

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The Ashland City Council met for a regular scheduled meeting on November 20, 2017 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 Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Youth Sports Director Stephanie Freeman, Patrol Sergeant Corey Dickinson, Patrol Officer Hunter Griffin, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn was absent.

Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett called roll with all Council Members present, and deemed a quorum present.

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

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 9: Approval to purchase basketball equipment for the Youth Sports Program from Academy Sports and Outdoors and Walmart at an estimated cost of \$3,903.92. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

1. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed the City of Ashland's holiday schedule. City offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday December 26 in observance of Christmas.
2. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed Christmas decorations for the City.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported in regards to the Wellborn Cabinet Highway 77 road project that all departments have fulfilled their obligations except for the State of Alabama. Mayor Fetner stated a meeting with Governor Kay Ivey was held last week and we are awaiting her decision. Mayor Fetner congratulated Officer Hunter Griffin on graduating the Police Academy and wished him a long career with the City of Ashland.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that Librarian Tina Nolan and herself completed writing a grant for the Alabama Bicentennial, and they will attend a meeting for the Alabama Bicentennial on November 28, 2017. Council Member Cain reported Librarian Nolan is working to secure the Alabama Bicentennial Museum for October 2018. Council Member Cain advised she is also working on the lighted Christmas Trail.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported recent burglary cases have been solved. Chief Stanford reported on the bid opening for renovations to the Police Department. Chief Stanford reported Patrol Officer Adam Otwell will be taking over the care for K9 Officer Boyd. Chief Stanford advised the department is looking into some training for K9 Boyd but so far, all options are very expensive. Chief Stanford reported that all of the recent hires are doing well. Chief Stanford advised he is working on a plan to hire an Assistant Chief/ Investigator. Chief Stanford advised he is in no hurry and 3 Officers within the department are interested.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$9,456.47. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving a one-time raise for City Employees at a cost of \$4,775.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to pay Edgar and Associates \$575.00 for recent audit work. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to pay Sewah Studios, Inc. \$325.00 for a replacement pole for the relocation of the City of Ashland Historic Marker. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to allow Ronald Robertson to assess and collect Ashland City Taxes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to pay Warehouse-Lighting.com \$991.24 for a replacement light pole for the Post Office. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving Mark's Cleaning Service to strip and wax Wynn Building Floors at a cost of \$650.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving Ricky New Trees Service to remove two trees from Cragford Road at a cost of \$1,300.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the purchase of basketball equipment for the Youth Sports Program at an estimated cost of \$3,903.92. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Resolution Number 11-20-01-2017 Approving the City of Ashland, Alabama's participation in Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. 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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