

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 05, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on October 5, 2020 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, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce, and Tammy Andrews with The Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Tommy Cantrell was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of Item Number 3 to read: Approval to purchase Exmark Laser Z 60" zero turn lawn mower at a cost of \$5,500.00 (with trade in) from Talladega Tractor., and the addition of Item Number 11: Approval to give Library Aide Bethany Owens an evaluation raise to Range 3 Step 6 effective October 3, 2020. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the previous Planning Meeting minutes. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce presented Chamber News.
2. First Responder's Dinner discussed in Planning Meeting. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised everything is ready to go.
3. Employee Christmas Dinner discussed in Planning Meeting. Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett advised Reubin Maroquin from Monte Alban isn't sure with State guidelines that the restaurant can accommodate everyone.
4. Trunk or Treat discussed in Planning Meeting. Chief Stanford advised precautions will be taken to ensure everyone's safety.
5. Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Consideration discussed in Planning Meeting. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised the publication process, and advised the Mayor and Council they all need to review the Ordinance in its entirety before setting the hearing. Mayor Fetner and Council advised they will discuss a hearing date at the next regular meeting.
6. Families in Public Government Employment Policy discussed in Planning Meeting. Council requested Chief Stanford to work on an Ordinance for them to review before they make a decision.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain requested permission to decorate the City Square for the fall season. All Council Members agreed to Council Member Cain's request.

Council Member Gaither advised Council Member Cain, Maintenance Supervisor Robinson, and herself will be going to pick out a real Christmas Tree for the City soon.

Fire Chief Thompson advised the Fire Department responded to an equipment fire Sunday, October 4, 2020.

Police Chief Stanford advised the evaluation-based raises on the agenda are well deserved.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson advised the last Right of Way cutting for the year is currently being completed, and the Adam's property demolition completed by CM Kerr on behalf of the property owners has been completed.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported the Covid-19 reimbursement is pending information from Ashland Water Authority and East Central Gas. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised Mrs. Mattie Bell will be celebrating her 94th Birthday this Saturday, October 11, 2020 at 3 P.M. with a drive by event, Mayor Fetner did a proclamation in her honor. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised she has been asked to be on an Opportunity Alabama Board for a 6-8-week period concerning Covid-19 and Clay County working together on issues. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn also requested Mayor Fetner and Council Member to give her an address listing for the Swearing-in Ceremony invitation.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$8,421.96. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to declare 48" Exmark zero turn lawn mower and 60" Z920M John Deer zero turn lawn mower as surplus as they are no longer needed for municipal purposes (to be traded towards purchase of new mower). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase Exmark Laser Z 60" zero turn lawn mower at a cost of \$5,500.00 (with trade-in) from Talladega Tractor. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the agreement with JSU Center for Applied Forensics and the City of Ashland with an annual cost of \$1,250.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson an evaluation-based raise to Range 19 Step 5 effective October 3, 2020. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to remove Senior Equipment Operator Phillip Stinson from probation and give him a 1-step raise to Range 9 Step 6 effective October 6, 2020. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Assistant Chief Donald Jordan and evaluation raise to Range 15 Step 1 effective October 2, 2020. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Dispatcher/Warrant Clerk Melissa Robyn Waters an evaluation raise to Range 9 Step 3 effective October 16, 2020. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Dispatcher Kerry Hamlin an evaluation raise to Range 7 Step 5 effective October 16, 2020. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase body camera system from Reveal for the Ashland Police Department at a total cost of \$6,082.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Library Aide Bethany Owens an evaluation raise to Range 3 Step 6 effective October 3, 2020. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and more:

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