

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 18, 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson and Lyric Griffin with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and 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 Ballard made a motion to approve the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Park Plan- Insite to come after the first of the year: Mayor Fetner and Clerk Wynn informed the Council that Insite Engineering would be attending a planning meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>.
2. Future plans for Northside Field: Maintenance Supervisor Stinson advised the Mayor and Council of the condition of structures at North Side Fields.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to tear down and cleanup Northside Field concession stand. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner wished everyone a “Merry Christmas” and thanked the council and staff for the progress that the City of Ashland has made this past year.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked all law enforcement agencies for their participation at the Winter Nights under the Lights event at the park and advised some juveniles had been causing disruptions at the park.

Council Member Gaither thanked all departments involved in the parade for making it a success.

Council Member Cantrell advised basketball was going good.

Police Chief Stanford thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to attend the Violent Crime Conference.

Fire Chief Lee reported that the Fire Department had responded to ten calls since the last council meeting, attended parades, completed ESO reporting classes, and discussed agenda items.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson advised that the Maintenance Department had completed handicap parking, paving is complete on roads and tennis courts, awaiting a quote for striping of Wynn Building parking lot and tennis courts, and reported on agenda items.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$25,109.30. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates, LLC \$5,733.95 for 2023 Audit Fieldwork and Monthly Compilations. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the uniform allowance for Ashland Fire Department (\$200/member) \$3,200.00 total. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Sawyer Spratlin a one-step raise effective 12/9/2023 and remove him from probation. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to reschedule the regular council meeting on January 1, 2024, to January 2, 2024, due to New Year's holiday. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to reschedule the regular council meeting on January 15, 2024, to January 16, 2024, due to Martin Luther King holiday. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving Camera Pole Lease Agreement with Ashland Housing Authority. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution 12-18-01-2023 Designation of Authorized Signers for Ashland Senior Center Accounts.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution 12-18-01-2023 Designation of Authorized Signers for Ashland Senior Center Accounts. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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