

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 06, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on July 06, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Airport Authority Chairman Mark Brereton left at 6:15 P.M., Airport Authority Board Member Zack Amason left at 6:15 P.M., Airport Authority Board Member John Decourcey left at 6:15 P.M., Airport Authority Board Member Walt Runyan left at 6:05 P.M., and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Billy Joe Smith was absent.

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

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

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

Informational Items:

Luella Craig requesting a to have a tent revival at the West Side Ball Field was absent.

The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of a 3-way stop at the intersection of 4th Avenue North and Clark Road to help with speed control.

Council Member Cain made a motion to make the intersection of 4th Avenue North and Clark Road a 3-way stop. Council Member Gather seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of continuing with the annual First Responders Dinner. City Clerk Wynn advised that it may be a good idea to have a pick-up dinner to limit gathering in a large crowd due to COVID-19 while still showing first responders our appreciation. Mayor Fetner instructed Clerk Wynn to come up with a plan for the dinner.

The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of closing City Hall lobby and the Library to the public again due to COVID-19 cases rising. The decision was made to leave as is and reevaluate at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither thanked Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson for taking the time to remove and put up the flags around the square daily since a few were stolen over the weekend. Council Member Gaither also thanked the Police Department for all they are doing in regards to being on the frontline for the virus.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford stated that the Sherriff and Chief Deputy are working on pulling footage from video cameras on the Square to address the stolen flags. Chief Sanford also advised that he has been working on a noise ordinance that will be easier to enforce to replace the current noise ordinance. Chief Stanford also advised that there is a Community Clean-up Day in West Side set for July 18, 2020 at 7 A.M. Chief Stanford informed the council that the interview process for the new hire will begin tomorrow.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson advised that the Street Lights on Highway 77 and Highway 9 are currently being converted to LEDs, the 3-way stop has been installed at the Library, and signs have already been picked up for the 3-way stop at the intersection of 4th Avenue North and Clark Road. Maintenance Supervisor Robinson also advised that the dead Bradford pear tree at the park has been removed; however, in the process, the bucket truck incurred some damage to hydraulic hoses that would have to be repaired professionally (Item #8 on agenda). Maintenance supervisor Robinson informed the Mayor and Council that the Right of Ways are 90% of the way cut and asked if anyone had any information regarding a softball tournament that had been held on West Side ball field.

City Clerk/Administrator reported that qualifying starts tomorrow, July 7th and continues through July 21, 2020 at 5 P.M.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson reported that the Fire Department had been quiet with the exception of a few small calls. He also advised that all gear previously ordered had been received and thanked Acting Assistant Chief James Lee for keeping up a Facebook Presence for the Fire Department.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$6,667.39 Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve to pay Clay Central Volunteer Athletic Club \$350.00 for advertising at football, baseball, and softball fields. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving First State Bank Originator Agreement for Direct Deposit. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase InLattice Direct Deposit Software at a cost of \$25 a month for Direct Deposit. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to pay \$450.00 towards an advertising sign for the Industrial Park located on Highway 9. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the Airport Authority Annual Appropriation of \$2,500.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to surplus boat as it is no longer needed for municipal purposes and to permit the sale of this property by sealed bids with the City reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Bids are to be opened at 5:30 P.M. on July 20, 2020. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Reeves Aerial & Utility Equipment Company Inc. \$4,798.92 for repair and annual testing of Bucket Truck. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase AED battery from ZOLL medical at a cost of \$398.00 for City Hall. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to solicit/advertise sealed bids on previously declared surplus 2011 Dodge Charger with no reserve and the City of Ashland reserving the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids are to be opened August 3, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and more:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution No. 07-06-01-2020: A Resolution Appointing Election Officers. Council member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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