

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 18, 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward was absent.

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

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

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

Informational:

1. Christmas Parade- December 7, 2024

Fire Chief Lee informed the Mayor and Council that the parade this year would follow the old route: start at Ashland Elementary School, come up Highway 77 through town, turn onto Tyson Road, turn onto 2nd Avenue North, hit the north side of the Square and return to the school. Chief Lee and Chief Stanford explained that this route was being used again due to safety concerns. Mayor Fetner informed the council that Maintenance Supervisor Stinson was planning to drive them in both Lineville and Ashland parades in his truck like he did last year.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked City Clerk/Administrator Wynn and Maintenance Supervisor Stinson for their hard work on the contract for park improvements.

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 that Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward couldn't attend the meeting due to a youth basketball director's meeting in Wedowee.

Police Chief Stanford gave an update on both newly hired officers, Trevor Cameron and Jarrod Allen.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls that the department had responded to since the last meeting and thanked everyone for attending the kid's birthday party that they had.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported that they had begun cleaning gutters and would start putting up Christmas decorations this week.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$18,644.89. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Williams Fire Apparatus \$5,850.00 to install electrical components in mobile command trailer for the Police Department. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay the Law Office of Gregory Varner \$2,870.00 for September legal fees. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to purchase Polaris Ranger 1000 EPS, winch and roof for the Maintenance Department at a cost of \$17,089.14 (Sourcewell Contract price) from Woods and Water Powersports. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Valent Group \$2,061.00 for Fire Department Accident/Health Insurance. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to give Mayor Fetner permission to sign contract with K & K Quality Construction for park improvements. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Sgt. Scott Parish an evaluation-based raise to Range 18 Step 5 effective November 9, 2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to give Dispatcher Christy Yates an evaluation-based raise to Range 11 Step 3 effective November 9, 2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

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