

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 19, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 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 Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Ms. Lydia Steed, Ms. Barbara Ross, Mr. Clarence Foster, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Cantrell 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 Gaither made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

1. Barbara Ross- Request for street light to be installed on King Ave. Ms. Ross addressed the City Council concerning a request for street lights on King Ave behind Dollar General. Ms. Ross explained the area is too dark to be in the City Limits. Mayor Fetner advised he requested Chief Stanford to check the area to see if there is a need. Chief Stanford explained the area is very dark, and there is a need. Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett explained Alabama Power will need either the pole number or an address nearest to the location of the requested street lights to determine the cost to install street lights. Alabama Power explained the cost could range from \$10.00-\$15.00 per month per light installed.

2. May Day event on May 1, 2021- request to close half of walking trail for Children's bike ride Council Member Cain addressed the City Council concerning the request to close half of the walking trail from 11-2 on May 1, 2021. Council Member Cain advised the Ashland Fire Dept will host a bicycle safety and closing the trail would allow the children to implement what they learned.

All Council Members agreed to close the lower trail for the event.

3. Fair Housing Proclamation (must be adopted)

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to adopt the Fair Housing Proclamation. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard received a request to use property across from Head Start. Mayor Fetner explained the property is owned by the Board of Education.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported she would like to have rocking chairs placed on the city square and would work on getting prices. Council Member Cain also reported on meeting with Main Street Alabama, they will send an application. Council Member Cain explained Main Street Alabama helps brand the city. Council Member Cain also advised she has spoken with the gentleman who organizes the wagon train and discussed the possibility of a Frontier Day. Council Member Cain also gave an update on prices for basketball goals.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported the Clay County Fair went well, the only issue was an Officer hit a Fire hydrant in a Tahoe. Chief Stanford also reported on Byrne Jag Grant and a remainder of \$10,000.00 from a previous grant through EMA.

Fire Chief Thompson did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported according to GMC the paving project was scheduled to start today, but there is no sign the project is starting. Supervisor Stinson stated he will contact GMC again this week. Supervisor Stinson reported on projects around the city including the completion of installing the new columns at the Library and progress made on North Side Field.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported 125-130 Watermelon Shirts have been sold, that she is working with the attorney's office on a lodging tax ordinance, and updated everyone on the progress of the FEMA Grant.

New Business:

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$11,422.54. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission \$306.00 for 3rd quarter membership dues. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving the purchase of a computer and equipment for the Ashland Senior Center from Southern Data at a total cost of \$674.99. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1,650.00 for LETS Access and Snap Entry for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Book Systems, Inc. \$895.00 for online book catalog for the Library. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to purchase 3 Microsoft Office Licenses for the Ashland Police Department from Office Depot at a cost of \$749.97. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the Job Description for Parks and Recreation Director/Youth Sports. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to open and advertise for two weeks the position of Parks and Recreation Director/Youth Sports. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to set the salary of Parks and Recreation Director/Youth Sports at Range 16. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the purchase of a printer and ink for Assistant City Clerk at an estimated cost of \$750.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Tire Hub \$396.52 for 4 tires for the Investigator Unit. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Jeffery Catchings a 2-step evaluation-based raise to Range 8 Step 7 effective 04/19/2021. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Mayor Fetner advised he would like to request the Grant Writers to come for a visit.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business:

Ordinance No. 2021-04-19-01 (Clarification of No Sunday Sales) was introduced for a first reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-04-19-02 (Keg Beer) was introduced for a first reading.

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

Mayor

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