

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie Steed, Kim Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Magistrate/City Hall Aide Robyn Waters, Interim Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Police Lieutenant Scott Parish, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Traskey "OB" Ford, Jessica Heath, Doug Heath, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, and Police Chief Joseph Stanford were absent.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 11: Approval to pay Kelly Concrete \$12,500.00 for concrete work at park including at bridges and to the Stringfellow Park. (Materials will be purchased from Planter's for less than \$1,250). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Art's League-Christmas Lights at the Park-Council Member Cain reported that the Art's League will do the lights at the park again this year with the assistance of the SGA. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed the possibility of getting help from local businesses as well.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked the council for all their work for the last five years and recognized Council Member Steed and Council Member Cain for their service to the city.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that she will be participating in a few of the Toddler Time activities at the City Library and that she will be introducing incoming Council Member Heath to Library Director Tina Nolen. Council Member Cain reported that Talladega College Band is interested in participating in Ashland's Christmas Parade and that she will give City Clerk/Administrator Wynn their contact information.

Council Member Gaither thanked the Maintenance Department for their work on the fence behind High Points.

Council Member Cantrell reported that Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward will be doing basketball signups soon and soccer will be ending at the end of October. Council Member Cantrell reported that the Splash Pad is closed for the season and will reopen in the spring and that there are some lights at Williamson

Field that are being repaired. Council Member Cantrell reported on the repairs to the Parks and Recreation Dodge Truck.

Police Lieutenant Scott Parish reminded everyone that Trunk or Treat will be on Halloween night from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Square.

Magistrate/City Hall Aide Robyn Waters did not report.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn did not report.

Interim Fire Chief Josh Nelson did not report.

Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath advised the Fire Department's Boston Butt sale the previous weekend was a success. Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath reminded everyone that the Christmas Parade will be on December 6th at 6 p.m. and will start and end at Ashland Elementary School.

Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson reported that the Maintenance Department has finished the fence behind High Points. Maintenance Supervisor Stinson advised the culverts for County Road 31 will be delivered Thursday.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$23,415.40. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the appropriation for the Historical Society in the amount of \$1,500.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to open and advertise for part-time temporary Laborer for installation of Christmas Décor. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to pay Thompson Garage Doors Inc. \$2,500.00 for a replacement garage door for the Maintenance Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve to pay Valent group \$2,018.00 for Volunteer Fire Accident/Health policy for the Fire Department. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve to surplus a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV, and accept sealed bids with a reserve of \$7,500. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to give Christy Yates an evaluation-based raise to Range 11 Step 5. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve to give Jarrod Allen an evaluation-based raise to Range 18 Step 4. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve a 2026 contract for forensic services with Jacksonville State University. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve to pay D & R Automotive \$4,087.01 for repairs to Parks and Recreation Dodge Truck. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Kelly Concrete \$12,500.00 for concrete work at park including at bridges and to the Stringfellow Park. (Materials will be purchased from Planter's for less than \$1,250). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business: N/A

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business: N/A

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

Mayor

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