

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANAURY 21, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Kim M. Cain, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Assistant Chief/Investigator Shanon House, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Members Bobbie Steed, Annette Gaither, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward, and Police Chief Stanford were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and 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 Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Mayor/Council Salaries-discussed leaving salaries as they are.
2. Smoking at Outdoor City Properties- discussed a potential city policy/ordinance concerning outdoor facilities, asked for a policy/ordinance to have designated area.
3. Clean-up Day (4/22/2025-Earth Day)
4. Update on Park Renovations- Mayor Fetner gave an update on the renovations.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked everyone on their work during recent storms.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked/commended Mental Health Liaison Sarah Robertson for help with a need in the city.

Council Member Cantrell reported on youth sports program and agenda items concerning parks and recreation.

Assistant Chief House did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since last meeting and addressed agenda items. Chief Lee advised the Fire Dept will be open as a warming station as needed. Chief Lee also reported on recent repairs to equipment.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on fence removal and an ADA access ramp installed at the basketball gym used by the Youth Sports Program. Commended the Maintenance Department on work during recent storms.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$14,171.99. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Nafeco \$4,350.76 for equipment for Ashland Fire Dept. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Flock Safety \$6,000.00 for annual payment of cameras for the Police Department. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1,650.00 for LETS Access and Snap Entry for the Police Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Greg Varner \$4,737.00 for November legal fees. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Court Clerk/ Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 19 Step 9 effective February 1, 2025. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Tree Service of Alabama \$1,850.00 for tree removal at the park. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase 4 sets of bleachers for ballfields from BSN Sports at a total cost of \$9,999.96. Council Member Cain 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 the meeting. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest