what we are actually paying for.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 23 Step 9 effective September 14, 2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance 2024-09-03-01 An Ordinance Establishing the use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices.
2. Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09-03-01 An Ordinance Establishing the use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

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

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Mayor

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