

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021 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 F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, and Breanna Minter with the Clay Times Journal.

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

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 Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational:

1. James Spann at Clay County Christian Academy December 08, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. – Mayor and Council to present him with key to the city. Mayor Fetner advised everyone is invited.
2. Old Horn Café Demolition update. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised Hurst Construction has requested a pre demolition meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2022. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised she doesn't have a time yet, but will let everyone know when she does.
3. Proclamation for "Good Neighbor Day".
4. Mayor Fetner and Council discussed the date for the Christmas parade. Mayor Fetner advised it will be held the first Saturday of December (12/4/2021).

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on the City of Ashland being awarded the Rebuild Alabama Grant for paving. Mayor Fetner reported the cities portion will be \$111,000.00. Mayor Fetner requested everyone to thank the Representatives who helped make this possible.

Council Member Ballard reported on complaints about the incompleteness of current road paving. Council Member Ballard expressed concern about new road projects when there are incomplete projects. Council Member Ballard expressed frustration with Mid-South Paving.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on the tourism committee website which is nearing launch. Council Member Cain explained the City of Ashland will be highlighted on the website. Council Member Cain also reported on a group called Retail Strategies, which has an opportunity for one person from Ashland, and one person from Lineville to attend the conference about getting retail into Clay County.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda item number 12. Chief Stanford explained there are grant funds still available, but we have to wait for approval from the state of Alabama. Chief Stanford advised the Department has been busy with several incidents.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the removal of the Willow Tree at Ashland City Park and installation of a catch basin for the flooding in that area of the city park.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on soccer season. Director Ward explained things are going great. Director Ward also reported on a request to purchase a lawn mower with a clippings bag, and basketball goals for the City Park.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on the Clay County Cattleman's Association wishing to donate the steak sandwiches for the First Responders Dinner. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn also reported on grant proposals for the grant administration contracts.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on a fire at Dari Delight and a car fire at Ashland Piggly Wiggly.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$11,030.37. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$3,499.00 for Hudson Burns Academy Expenses. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates \$4,050.00 for audit field work and monthly compilations. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Alabama 100.7 \$300.00 for Watermelon Festival advertisement. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Mayor Fetner, Council Member Gaither, Council Member Cain, Council Member Ballard, and Council Member Steed to addend the Municipal Leadership Institute November 1-3, 20201, pay \$295.00 registration per attendee, hotel, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the Municipal Vehicle Policy. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Beth Owens a 2-step evaluation-based raise to Range 3 Step 10 effective September 06, 2021. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase Exmark 60" Ultra Cut Series Mower and Exmark Ultra bagger from Talladega Tractor at a cost of \$13,767.45. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to purchase two basketball goals for the Ashland City Park from American Super Sports at a total cost of \$4,186.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Gary Ingram Grading & Paving an estimated \$35,752.40 to pave 2nd Street NW and 3rd Street NW (tie in to new paving). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Ballard who was opposed.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Gary Ingram Grading & Paving an estimated \$32,722.90 to pave the lower (south) parking lot at Ashland City Park. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Ballard who was opposed.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to purchase access control system from Johnson Controls for Ashland Police Department at an estimated initial cost of \$9,776.80 and annual cost of \$1,578.92, (pending reimbursement by FY 2018 Homeland Security Grant excess funding), contingent upon approval from State of Alabama Department of Homeland Security. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase two Brother printers (for patrol units) from Pinnacle Network at a total cost of \$780.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to purchase Fall and Christmas Decorative Banners and hardware from Jubilee Decorations at a total cost of \$2,613.60. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase upright chair charts from Amazon for the Wynn Building at a total cost of \$899.98. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to purchase banners (2nd option) from Creekside Graphics at a total cost of \$1,040.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving contract with Hurst Construction for demolition of Old Horn Café building. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution No. 09-20-01-2021 Awarding Grant Administration Contract to Community Consultants. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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