

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 17, 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, 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 James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Lawson & Katie Benefield, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Cain 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 Cain made a motion approving the minutes from the previous regular meeting. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. David Davis request to use Ashland City Park on April 29, 2023 for a Memorial Service.  
All Council Members agreed to allow Mr. Davis to use the City Park for a Memorial Service.
2. Discuss purchasing a new AC Unit for Old City Hall.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the purchase of new air conditioning unit from W & W Heating and Cooling for Old City Hall at an estimated costs of \$10,123.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Watermelon Meeting – Mayor Fetner and Council Members set a Meeting for Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 2 P.M.
4. Cleanup Day- April 22, 2023- Council Members Cain and Gaither discussed Cleanup Day.
5. Discuss July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday closing

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to close all city offices on July 3 & July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

6. Grief Support Meeting twice a month at Wynn Building on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> – Lawson Benefield (request fee waived)

Mr. Benefield addressed the City Council with a request to utilize the Wynn Building for Grief Support Meetings. Mr. Benefield advised how the meetings would be beneficial to the community. Mr. Benefield also requested the city to waive the rental fees.

Council Member Cain made a motion to allow a Grief Support Meeting twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> and waive the rental fee for these meetings. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on applications received for the Library Aide positions.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on support for the Dadeville community. Chief Stanford advised the Clay County Fair was a success with no issues. Chief Stanford also discussed the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer/Lieutenant Tony Hubbard.

Fire Chief Lee reported there has been no calls since the last council meeting. Chief Lee also reported on Cleanup Day, upcoming events, and training.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the repair of a culvert pipe on Gaither Cline Road. Supervisor Stinson also reported grass cutting season has begun.

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 \$15,569.11. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation of Code Enforcement/Lieutenant Tony Hubbard effective 4.11.2023. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay ALEA \$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 Cain made a motion approving to pay Fincher Fence Inc. \$8,547.00 for fencing at Williamson Field. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to table Approval to pay Fincher Fence Inc. \$3,263.40 for fencing at park (from new fence to restroom). 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. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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Mayor

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Attest