

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, and Ray Stansell with Clay Times Journal.

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

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

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

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

Informational:

1. First Responders Dinner Update- City Clerk Wynn reported that invitations are in process, and that the Cattleman's Association plan to donate the steak sandwiches for the dinner again this year.
2. James Spann Book Signing at the Coffee Bean on August 27, 2022 from 9:30A.M. to noon- Mayor Fetner announced the upcoming guest at a local business.
3. Discuss Municipal Business License Issuance Fees- the Mayor and Council wanted time to think about the increase and include it under "Old Business" at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on construction of the stage in the pollinator garden at the library.

Council Member Gaither thanked all who helped in making the Watermelon Festival a success and reported that the Senior Center's pancake breakfast was very successful.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on the Mental health Liaison Job Description and explained grants funding the program. Chief Stanford also reported that the newly hired officers would head to the

academy on August 29th, 2022. Chief Stanford thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing the use of the park for the back-to-school bash.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on soccer sign-ups and backstop installation.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on two calls for wrecks that some of his firefighters attended on August 7, 2022 and August 15, 2022, assistance taking water out to the rodeo, 911 streamlining communications throughout the county, and donated bags from Clay County Cares for victims of house fires. Chief Thompson also reported that it was time for annual fire truck servicing.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson gave an update on the Wynn Building restroom remodel and informed the Council that they had began cutting right of ways.

Mayor Fetner reported that he appreciates all of the hard work put into the watermelon festival and congratulated the Clay County Cattleman's Association on the success of the 2022 Rodeo.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$19,848.73. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve to pay Finder \$1,497.50 for data sharing for the Police Department (reimbursed by RCRVI grant). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to reschedule the regularly scheduled council meeting on September 5, 2022 to September 6, 2022 due to the Labor Day holiday. Council member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to give Chris Elliott a 6-month, one-step raise to range 8 Step 7 and take him off of probation. Council member Cantrell 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.

Mayor

Attest