

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 01, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 01, 2023 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, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Librarian Tina Nolen, Robyn Waters, Kierra Ford, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/Administrator 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 approving the agenda with the additions of Item Number 15: Approval to hire Crystal Karr as a Part-Time Library Aide at a pay of Range 2 Step 4 with a start date of May 15, 2023, and Item Number 16: Approval to hire Kade Strickland as a Part-Time Library Aide at a pay of Range 2 Step 4 with a start date of May 04, 2023. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Alethia House- Kara Hubbard request use of the Wynn Building on May 24, 2023 with the request to waive the rental fee.

Council Member Cain and Police Chief Stanford advised this meeting is to discuss the “Safe Sticker” program.

Council Member Cain made a motion to allow Alethia House to utilize the Wynn Building on May 24, 2023, and waive the fee. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Discuss Juneteenth Holiday, Monday, June 19, 2023.
Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed Juneteenth.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approving Juneteenth Holiday for Monday, June 19, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Kierra Ford- New Life Christian Center addressed the City Council about an upcoming event.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on a request from Pizza Shack for the installation of a gate in the city fence. Council Member Gaither also reported Cleanup Day was a huge success.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on a recent meeting concerning a community day on May 13, 2023 in Westside. Chief Stanford advised Ashland Police Department will be in attendance doing community outreach. Chief Stanford also reported on calls received during the month of April.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting, training schedule, upcoming cookouts and fundraisers.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on agenda items, the asbestos removal schedule in the recently purchased building, park equipment repairs, and the brick wall and fence repairs in the Urban Park. Supervisor Stinson also reported on recent culvert repairs.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on baseball/softball season. Director Ward reported on the condition of Westside Ballfield.

Librarian Tina Nolen did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$9,302.81. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to reschedule the regular council meeting scheduled for July 3rd due to the July 3rd & 4th holiday to July 5, 2023 at 3 P.M. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Insite Engineering \$5,050.00 for surveying and field work completed at the city park. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Overdrive, Inc. \$1,500.00 for Library Digital Catalog and Maintenance for 12 months. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to transfer Robyn Waters from Ashland Police Department Dispatcher to Municipal Court Magistrate/City Hall Aide with 6-month probationary period, at current rate of pay, effective May 1, 2023. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to open and advertise for two-weeks for the position of Police Dispatcher. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to purchase 360 bales of pine straw for J.Jireth Pine Straw at a total cost of \$1,312.50 for Maintenance Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain requested all of the old pine straw to be used as compost in the city park.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Court Clerk and Magistrate to attend 2023 annual conference on September 20-23, 2023, pay registration, accommodations, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to outfit 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe with lights, radio, cage, etc. at a cost of \$8,853.16 for Mobile Communications America. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to open and advertise for two-weeks for a Police Officer/Police Sergeant position. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to support local legislation creating Ashland Public Safety Fund and advertise said bill in the Clay Times Journal. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Chief Stanford explained the purpose/process of local legislation creating Ashland Public Safety Fund to help with the technological needs of the Ashland Police Department.

Council Member Cain made a motion to rescind P.O. #1878 from Vetted Security Solutions for license plate readers. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase license plate reader from Flock Safety at a one-time fee of \$9,800.00 and an annual reoccurring cost of \$6,000.00 to be reimbursed by the RVCRI Grant. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to enter a long-term lease with the Clay County Board of Education for the purpose of placing semi-permanent camera and structure. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to hire Crystal Karr as a Part-Time Library Aide at a pay of Range 2 Step 4 with a start date of May 15, 2023. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire Kade Strickland as a Part-Time Library Aide at a pay of Range 2 Step 4 with a start date of May 04, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Approval to pay Fincher Fence Inc. \$3,263.40 for fencing at park (from new fence to restroom). – Died for lack of a motion.

Resolutions, Orders, and Other Business:

1. Resolution 05-01-01-2023: A resolution authorizing the sale of unneeded personal property belonging to the City of Ashland.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution 05-01-01-2023: A resolution authorizing the sale of unneeded personal property belonging to the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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