

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2026

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Traskey Ford, Jessica Heath, Annette 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, Clay County Chamber Director Crystal McGuire, Christy Cochran, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Fire Chief Josh Nelson and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward were absent.

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

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

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

Informational:

1. Discuss Urban Park Design/Fence- Mayor Fetner discussed fencing for the back wall at Urban Park.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to purchase fencing 24ft x 6ft for urban park at an estimated cost of \$1,650.00 from Fincher Fencing. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Christmas Decorations- Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed the location of the Christmas Tree, light repairs at the Court House. All Council Members agreed to place the Christmas Tree in front of City Hall.

3. Chamber Director Crystal McGuire addressed the City Council with a Chamber Update with upcoming ribbon cutting at Clay Nutrition, and Women's and Men's luncheons. Chamber Director McGuire also introduced Christy Cochran Yellow Hammer Outdoor Development. Ms. Cochran addressed the City Council with benefits Yellow Hammer Outdoor Development can assist with.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on decorations for the Robinson Building that would be supplied by the Clay County Arts League. Council Member Gaither advised the window in the building needs to be repaired.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Ford did not report.

Council Member Heath did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Catrett reported on potential movie night events for 2027.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on awning repairs. Council Member Gaither requested making an access for John Keith Warrens office.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$26,698.46. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay 2026/2027 renewal fee of \$6,300.00 for TekConnect Gov Business License Software. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion o pay Edgar & Associates, LLC \$4,000.00 for audit field work and monthly compilation. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1,825.00 for LETS Access and SNAP Entry for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Ballard second the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion to pay appropriation (\$1,500.00) to Clay County Historical Society. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Greg Varner and Associates \$2,857.50 for September legal fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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

Mayor

Attest