

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 20, 2017

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on March 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 City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Youth Sports Coordinator Stephanie Freeman, Ashley Smith with Aletheia house, and Ray Stansell with The Clay Times Journal.

Mayor Larry J. Fetner called the meeting to order and City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn called roll, all Council Members were present.

Mayor Larry J. Fetner deemed a quorum present and Council Member Billy J. Smith gave the invocation.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 7, Approval to purchase (2) batteries for thermal imaging cameras for Ashland Fire Department from Emergency Equipment Professionals Inc. at a cost of \$512.00 to be paid from the Fire Department Tax Fund. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Cain 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:

Ashley Smith from the Aletheia House addressed the Mayor and Council concerning a space for a summer camp. Council Members advised Ms. Smith the City would be in contact concerning a space.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed issues concerning the planters around the City Square. Council Member Cain advised the plants in the planters are dying. Mayor Fetner and Council decided to address the issues by seeking advise on how to revive the plants.

Police Chief Stanford addressed Mayor Fetner and Council Members in reference to the possibility of obtaining a K-9 dog for Ashland Police Department at minimal costs. Chief Stanford advised he had been contacted about a fully trained K-9 that could be adopted. Chief Stanford informed Mayor Fetner and Council Members that if the City decided to obtain the K-9 they would have to purchase a kennel, dog house, kennel cover, harness, 3 different size leads, and in the further possibly a K-9 cage for a patrol vehicle. Chief Stanford advised the City would also be responsible for providing food and medical care for the K-9, and the City would have to compensate the K-9 officer for 30 minutes a day for maintenance and care of the K-9. Chief Stanford informed Mayor Fetner and Council that Investigator Martin has volunteered to be the K-9 Officer. Chief Stanford informed Mayor Fetner and Council there would be no change on the City insurance, but the City would be liable for any incidents concerning the K-9. Chief Stanford also advised the K-9 and the Officer would need to be certified together, and that is done at Douglas County Sheriffs Officer at no charge. Chief Stanford advised Mayor Fetner and Council Members the costs of the items needed immediately would be \$526.41.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the City of Ashland to obtain a K-9 dog for Ashland Police Department, and to purchase items needed for the care and training for the K-9 at a cost of \$526.41. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on flooding at Ashland Heights. Council Member Cain also advised Librarian Tina Nolen will be a presenter at the National Convention. Council Member Cain also advised she had a meeting with the Clay County Commission concerning a County-Wide clean-up day, Council Member Cain stated a meeting to discuss the clean-up day will be March 28, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Ashland City Hall. Council Member Cain also discussed fun day events scheduled for May 2017.

Council Member Gaither commended the Maintenance and Police Department for storm cleanup last week.

Council Member Cantrell reported the Youth Sports program may need some equipment soon, and opening day will be April 01, 2017.

City Clerk/ Administrator reminded all Council Members to complete a Statement of Economic Interest by May 01, 2017.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items. Chief Stanford advised the new Tahoe's will be picked up Wednesday, March 22, 2017, Clay Service and Electronics will install some used radios and run coax throughout the vehicles at an estimated cost of \$815.00. Chief Stanford reported Ashland Police Department is reviving the Reserve Officer program. Chief Stanford also advised the Police Department is in need of new badges for officers. Chief Stanford also advised April's fun day will include a showing of HOP at the Ashland Theatre.

Fire Chief Thompson reported everything has been quite in the Fire Department, they will be having CPR certification at the meeting later tonight.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown reported the Maintenance Department started the limb route today, and he was unsure on when the contractor would be available to check the street lights around the square.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$12,287.41. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the City to pay City Attorney John Kelly Johnson \$9410.00 for invoices from June 2016 through February 2017. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the preliminary drawing for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the City to purchase (5) badges for Ashland Police Department from Galls at a total cost of \$550.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Clay Service and Electronics to install antenna, radio, and printer for new Tahoe patrol units at an estimated cost of \$815.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Suggs Collision to install stripe packages on (2) 2017 Tahoe Patrol Vehicle's at an estimated cost of \$500.00 total. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the purchase (2) batteries for thermal imaging cameras for Ashland Fire Department from Emergency Equipment Professionals Inc. at a cost of \$512.00 to be paid from the Fire Department Tax Fund. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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