

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MAY 01, 2017

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on May 01, 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, City Attorney John Kelley Johnson, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Code Enforcement Officer Cecil Chappell, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Patrol Sergeant Corey Dickinson, Trent Adams, Teresa Pearson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner deemed a quorum present and Council Member Tommy Cantrell gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 10 Approval to pay Hero's Painting ½ (\$1600.00) the cost to paint Old City Hall , Item Number 11 Approval to promote part-time dispatcher Amber Nicholson to full-time dispatcher effective immediately with a pay increase to Range 9 Step 2, Item Number 12 Approval to reassign Hunter Griffin from Patrol Officer to dispatcher effective immediately, Item Number 13 Approval to hire Jeston Jennings as part-time seasonal Maintenance Laborer effective immediately and ending on October 31, 2017 at a pay rate of Range 5 Step 8 (\$8.00) per hour, and Ordinance Number 2017-05-01-01 – Lease agreement for Old City Hall. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner advised the City Council that the nuisance property located at 111 4th Street East is set to be sold at auction on May 02, 2017.

Teresa Pearson request the use of Ashland City Park on May 26, 2017- June 02, 2017 for a Tent Revival.

Council Member Cain made a motion permitting Mrs. Pearson to use Ashland City Park for a Tent Revival on May 26, 2017 – June 02, 2017. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn discussed the Kids & Kin Special Recognition Reception, and advised the program directors have requested to use the Wynn Building at no charge for the Special Recognition Reception to be held on May 17, 2017.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the Kids & Kin Program to use the Wynn Building at no charge on May 17, 2017 for their Recognition Reception. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on street lights, and repairs to the Urban Park.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn did not report.

Police Chief Stanford introduced potential Police Officer Trent Adams to the Mayor and City Council.

Fire Chief Thompson did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown reported on progress at the Urban Park, and advised the department will start bush hogging this week. Maintenance Supervisor advised the Council many culverts around the City are clogged and requested to repair a culvert at 4th Ave North and 8th Street West with supplies already available. All Council Members agreed for the Maintenance Department to repair the culvert with current supplies.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the City of Ashland to pay bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$12,967.13. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving the City of Ashland to give Senior Center Van Driver Shevy Glenn a 6-month merit raise of one step to Range 5 Step 9. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve amending the quote to repair Unit 176 Dodge Charger to a total of \$700.92 from Clay Service and Electric. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the City of Ashland to declare the old Water Department Building as surplus as it is no longer needed for municipal purposes. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the City of Ashland to pay \$560.00 for Police Department and Maintenance Department employees to attend skid car training. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to classify Old City Hall as no longer needed for municipal purposes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire certified Police Officer Trent Adams as Patrol Officer for Ashland Police Department at a pay Range 14 Step 9 (\$12.36) per hour effective immediately. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to purchase all necessary uniforms and equipment for Trent Adams at an estimated cost of \$500.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Police Chief Stanford to attend Summer Chiefs Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama on July 31, 2017- August 03, 2017 with registration fees of \$200.00 and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the City of Ashland to pay Hero's Painting ½ (\$1600.00) the cost to paint Old City Hall. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to promote part-time dispatcher Amber Nicholson to full-time dispatcher effective immediately with a pay increase to Range 9 Step 2. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to reassign Hunter Griffin from Patrol Officer to dispatcher effective immediately. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire Jeston Jennings as part-time seasonal Maintenance Laborer effective immediately and ending on October 31, 2017 at a pay rate of Range 5 Step 8 (\$8.00) per hour. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution 05-01-2017-01 adopting a sales tax holiday in Ashland, Alabama. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve a Proclamation for public service recognition week. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules of the first reading for Ordinance Number 2017-05-01-01 Lease for Old City Hall . Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and upon a roll call vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yay
Council Member Smith – Yay
Council Member Steed – Yay
Council Member Cain – Yay
Council Member Gaither – Yay
Council Member Cantrell- Yay

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2017-05-01-01 Lease for Old City Hall. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and upon al roll call vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yay
Council Member Smith – Yay
Council Member Steed – Yay
Council Member Cain – Yay
Council Member Gaither – Yay
Council Member Cantrell- Yay

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

Mayor

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