

Ashland City Council
Regular Meeting
January 04, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on January 04, 2021 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 Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk Chelsey Wynn was absent.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and Council Member Annette Gaither 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 Cain made a motion to approve the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

1. Mayor Fetner and Council Member discussed closing city buildings due to uprising Covid-19 cases. Mayor Fetner and Council to close the lobby at Ashland City Hall due to recent cases inside the office.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell reported the Cornhole Group wishes to have games twice a month on Carver Street in Lineville, and twice a month in Ashland. They would also wish to have events on the City Square when possible. Council Member Cantrell advised after speaking with the Cornhole Group there is no need to repaint the tennis courts.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett gave an update on FEMA Storm Assistance due to Hurricane Zeta.

Police Chief Stanford reported a stabbing incident occurred on New Years Eve, and Rookie Officer Mann started the Police Academy today.

Fire Chief Thompson reported the Department assisted Lineville Fire Department with a house fire on New Year's Eve.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported that they have completed the drain pipe project at the Gas Building and that they were beginning the breakdown of Christmas decorations. Supervisor Robinson also reported that the new LED lights in the Christmas decorations had made a significant difference in the power bill. In regard to CDBG, Robinson reported that there is Bid Bonds and Insurance for Mid-South paving. Mr. Hutchins did not meet the deadline, he was working and getting close.

Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett gave update on the EMA Zeta Assistance.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$2705.07. Council Member Cain seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to Approve to pay Mark's Cleaning Service \$1,000.00 to strip and wax the Wynn Building Floors (\$400.00 for Senior Center and \$600.00 for Wynn Building Auditorium & Hall. Council Member Steed seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to Accept Donald Chase Jordan's resignation effective 12/21/2020. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to Approve for Chief Stanford to attend the AACOP Winter Conference February 15-18, 2021 and to pay for hotel and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to Approve to change Council Meeting scheduled for January 18, 2021 to January 19, 2021 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

Attest