

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 2018

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on March 26, 2018 at 6:00 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, Fire Chief Brett Thompson (went to fire call at 6:12 P.M.), Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, James Dawson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Time Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Billy J. Smith gave the invocation.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 17: Approval to hire James Dawson as a Non-Certified Patrol Officer effective March 27, 2018 at a pay scale of Range 8 Step 1 (\$10.90), Item Number 18: Approval to hire Jeanette Johnson as full-time part-time Senior Center Van Driver effective March 27, 2018 at a pay scale of Range 3 Step 1 (\$8.15). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed the procedure for draft beer sales within the City of Ashland.

Council Member Cain advised SGA Clean-up Day will be held April 25, 2018 from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. Council Member Cain advised 16 students will be participating, and they will help design the shirt for Clean-up Day. Maintenance Supervisor Brown will schedule a route for the group to clean.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members decided to participate in the 2018 Sales Tax Holiday scheduled for July 20-22, 2018 and instructed City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn to prepare the resolution.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members read over Chamber News from Tiffany Young.

Ray Stansell from the Clay Times Journal explained the ad would be for "At Home in Clay County" magazine.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay \$300.00 for an ad in "At Home in Clay County" magazine from the Clay Times Journal. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. (The City will design the ad themselves.)

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported signs that were donated from the Clay County Extension Office have been placed at Ashland City Park. The grant for Open Spaces Sacred Places has been submitted and the city should know within 6 weeks if it is awarded to us, and the grant for the Christmas Lights has also been submitted. Council Member Cain advised Celebrate Recovery starts this month. Council Member Cain also advised the “Clay County Yellow Meated Watermelon Festival” will be held on August 18, 2018, and the newest little free library is ready to be installed.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn advised herself and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett have been busy working on the 2020 Census.

Police Chief Stanford updated the Council on Police Department renovations, and plumbing issues.

Maintenance Supervisor Brown advised the Maintenance Department completed street light testing and have turned in all damaged lights to Alabama Power for repair. Supervisor Brown also advised Mr. Alexander will take his CDL driving test on May 24, 2018.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$10,909.54. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to pay Edgar and Associates \$255.00 for audit work. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to amend previous VFIS invoice of \$5,166.00 for Fire Department general insurance to \$5,740.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to pay annual general insurance renewal (04/03/2018-04/03/2019) with S.S. Nesbitt in the amount of \$47,854.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the city to pay T & T Landscaping \$5,270.00 for plants, labor, ect. for planters on the square. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to pay Bonner Heating and Air \$294.00 for repairing the Library unit. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to make Stephanie Smith a Permanent Full-Time Dispatcher with a one-step raise to Range 4 Step 2 (\$8.89) effective March 26, 2018. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Pettus Paint and Body to repair Patrol Unit 173 (2015 2WD Tahoe) at an estimated cost of \$395.63. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the Sergeant job description. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the promotion of Micheal Harris to Sergeant with a pay increase to Range 11 Step 1 (12.98) effective March 26, 2018. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving the purchase of a new PC workstation for Ashland Police Department's fingerprint machine from DataWorks Plus at a cost of \$3,300.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Police Chief Joseph Stanford to attend CLEEP training on April 12-13, 2018 in Fort Payne, Alabama, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the purchase of two (2) loads of premium red infield material at a cost of \$3,160.00 from Southern Red Rock. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving the purchase of an aluminum boat and equipment from Wayne Hubbard for the Maintenance Department at a cost of \$1,000.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approving the Lease Agreement Renewal with the Board of Education. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to declare 2005 Tahoe as surplus. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to hire James Dawson as Ashland Police Department Patrol Officer effective March 27, 2018 at a pay scale of Range 8 Step 1 (\$10.90). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving the city to hire Jeanette Johnson as Ashland Senior Center Full-Time, Part-Time Van Driver effective March 27, 2018 at a pay scale of Range 3 Step 1 (\$8.15). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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