

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 08, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on May 08, 2019 at 3:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy J. Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Brent Wheeler with Ashland Water Works and Sewer Board, and Terry Acuff with Community Consultants.

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

Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson and Fire Chief Brett Thompson were absent.

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

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

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

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

Informational Items:

1. Mayor Fetner reminded everyone present that Law Day will be held May 09, 2019 at noon.
2. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed security issues at the Cemetery.
3. Terry Acuff discussed grants opportunities for the City of Ashland in the Planning Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner advised the Council to think about what type of grants they would like to apply for, but to keep in mind the City of Ashland can only apply for 1 type of CDBG grant.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on the "Opportunity Zone" for Clay County. Council Member Cain also discussed a grant application for a splash pad at the City Park and the String fellow Memorial Pocket Park. Council Member Cain commended Mrs. Ellen Sewell for her hard work in the Pocket Park.

Council Member Gaither reported Mrs. Angela Kerr commended the Police Department for their work at the Clay County Fair and advised she had no issues getting to her residence. Council Member Gaither also discussed the upcoming 2020 Census and the need for everyone to participate. Council Member Gaither explained the Censuses will directly affect 143 programs. Council Member Gaither also discussed an option with Alabama Power for security cameras at a monthly service fee.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on the Clay County Fair. Chief Stanford advised he will be conducting interviews for the Dispatcher position on Friday May 10, 2019. Chief Stanford did not have a report of Officer McGraw who is currently in the Police Academy. Chief Stanford also reported on current cases the Police Department is working on.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$10,172.50. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to transfer funds from the Brick Memorial Fund to the Alcohol Fund. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$2,000.00 for Right of Way Bond Policy Renewal. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Book Systems Inc. \$895.00 for Atrium Express subscription renewal for the Library. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Valent Group \$375.00 for quarterly consulting fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the purchase of cameras for WOLFCOM Enterprises for the Police Department at a cost of \$1,341.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to accept the resignation from part-time Library Aide Olivia Sayre effective May 10, 2019. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to open and advertise for two weeks for a Part-Time, Seasonal Library Aide. Council member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to declare that a small portion of an abandoned alleyway located east of the East Central Alabama Gas District (particularly described by Ordinance No. 2019-05-08-01) is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes and that its fair market value is five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the sell of property particularly described by Ordinance No. 2019-05-08-01 to the East Central Alabama Gas District, a non-profit corporation, for the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) upon adoption of an ordinance providing for the same. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 2019-05-08-01 on the first reading.

The Motion died for lack of a second.

Ordinance No. 2019-05-08-01 was presented for its first reading.

There being no further business Council Member Smith made a motion o adjourn. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest