

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Ashland City Council met for a Planning Meeting on December 4, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present included Billy J. Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Kem Hester of Hurst Construction, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett and Fire Chief Brett Thompson were absent.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn called roll with all Council Members present, and deemed a quorum present.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 12: Approval to pay Williams Fire \$2765.00 for Fire Truck maintenance, Item Number 13: Approval to pay Dee Hindman's Towing \$500.00 for towing of the rescue truck, Item Number 14: Approval to pay East Alabama Planning and Development Commission final payment of \$545.24 for planning contract, and Item Number 15: Approval of Youth Sports Agreement with the Clay County Board of Education in the amount of \$150.00 for Ashland Youth Sports. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

1. Canine Officer Boyd training and expenses.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported that a Liberty National agent would be meeting with employees that had Liberty National insurance to go over each policy. Mayor Fetner also reported that Fire Chief Brett Thompson would be supplying the Mayor and Council with a training schedule and records of maintenance on Fire Department equipment.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that Librarian Tina Nolan and herself were unable to make it to the Bicentennial Meeting that they were suppose to attend due to illness. Council Member Cain also reported on the new parade route and delivery of playground equipment.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell reported that basketball signups went well and that there were over 100 kids that signed up.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported that she would be scheduling a time for a RSA representative to meet with all employees regarding their retirement.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown thanked all in his department for their hard work of decorating the City for Christmas and requested the Council to allow the Maintenance Department to take their Christmas float over to the Headstart to hand out candy. The Mayor and Council agreed that this would be great.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$9,494.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve promoting Hunter Griffin to Certified Patrol Officer with a pay increase to Range 9 Step 1 (\$11.56). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the annual clothing allowance for the fire department members at a total of \$1700.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve paying Tramco Financial Equipment \$402.00 for rekeying the Wynn Building and Police Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to allow Ronald Robertson to assess and collect Ashland City Taxes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve accepting Hurst Construction's low bid of \$414,999.00 for the Ashland Police Department Project. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Smith who voted "No".

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve giving Lathan and Associates the authority to draw up contracts for the Ashland Police Department Project. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve to purchase 2 portable breathalyzer tests at a total cost of \$920.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve changing the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for January 1, 2018 to January 2, 2018 for New Year's holiday. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve changing the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for January 15, 2018 to January 16, 2018 for Martin Luther King holiday. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve purchasing a 2010 Ford Taurus from Clay Automotive LLC at a total cost of \$9,895.00 for the Ashland Police Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve purchasing City shirts for employees at a cost of \$640.00 from Britches and Bows. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve paying William's Fire \$2765.00 for fire truck maintenance. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve paying Dee Hindman's Towing \$500.00 for towing of Rescue Truck. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay the final payment of \$545.24 to East Alabama Planning and Development Commission for planning contract. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the Youth Sports Agreement with the Clay County Board of Education in the amount of \$150.00 for Ashland Youth Sports. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Attest