

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANAURY 2, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on January 2, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. 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 City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James "Jimmy" Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Ballard 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. Rebuild Alabama Application- Mayor Fetner discussed applying for the grant.
2. Review Revised Noise Ordinance- Chief Stanford explained the need for the noise ordinance revision.
3. Women Leading Government headcount- City Clerk/Administrator Wynn discussed the Women Leading Government Conference.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported there are a lot of projects started. Mayor Fetner advised he would like for the city to get a lot of these projects completed.

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 did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on a training schedule and bylaws review.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items including the termination of an employee. Chief Stanford also advised the National Policing Institute will be here the next 3 days for training.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward discussed regular meeting agenda items including the tennis court striping and fence repairs. Director Ward also reported on the upcoming basketball season.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the removal of Christmas Decorations, and upcoming projects.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reminded everyone the engineer with Insite will be here before the next meeting.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$25,109.30. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase a light tower from Cowin Equipment Company for the Police Department at a total cost of \$12,944.12. (to be reimbursed by grant) Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Greg Varner LLC. \$2,762.50 for October attorney fees. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Mayor Fetner the authority to negotiate the AGL contract. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Cofield Asphalt Refinishing \$3,100.00 for striping of tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$3,799.00 for academy expenses for Officer Tim Mitchell. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to terminate Donnie Lester effective 12/28/2023. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to remove Dispatcher Heather Hill from probation and give her a raise to Range 11 Step 2 effective December 22, 2023. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution 01-02-01-2024: A resolution authorizing the Mayor of Ashland to convey to ALDOT a right-of way and temporary construction easement for the purpose of constructing public access road to the City's industrial park.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution 01-02-01-2024: A resolution authorizing the Mayor of Ashland to convey to ALDOT a right-of way and temporary construction easement for the purpose of constructing public access road to the City's industrial park. 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 Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest