

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on March 21, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, 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 Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Tommy Cantrell was absent.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward was absent.

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

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

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

Informational:

1. Mayor Fetner and Council discussed the possible need for an Architect for the Urban Park Annex. Mayor Fetner explained there are several issues that may require an architect. Mayor Fetner requested permission from the City Council to reach out to architects for the project. All Council Members agreed to allow Mayor Fetner to reach out to architects.

2. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed Clay County Fair sponsorship.

Council Member Cain made a motion to be a silver sponsor for the 2022 Clay County Fair at a cost of \$500.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Discuss Spring Cleanup for City. Council Member Cain discussed ideas for Spring Cleanup for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain proposed putting citizens in charge of their designated areas. Council Member Cain advised she would love to see representatives from the city giving out the cleanup bags on the square.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to get roll-off containers during the month of April 2022 for Spring Cleanup and place it at the maintenance building. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported/did not report

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on a grant workshop for the Stringfellow Park within the City Park. Council Member Cain advised the Stringfellow Foundation would like to see the pocket-parks become a part of the community. Council Member Cain advised the Stringfellow Foundation will give \$500.00 twice a year to ensure community involvement.

Council Member Gaither reported on the demolition of the old Lucas building. Council Member Gaither addressed agenda item number 5. Council Member Gaither advised the repairs are not for the windows, but it is for the wood around the windows.

Police Chief Stanford advised he is going through the hiring process. Chief Stanford also advised he is working on the Rural Violent Crime Grant.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on an application for a grant for all rural fire departments which was submitted today. Chief Thompson advised during the last meeting the department discussed issues with the pages for calls during the day. Chief Thompson discussed another app available and the cost for the members to receive pages for calls for service.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on recent work completed, including the drain issue at the Elementary School. Supervisor Stinson also reported on sidewalk repairs. Supervisor Stinson advised he received the drawings for the new redlight for the city square.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised the grant for storm shelters have been submitted, but there is an environmental study that has to be completed.

#### New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$16,327.08. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates, LLC \$1,753.25 for Monthly Compilation and 2021 Audit Fieldwork. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson an evaluation-based raise to Range 16 Step 5 effective March 19, 2022. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to give Equipment Operator Ronald Wideman an evaluation-based raise to Range 10 Step 9 effective March 5, 2022. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion for Chuck Brimer Construction, LLC. to complete window repairs at the Ashland City Library at a total cost of \$41,000.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to give Police Chief Joseph Stanford an evaluation-based raise to Range 19 Step 10 effective March 18, 2022. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$51,266.00 for Municipal Insurance Renewal. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Senior Center Director Jeanette Johnson an evaluation-based raise to Range 7 Step 9 effective March 19, 2022. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business:

1. Council Member Cain made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2022-03-07-01 Land Swap with Clay County EDC. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Absent

Mayor Fetner- Yea

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

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Mayor

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Attest