

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Court Magistrate Robyn Waters, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Interim Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Jessica Heath, Logan McLean, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett and Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson were absent.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the agenda. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Trunk or Treat—will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the square.
2. Splashpad Rules—Council Members discussed and would like to add to the rules that the Splashpad stay open through September on weekends only weather permitting, the Splashpad cannot be reserved for any events, no food or drinks at the Splashpad, and to add phone number for an afterhours contact to the sign.
3. Runoff Canvassing Meeting—September 30, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
4. Discuss Transportation Plan—Council Members discussed and would like to improve Clark Road, Howard Ballard Dr., 5<sup>th</sup> St., 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SW to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, and 4<sup>th</sup> St. E by the Riley Apartments.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner—did not report

Council Member Ballard—did not report

Council Member Steed—did not report

Council Member Cain—did not report

Council Member Gaither—did not report

Council Member Cantrell—did not report

Police Chief Stanford—reported that over the weekend the Police Department recovered a stolen vehicle from Carrollton, GA. Police Chief Stanford also reported on agenda items.

Interim Fire Chief Nelson—did not report

Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath—reported on calls since last meeting, Grand Marshall for the Christmas Parade, and agenda items.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward—reported on cutting the area behind the Mike Beale pavilion and installing a privacy fence and gave an update on soccer.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn—did not report

Magistrate Robyn Waters—did not report

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$10,526.94. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay ESO an annual fee of \$1,407.36 for the Fire Department reporting system. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase vehicle firearm mounts for Ashland Police Department for Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$3,000.54. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Code Enforcement Officer Felix Ackles an evaluation-based raise to Range 17 Step 5 effective August 30, 2025. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution No. 09-02-02-2025: Creating the City of Ashland Mayor and City Council Committee Supporting AMERICA250AL.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution No. 09-02-02-2025: Creating the City of Ashland Mayor and City Council Committee Supporting AMERICA250AL. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Resolution No. 09-02-03-2025: Appointing Election Officers for runoff election on September 23, 2025.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving Resolution No. 09-02-03-2025: Appointing Election Officers for runoff election on September 23, 2025. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

## 3. Ordinance No. 2025-09-02-01: Rezone of Property

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 2025-09-02-01 at its first reading. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and roll call vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard     Yea

Council Member Steed     Yea

Council Member Cain     Yea

Council Member Gaither     Yea

Council Member Cantrell     Yea

Mayor Fetner     Yea

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2025-09-02-01 rezone of property. 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     Yea

Mayor Fetner     Yea

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

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Mayor

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Attest