

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 15, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 15, 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 (5:32), Kim M. Cain, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate Robyn Waters, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson (5:32), and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Tommy Cantrell, City Clerk/Administrator Wynn, 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 Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item No. 5: Approval to give Equipment Operator Jeffery Catchings a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 11 Step 9 effective 03.30.2024, and Item No. 6: Approval to give Equipment Operator Ronald Wideman a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 12 Step 11 effective 03.30.2024. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Speed Breaker Procedure- Mayor Fetner and Council Member discussed the proposed Speed Breaker Procedure.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on scheduling conflicts for cleanup day, the Rib Cookoff, and AED’s for all city buildings.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither congratulated the Ashland Fire Department on placing 2nd in the Rib Cookoff.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last regular meeting, and training on the new air packs.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the annual inspection of the bucket truck, grass cutting season, upcoming culvert pipe repairs, glass for the Robinson Building, roof repairs for the Robinson Building, and requesting quotes on severe weather siren repairs. Supervisor Stinson also reported on the brick backstop drainage issues and plans to remedy the issue.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett reported on agenda item number 4; Dispatcher Hamlin is undergoing emergency neck surgery at the recommendation of her neurosurgeon; therefore, Dispatcher Brown will fill in while she is in recovery.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$9,114.04. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving a 3-year contract with TekConnectGov for business license software at a total cost of \$3,500.00 for onboarding and \$6,300.00 per year. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Gregory Varner \$2,062.50 for March attorney fees. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to make Dispatcher Dalton Brown temporary full-time effective April 17, 2024-May 31, 2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Equipment Operator Jeffery Catchings a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 11 Step 9 effective 03.30.2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Equipment Operator Ronald Wideman a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 12 Step 10 effective 03.30.2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance No. 2024-04-04-01 (Rezone of Property)

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2024-04-04-01 (Rezone of Property). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Absent

Mayor Fetner- Yea

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