

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 20, 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, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Brian Newell- 3rd Congressional District, and Ray Stansell and with the Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn and Maintenance Supervisor Stinson were absent. Council Member Cantrell was absent.

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

Council Member Cain 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 Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Brian Newell- 3rd Congressional District addressed Mayor Fetner and City Council Members.
2. Air Packs for Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Gaither explained the need for the air packs due to ISO inspection. Mayor Fetner advised the purchase may have to be bid.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner congratulated Council Member Ballard for received her advanced CMO from Alabama League of Municipalities. Mayor Fetner also reported on the Christmas Parade.

Council Member Ballard thanked the city for the opportunity to attend training.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked the city for the opportunity to attend training and reported on need for volunteers to help decorate for Christmas.

Council Member Gaither thanked the city for the opportunity to attend training. Council Member Gaither also reported on work completed by the Maintenance Department.

Police Chief Stanford reported on a meeting with an advisory committee concerning the Mental Health Liaison position. Chief Stanford also reported on a meeting with the Clay County Animal Shelter concerning further partnerships, and regular meeting agenda items. Chief Stanford also reported on the purchase of a Tahoe from Jacksonville.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting and upcoming events. Chief Lee also reported on upcoming ISO ratings, and regular meeting agenda items.

Park & Recreation/ Youth Sports Director Ward reported on Basketball signups and the potential use of Lineville Elementary Gym for practices.

Assistant City Clerk Catrett did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$20,887.95. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase employee jackets from Corporate Gear at a total cost of \$2,255.04. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay NAFECO \$1,782.90 for equipment for Ashland Fire Department. (paid from FD tax fund) Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay NAFECO \$1,611.60 for equipment for Ashland Fire Department. (paid from FD tax fund) Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Southeast Management Services, LLC. \$1,468.17 for repairs to Fire Department Engine 3. (paid from FD tax fund) Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving a one-time raise for city employees at a total cost of \$11,600.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to take Library Aide Kade Strickland off probation and give him a raise to Range 7 Step 1 effective November 11, 2023. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to take Library Aide Crystal Karr off probation and give her a raise to Range 6 Step 2 effective November 11, 2023. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Mental Health Liaison Sarah Robertson an evaluation base raise to Range 17 Step 3 effective November 24, 2023. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to allow Police Chief Stanford to attend Violent Crime Conference in Indianapolis on December 10-13th, 2023, pay travel expenses, with all travel expenses to be reimbursed by National Policing Institute. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the alcohol application for Circle K. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Suggs Collision to repair 2022 Chevy Silverado (Investigator's Vehicle) at a total cost of \$2,767.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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

Mayor

Attest