

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on April 20, 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, 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, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn called roll and deemed a quorum present. Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson and Fire Chief Brett Thompson was absent due to COVID-19 State Health Order Guidelines.

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

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

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

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

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on a conference call with Congressman Mike Rogers concerning potential funding to municipalities due to COVID-19. Mayor Fetner also gave an update on the CDBG project.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain advised she has been questioned about the date the City Park will reopen. Mayor Fetner advised we are awaiting information from Governor Kay Ivey's Office.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell requested support to allow Senior Class Banners to placed on the square. Council Member Cantrell advised there is the potential to hang 8 banners on the square, but he will discuss with the school about possibly using power poles.

All Council Members and Mayor Fetner supported hanging banners. Mayor Fetner advised if there is a cost associated, it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn did not report.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett reported on a request from Chicken Salad Chick to organize a food delivery/pickup location in Ashland. Representatives advised initially they would like to do one day, but if demand is there, they would consider continuing the service. Clerk Catrett explained the company would not be required to purchase a business license unless they delivered over \$10,000.00 in product, and the company could in fact begin deliveries without the approval of the Mayor and Council, but Chicken Salad Chick would like the blessing of the Mayor and Council before they begin the service.

Mayor Fetner and Council agreed to allow Chicken Salad Chick to deliver to Ashland, but requested the company to deliver on Monday or Tuesday when local restaurants are closed.

Informational:

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn gave an update on revenues received for the City of Ashland. Clerk Wynn explained she would not be able to report on the impact of COVID-19 until a later date due to time frame of tax distributions.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised it is too soon to make a decision on the Watermelon Festival. Mayor Fetner requested the City Council to think about the Festival, and it will be discussed at the second meeting in May.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn and Mayor Fetner discussed Budget Appropriations for the City. Clerk Wynn advised two of the appropriations have not been paid. Mayor Fetner requested the Council to think about the appropriations, and whether they would like the city to pay these appropriations now or await the impact of COVID-19.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount \$3,975.15. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Jeffery Catchings and evaluation-based raise to Range 8 Step 5 effective April 6, 2020. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission \$306.00 for 3rd quarter membership dues. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$2,000.00 for Right of Way Bond Policy effective May 20, 2020- May 20, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Viktorija Loyd as a Dispatcher with a pay of Range 4 Step 3 effective April 20, 2020. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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