

CITY OF ASHLAND
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6,2026

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 6,2026 at 5:30P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Traskey Ford, Jessica Heath, and Annette Gaither. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate Robyn Waters, Assistant Police Chief Shanon House, Officer Deontre Rowell, Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Tammy Andrews with Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

Council Member Tommy Cantrell, City Clerk/Administrator Wynn, and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward were absent.

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

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

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

Informational:

1. O'Reilly Auto Parts Tax Request- Mayor Fetner discussed request from O'Reilly Auto Parts.
2. Clay County Fair Sponsorship

Council Member Gaither made a motion to be a Silver Sponsor of the Clay County Fair in the amount of \$500.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Worker for Clean-Up Week- Mayor Fetner discussed potential candidate to work the site for Clean-Up Week. Mayor Fetner advised Maintenance will provide someone until 2:30 each day and this other candidate will come in at that time.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Noah Catrett as a temporary part-time laborer for Cleanup Week at \$10.00 per hour effective 04.18.2026-04.25.2026 for the hours the Maintenance Department can't cover. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

4. Clay County Arts League Wynn Building June 13- Council Member Gaither explained the request for use of the Wynn Building.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to waive the rental fee for the Wynn Building on June 13, 2026, for Clay Council Arts League. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

5. Property Purchase Request- Mayor Fetner discussed a request from Mr. Jason Walker to purchase property in the Industrial Park. Mayor Fetner advised he would like to speak with Mr. Walker about an alternate location if the Council is interested in selling the property for this type of business.

6. America 250 Celebration update- Council Member Gaither gave an update on the Celebration on July 4, 2026 on the square in the morning with fireworks taking place in the evening in Lineville. Council Member Gaither also discussed the grant application for America 250 Celebration. Council Member Gaither advised she could ask someone from the County to come speak with the Council.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Ford reported on the Splash Pad and the Urban Park, baseball/softball season, and the train at the City Park removal and replacement.

Council Member Heath did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported a plan for the Urban Park.

Assistant Police Chief House did not report.

Fire Chief Nelson reported on agenda items, lightbar for the Colorado, and items needed for the Fire Trucks. Chief Nelson thanked everyone for their help on the Easter Egg Hunt

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on completed road paving and drainage repair at the City Park.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$24,301.57. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve paying Gary Ingram Grading and Paving \$10,224.30 for additional paving of 2nd Street SW entrance. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve paying 2026 General Insurance Renewal to Valent Group in the amount of \$110,062.00. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes remained unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to pay VFIS for 2026 Fire Department insurance renewal. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes remained unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Mental Health Liaison liability insurance in the amount of \$1,288.00 for the year. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes remained unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving to waive any building permits for work performed for the Clay County Board of Education/Clay County Schools properties in the city of Ashland. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes remained unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve to accept the resignation of Sherry Coryell as Senior Center Van Driver effective 03.27.2026. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes remained unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion for the approval to open and advertise for two-weeks the position of Senior Center Van Driver. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes remained unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion for the approval to pay NAFECO \$2,878.67 for patches and uniforms/turnouts for Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes remained unanimous.

Council Member Ford made a motion approving to pay an annual renewal fee of \$6,000.00 to Flock Safety for 2 security cameras. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes remained unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion for the approval to pay SEMS Fire \$1,808.00 for hose testing for Ashland Fire Dept. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes remained unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Equipment Operator Jeffery Catching a 2-step annual evaluation-based raise to Range 13 Step 9 effective March 28, 2026. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to give Maintenance Supervisor Philip Stinson a 2-step annual evaluation-based raise to Range 19 Step 10 effective March 28, 2026. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion to give Senior Center Director Jeanette Johnson a 2-step annual evaluation-based raise to Range 19 Step 10 effective March 28, 2026. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to surplus 2007 Chevy Impala VIN: 2G1WS55R679418077 as it is no longer needed for use by the City of Ashland. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving to surplus 2007 Chevy Impala VIN: 2G1WS55RX79417952 as it is no longer needed to use by the City of Ashland. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

Ordinance 2026-04-06-01-Addendum to City of Ashland Policy & Procedure Motor Vehicles Policy.

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

Mayor

Attest

