

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 06, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 06, 2023 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, Assistant Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and 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 approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Beautification- Mural on side of newly acquired building.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed the possibility of putting a mural on the recently purchased building. Mayor Fetner requested Council Members to come up with a plan for what they would like the mural to be.

2. Municipal Advocacy Day (03.08.2023).

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on the landscaping project for Ashland City Park.

Council Member Gaither thanked the Police Department and Sarah McKemie for the roundtable meeting last week.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Assistant Police Chief/ Code Enforcement Officer Hubbard did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on recent calls, upcoming training, and new equipment received for the Fire Department.

Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on baseball/softball season and concession stand repairs.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the new bushhog and the upcoming installation of a traffic light pole. Supervisor Stinson also reported on recent landscaping and repairs to play equipment in Ashland City Park.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$15,877.27. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Gregory Varner \$4,000.50 for December attorney fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase floor mats with police logo at a total cost of \$1,660.60 from Logo Mat Central. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to open and advertise for a part-time/full time Certified Police Officer position through March 31, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to work with Clay County Commission for paving Brookwood Avenue at an estimated cost of \$50,000.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous, with the exception of Council Member Ballard who was opposed and Council Member Cantrell who abstained from voting.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving Fincher Fence Company to install fence to brick wall and install a gate at Ashland City Park at a total cost of \$12,174.50. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance No. 2023-02-20-01 (An Ordinance to amend the Ashland Zoning Ordinance).

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 2023-02-20-01 on the first reading. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner-Yea

Council Member Cain made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-02-20-01 (An Ordinance to amend the Ashland Zoning Ordinance). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain-Yea

Council Member Gaither-Yea

Council Member Cantrell-Yea

Mayor Fetner-Yea

2. Resolution No. 03-06-01-2023 (A resolution authorizing the City of Ashland to join the State of Alabama and other local governments in current and further Opioid Settlements)

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution No. 03-06-01-2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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