

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 06, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on January 6, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy J. Smith, 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 Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Mrs. Lycia Baskin, Mr. Bobbie Harkins and Family, Mr. Cody Moore and Family, Mr. Brantley Bearden and Family, and Tammy Andrews of 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 Steed gave the invocation.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 13: Approval to surplus Ford 555D Backhoe as it is no longer needed for municipal purposes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

1. Mayor Fetner presented a Home Town Hero Proclamation to Mr. Bobby Harkins, Mr. Cody Moore, and Mr. Brantley Bearden for their acts during a boating accident on Lay Lake.
2. Mayor and Council discussed salaries for the incoming administration in November, 2020.
3. Discussed structural issues with Urban Park. Mayor and Council were asked to come up with a permanent plan for the structures.
4. City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn reminded everyone of the Mainstreet Workshop on January 23, 2020.
5. Mayor Fetner asked anyone who like to be his guest at the Annual Chamber Dinner to let him know.
6. Supervisor Robinson advised the recently purchased backhoe has been delivered.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain advised they are working to clear the park of the Lighted Trail displays.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell reported 80 kids signed up for Basketball, and the Opening Ceremony will be Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 10 A.M.

Fire Chief Thompson did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported a correction to be made to Item Number 7 the cost should be \$349.00 not \$347.00.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported the Christmas decorations are coming down this week, and they will be forming and pouring the concrete for the Police Department generator. They will also repair the area in front of the Police Department dumpster. Supervisor Robinson advised the red lights on the square have went out a few times due to a breaker at the substation at Alabama Power. Supervisor Robinson advised, should this happen again, citizens should use the rules of a four way stop.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn advised Item Number 10 is beneficial training for both the Assistant Clerk and herself.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$9,258.29. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to classify Magistrate Sarah McKemie as a permanent employee, remove from probation, and give a one-step raise to Range 7 Step 5 effective January 11, 2020. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the 2020 Contract with Clay County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5,400.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the 2020 Youth Sports Agreement with Ben Bailey. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to reschedule the regular meeting scheduled for January 20, 2020 to January 21, 2020 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay \$17,049.00 to Municipal Workers Compensation Fund for Municipal Workers Compensation Insurance. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn advised we may be required to pay more after the audit through Municipal Workers Compensation is completed.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Investigator Micheal Harris to attend Search and Seizer Training at NEALEA on April 28-30, 2020 at a total cost of \$349.00 and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Chief Joseph Stanford to attend AACOP Winter Conference at the Montgomery Convention Center on February 17-20, 2020, pay \$124.00 per night at Conference Hotel, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Reeds Auto Repair to repair lower control arms on 2012 Dodge Charger at a total cost of \$503.86. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving City Clerk Chelsey Wynn and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett to attend Municipal Clerks Spring Institute on February 18-20, 2020 in Birmingham with registration cost of \$530.00, lodging \$149.00 per night, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to hire Maria Lena Tibbits as a part-time Library Aide with a pay of Range 3 Step 1 effective January 7, 2020. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the purchase of General Fund Checks from Intuit at an estimated cost of \$512.28. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to surplus Ford 555D Backhoe as it is no longer needed for municipal purposes. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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