

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024, 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, Fire Chief James "Jimmy" Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, and Ray Stansel with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

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

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

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

Informational:

1. Discuss Potential Dog Park- Mayor Fetner discussed a potential dog park. After attending training, it was recommended to attract citizens to the area. Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward expressed ideas concerning a location and equipment for a potential dog park.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reminded everyone of a luncheon at Ashland Housing Authority this Thursday.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported she enjoyed the conference and advised she would like to see the city offer an opportunity to citizens to purchase rocking chairs for the square in memoriam. Council Member Cain reported on a \$1,000.00 grant awarded for the Stringfellow Park.

Council Member Gaither gave an update on the EV Charging Station. Council Member Gaither advised work will begin June 1.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting. Chief Lee thanked everyone who attended the Stepping Up Event at the Fire Department. Chief Lee also reported on an idea for Camp Ashland for children in the community.

Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on baseball season and the upcoming All Stars T-ball Tournament which will be hosted by Ashland at Williamson Field.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson thanked everyone who attended the Retirement Celebration for Ronald Wideman. Supervisor Stinson also reported recently completed work at the Wynn Building and the Senior Center. Supervisor Stinson also reported the bucket truck has been repaired.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$32,248.85. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to observe Independence Day on July 04-05, 2024. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving for City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett to attend election training on November 19-22, 2024, with registration cost of \$265/person, hotel accommodations of \$1,377.43, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Library Aide Crystal Karr a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 6 Step 3 effective May 25, 2024. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Library Aide Kade Strickland a one-step evaluation-based raise to Range 7 Step 2 effective May 25, 2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Dispatcher Leigh Ann Mask an evaluation-based raise to Range 12 Step 3 effective May 11, 2024. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase 4 sets of tires from Tire Hub at a total cost of \$2,263.68 for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither requested to see the plans prior to paying the bill for Insite Engineering in the amount of \$2,300.00 for Park Upgrade Designs.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to table approval to pay Insite Engineering \$2,300.00 for Park Upgrade Designs. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the Peace Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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.

Mayor

Attest