

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2018

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on December 17, 2018 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, 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, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Youth Sports Director Ben Bailey, Mr. Rashad Billingsley and family, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn called roll and deemed a quorum present.
Council Member Kim M. Cain was absent.

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 14: Approval to advertise for a public hearing for rezoning of certain property as recommended by the Planning Commission on January 22, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. 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 Smith 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.

Information Items:

Mayor Fetner and Council Members presented Mr. Rashad Billingsley with a Hometown Hero Proclamation.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Gaither advised some of the merchants are discussing having an event on December 31, 2018 on the square. Council Member Gaither thanked everyone for their work on the Christmas Parade.

Council Member Cantrell thanked all departments for their work on the Christmas Parade and thanked the Fire Department for an invite to their Christmas Dinner.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Fire Chief Thompson thanked everyone for their work on the Christmas Parade.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn did not report.

Youth Sports Director Ben Bailey reported on opening day for Basketball (January 5, 2019 time to be determined). Director Bailey also advised the roof leak at the gym has been addressed by Mr. Wesley and Superintendent Walker.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$10,342.65. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve FY 2019 Youth Sports Agreement with Ben Bailey. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to pay employees for unused vacation hours. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the City to close all offices on Monday, December 31, 2018 and Tuesday, January 1, 2019 for the New Year's holiday. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to authorize Mr. Ronald Robertson, Revenue Commissioner of Clay County to assess and collect property taxes for the City of Ashland. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to purchase 300 bales of pine straw from J. Jireth Pine Straw at a cost of \$3.25 per bale (\$975.00). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to make Officer Hunter Griffin a permanent employee (take him off probation) and give him a one-step raise to Range 9 Step 2 (\$11.90). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Edgar & Associates, LLC. \$2,807.50 for 2018 Audit Planning. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the City to pay a portion of cost for employee's "Employee plus Dependent Medical Insurance Coverage" (60%). Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve the 2019 Insurance Renewal effective February 01, 2019. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1,650.00 for SNAP Entry Workstation and LETS ACCESS (quarterly payment). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to pay Municipal Software Group \$1,800.00 for annual renewal of court software. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase a Cutting Edge for the John Deere Bucket from Ag-Pro at a cost of \$329.34. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to advertise for a public hearing for rezoning of certain property as recommended by the Planning Commission on January 22, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

Attest