

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022, 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 5:43 P.M. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Assistant Police Chief Tony Hubbard, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Christy Yates, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Tommy Cantrell arrived at 5:43P.M.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Raquil Ward was absent.

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 10: Approval to hire a Part-Time Seasonal Laborer for the Maintenance Department effective November 1, 2022- November 30, 2022 at a pay Range 6 Step 2 at the discretion of Mayor Larry Fetner. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner explained the part-time seasonal laborer position to help with Christmas Decorating in the City.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Proposed Pregnancy Policy-City Clerk/Administrator Wynn explained the City Attorney has been working on putting several policies in writing.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on events attended since the last meeting.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither thanked the Officers that worked the Hugo Black dedication.

Assistant Police Chief Hubbard did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the striping on Owens Road, gutter cleaning, and lights installed at the Wynn Building. Supervisor Stinson also reported on repairs needed for the severe weather sirens including upgrades that could become very expensive. Supervisor Stinson advised the one near the hospital and on 6<sup>th</sup> Street are working.

Fire Chief Lee reported on several calls received by the Fire Department. Chief Lee explained during the next meeting, the department will be touring and doing a layout of the hospital. Chief Lee also reported on upcoming training opportunities for the department.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$13,212.55. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving an agreement with Jacksonville State University for forensic services, consultation, and education effective October 01, 2022-September 30, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Jacksonville State University \$1,250.00 for forensic services, consultation, and education services. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to complete a membership application with Tallapoosa River Electric Cooperative for camera pole for the Police Department (deposit and monthly power bill required). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Assistant Police Chief Hubbard explained the pole will be installed near Bright Beginning Daycare due to multiple accidents in the area.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates, LLC \$5,407.45 for 2022 audit fieldwork and monthly compilations. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase a Scag Cheetah II lawn mower from Alabama Tractor at a cost of \$13,500.00 for the Ashland Maintenance Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Robyn Waters an evaluation-based raise to Range 10 Step 10 effective October 14, 2022. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Kerry Hamlin an evaluation-based raise to Range 9 Step 5 effective October 14, 2022. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to hire Christy Yates as a Police Dispatcher at pay Range 8 Step 1 effective October 19, 2022. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approval to hire a part-time seasonal laborer for Maintenance Department effective November 1, 2022- November 30, 2022 at a pay Range 6 Step 2 at the discretion of Mayor Larry Fetner. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Orders, Ordinances, and Other 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.

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