

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 02, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for an Organizational Meeting on November 02, 2020 at 10:15 A.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie J. Steed (10:21), Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gather, and Tommy Cantrell. 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, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, Code Enforcement Office Tony Hubbard, Judge Megan Miller Yates, Judge Mark Smith Nelson, Attorney Kesa M. Johnston, Mr. Irvin Thompson, Ms. Laura Moore, Mrs. Selena Nelson, Pastor Keith Jones, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn called roll and deemed a quorum present.
Council Member Bobbie J. Steed was absent until 10:21A.M.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Pastor Keith Jones gave the invocation.

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to elect Council Member Bobbie J. Steed as Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Ashland, Alabama. Council Member Cain seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Council Member Dianne Ballard – Yay
Council Member Kim M Cain – Yay
Council Member Annette F. Gaither – Yay
Council Member Tommy Cantrell – Yay

Council Member Gaither made a motion establishing the time and place of regular meeting to be held on the first and third Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. at Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Planning Meeting to be called as needed. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2020-11-02-01 on the first reading. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Council Member Dianne Ballard – Yay
Council Member Kim M. Cain – Yay
Council Member Annette F. Gaither – Yay
Council Member Tommy Cantrell – Yay

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-11-02-01 adopting the rules of procedure containing the Robert's Rules of Order. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Council Member Dianne Ballard – Yay
Council Member Kim M. Cain – Yay
Council Member Annette F. Gaither – Yay
Council Member Tommy Cantrell – Yay

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the appointment of committees. (Copy of Committees Attached) Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to Appoint Chelsey Wynn as City Clerk/Administrator for the City of Ashland. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Council Member Dianne Ballard – Yay
Council Member Bobbie J. Steed – Yay
Council Member Kim M. Cain – Yay
Council Member Annette F. Gaither – Yay
Council Member Tommy Cantrell – Yay

Council Member Gaither made a motion to Appoint Joseph Stanford as Police Chief for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Council Member Dianne Ballard – Yay
Council Member Bobbie J. Steed – Yay
Council Member Kim M. Cain – Yay
Council Member Annette F. Gaither – Yay
Council Member Tommy Cantrell – Yay

Council member Cantrell made a motion to Appoint Brett Thompson as Fire Chief for the City of Ashland. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Council Member Dianne Ballard – Yay
Council Member Bobbie J. Steed – Yay
Council Member Kim M. Cain – Yay
Council Member Annette F. Gaither – Yay
Council Member Tommy Cantrell – Yay

Council Member Gaither made a motion to Appoint Gregory Varner as Attorney for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Council Member Dianne Ballard – Yay
Council Member Bobbie J. Steed – Yay
Council Member Kim M. Cain – Yay
Council Member Annette F. Gaither – Yay
Council Member Tommy Cantrell – Yay

Council Member Gaither made the motion to Appoint Mark Smith Nelson as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Judge Megan Miller Yates administered the Oath of Office to Judge Mark Smith Nelson.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to Appoint Kesa M. Johnston as Municipal Court Prosecutor for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Judge Mark Smith Nelson administered the Oath of Office to Prosecutor Kesa M. Johnston.

Council Member Cain made a motion to Reappoint Hamlin Law Office as Municipal Indigent Defense Counsel. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to Appoint Mayor Larry J. Fetner to the East Alabama Gas District Board. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to Appoint Mayor Larry J. Fetner to the Ashland-Goodwater-Lineville Solid Waste Disposal Authority. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to Ratify the use of the present depositories of First State Bank and First Bank of Alabama for the City of Ashland's municipal funds. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to Designate Mayor Larry J. Fetner, City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett with the authority to execute financial documents on behalf of the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

There begin no further business Council Member Cain made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest