

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 21, 2023

Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 21, 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, Anette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James "Jimmy" Lee, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Librarian Tina Nolen, Gabe Cantrell, Jackson Wingo, Michael Lashall, Aiden Pike, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

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

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

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

Informational:

1. Shevy Glenn- Request to use the Wynn Building for Black History Bowl on February 17, 2024.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Shevy Glenn to use the Wynn Building at no charge for the Black History Bown on February 17, 2024. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner welcomed visitors attending the council meeting.

Council Member Ballard thanked Ashland Fire Department for attending homecoming at her church.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on recent training attended concerning Problem Orientated Policing.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last council meeting, and a demonstration held at Wellborn Cabinet. Chief Lee also reported on a Fire Department breakfast this Saturday. Chief Lee also reported the Fire Department would like to assist in all events held in the city, and regular agenda items.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on soccer season.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the progress of the Robinson Building. Supervisor Stinson also reported on Gaither Cline Road concerning storm drainage, and regular agenda items.

Librarian Tina Nolen reported on needs from the Childrens Policy Council concerning Learning Outside the Classroom. Librarian Nolen reported on a grant that has been awarded to Ashland and Lineville City Library.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on the 2023-2024 budget.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$26,579.53. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Edgar & Associates, LLC \$4,096.45 for 2023 audit fieldwork and monthly compilation. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase a load of landscaping rock for flower beds from Anderson Trucking, LLC at a cost of \$2,050.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Transportation Plan. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to apply for Economic Development Academy at a total cost of \$3,500.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither explained the education program offered through the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Greg Varner, LLC \$4,625.25 for July attorney fees. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay approximately \$315/person for accommodations for Municipal Leadership Institute in Orange Beach 11/08/2023-11/10/2023 and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay East Alabama Portables \$1,575.00 for restrooms during the Watermelon Festival. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to pay SEMS Fire Protection \$1,688.00 for hose and ladder testing. (paid by FD Tax Fund). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase Sod from Sunbelt Sod at a total cost of \$2,625.00 for the bank at Williamson Field. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance No. 2023-08-21-01- Amending the Alcohol Ordinance presented for first reading.

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

Mayor

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