

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 03, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on September 03, 2019 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, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Librarian Tina Nolen, Ellen Dark with Clay County Animal Shelter, David Smith, Glenell Smith, Bethany Owens, Lyric Griffin, and Tammy Andrews.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn called roll and deemed a quorum present. Council Members Kim M. Cain and Tommy Cantrell 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 Number 8: Approval of estimated cost of \$1,000.00 for the First Responder's Dinner expense., Item Number 9: Approval to pay Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy \$4,566.00., Item Number 10: Approval of Catastrophic Sick Leave for Stephanie Smith., Item Number 11: Approval of Family Medical Leave Act (in the event all leave is exhausted) for Stephanie Smith., Item Number 12: Approval to purchase mechanical keyless door locks from Amazon for the Fire Department at an estimated cost of \$345.12., Item Number 13: Approval to hire Bethany Owens as a Part-Time Library Aide effective September 4, 2019 at a pay of Range 3 Step 1., Item Number 14: Approval to pay W & W Heating and Air Conditioning \$998.00 for work completed at Ashland City Hall., and Item Number 15: Approval to accept low bid of \$17,999.00 from East Central Alabama Gas District for generator for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

1. Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce delivered Chamber News.
2. Mayor Fetner advised Council Member Cain and Council Member Gaither wish to attend the Municipal Leadership Institute on October 3, 2019 in Prattville with registration fees of \$150.00. Mayor Fetner advised if any other Council Member wishes to attend to make it known.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay \$300.00 registration fees for Council Member Kim M. Cain and Council Member Annette F. Gaither to attend the Municipal Leadership Institute on October 3, 2019 in Prattville. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Ashland Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 4:30 P.M. with lineup taking place at Ashland Elementary School.
4. Mayor Fetner advised the Veteran's Day Program will be November 8, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at Central High School of Clay County.

5. Mayor Fetner commended citizens for picking up litter within the City of Ashland.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner commended the Police Department and Fire Department for their quick response during emergencies.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Police Chief Stanford gave an update on Officers currently attending the Police Academy and advised they have 11 weeks to go. Chief Stanford advised security cameras will be being installed in the Police Department and City hall. Chief Stanford also advised the DUI Campaign was a success.

Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson advised a recall on the new limb truck has been repaired. Supervisor Robinson suggested installing sensor lights in the park restrooms and having the timer for the park walking trail to turn off at 9:00 P.M. in the Winter months. Supervisor Robinson also advised the Council he will be attending red light training next week.

All Council Members present agreed to install sensor lights in the park restrooms and to change the timer on the walking trail to turn off at 9:00 P.M. in the Winter Months. Chief Stanford advised it would be beneficial to post notice that the park will begin closing at 9:00 P.M. when the timer on the trail is changed.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson reported on calls the Fire Department has responded to since the last Council Meeting.

Librarian Tina Nolen reported on "Forgotten Alabama" and recommended the City to hire Bethany Owens and introduced her to the Council.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$5,164.25. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Agreement with the Clay County Animal Shelter. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Agreement with Bailey's Bush Hogging. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to receive sealed bids on 2007 Chevrolet Impala (Unit 174) previously deemed surplus with bids to be opened on September 16, 2019 at 5 P.M. with the City reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay American Law Enforcement Radar & Training \$280.00 for radar training form 8/15/2019 for the Police Department. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to give City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn a two-step evaluation-based merit raise to Range 19 Step 5 effective September 9, 2019. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approving the 2019-2020 budget including a 1 step (3%) cost of living raise for all employees effective first full payroll in October. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the estimated cost of \$1,000.00 for the First Responder's Dinner expenses. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to pay Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy \$4,566.00 (to be reimbursed \$2,600.00). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Catastrophic Sick Leave for Stephanie Smith. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving Family Medical Leave Act (in the event all leave is exhausted) for Stephanie Smith. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of mechanical keyless door locks from Amazon for the Fire Department at an estimated cost of \$345.12. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to hire Bethany Owens as a Part-Time Library Aide effective September 4, 2019 at a pay of Range 3 Step 1. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay W & W Heating and Cooling \$998.00 for work completed at City Hall. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to table approval to accept low bid of \$17,999.00 from East Central Alabama Gas District for a generator for the Police Department. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and More:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-08-19-01 (limb pickup). Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Smith- Aye

Steed- Aye

Gaither- Aye

Mayor Fetner- Aye

Ordinance passes unanimously.

Ordinance Number 2019-09-03-01 (business license) introduced for first reading.

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

Mayor

Attest