

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 05, 2018

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on February 05, 2018 at 6:30 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, Magistrate/ City Hall Aide Sarah McKemie, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn and Fire Chief Brett Thompson were absent.

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

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 16: Approval for Mayor Fetner to execute a grant agreement for the Alabama Bicentennial grant of \$2500.00, Item Number 17: Approval to promote Patrol Officer Corey Dickinson to Assistant Police Chief/ Investigator effective immediately with a pay of Range 15 Step 1 Salaried Position, Item Number 18: Approval to open the position of Patrol Officer and advertise the position for two (2) weeks. Council member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous special called meeting held January 18, 2018. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

1. Trim and Maintain trees on the square. Mayor Fetner advised according to the Water Department the trees on the square are not an issue, and he would recommend trimming the trees and allowing them to stay on the square.
2. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed CDL's for the Maintenance Department.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the City to pay for the Maintenance Department to obtain their CDL License after they have passed all required test at an estimated cost up to \$140.00. 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 SGA Cleanup Day to be held on April 25, 2018. Council Member Cain thanked Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown for being patient while the shelves for the Christmas Lights are being built. Council Member Cain also thanked Ellen Sewell and Helen Norred for helping organize the lights.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell reported he did not have an update on a limb truck.

Police Chief Stanford reported on the renovations for Ashland Police Department. Police Chief Stanford advised he would like to look into the possibility of getting a patrol unit this year to replace one of the Dodge Chargers, and he has also been researching dividers for K9 Officer Boyd.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown reported the Maintenance department has been helping with the Police Department and they have been getting the lawn mowers ready for grass cutting season.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$34,493.53. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) \$1650.00 for SNAP Entry Workstation & LETS Access for the period of October 01, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving the city to pay SEMS Fire Protection \$418.00 for ladder testing for the Fire Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the city to pay Southern Software, Inc. \$624.00 for renewal support fee for the Police Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving the city to pay East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission \$306.00 for 2nd Quarter Membership dues. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to declare 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe surplus and donate it to the Ashland Water and Sewer Board. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to pay Mark's Cleaning Service \$300.00 to clean all carpet at Ashland City Hall. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to renew Contract with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5400.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to declare safe door from basement (New Police Department) as surplus. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the purchase of eight (8) Crosswalk Signs for the Square from Traffic Signs, Inc. at a total cost of \$333.44. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the purchase of eight (8) Engine Brake Signs from Traffic Signs, Inc. at a total cost of \$283.04. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to renew contract with Clay County Health and Wellness Center for 2018 at a cost of \$2000.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay S.S. Nesbitt quarterly consulting fees of \$375.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving Mayor, 4 Council Members, City Clerk, and Assistant City Clerk to attend Annual League of Municipalities Conference in Montgomery, AL at a registration cost of \$350.00, lodging cost of \$179.00 per night, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Clay Service and Electronics to repair 2010 Crown Vic wheel bearing and axel at a cost of \$747.12. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Mayor Fetner to execute a grant agreement for the Alabama Bicentennial grant of \$2500.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to promote Patrol Officer Corey Dickinson to Assistant Police Chief/ Investigator effective immediately with a pay of Range 15 Step 1 Salaried Position. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to open the position of Patrol Officer and advertise the position for two (2) weeks. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Other business:

Council Member Steed made a motion approving Resolution Number 02-05-01-2018 (Line of Credit for Police Department Renovations). Council Member Cantrell 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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