

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 4, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 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 Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Evon Studebaker, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Ballard gave the invitation.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the special called meeting. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational: - No items were discussed

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner advised the Veterans Day program will be November 12th at Central High School. Mayor Fetner also inquired about if there will any events in the park due to upcoming construction. Council Member Cain expressed concerns about disappointing the public if the Christmas in the park isn't done this year. Council Member Cain also advised the ladies at the Arts League can't get it done themselves this year.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked everyone for their efforts on Trunk or Treat, thanked the City Council for sending them to the EDA graduation, and thanked the Maintenance Department for the toy soldiers. Council Member Cain also gave an update on the library.

Council Member Gaither thanked everyone for working on Trunk or Treat and stated she appreciates the city sending her to the EDA Graduation.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on Trunk or Treat, thanked everyone for working to make the event successful, and advised Alabama Power is working on a geo fence for the number in attendance for the event.

Chief Stanford advised Officer Cameron will graduate from the Police Academy on November 26, 2024. Chief Stanford also advised Officer Allen will attend the refresher academy in December.

Fire Chief Lee thanked everyone for working on Trunk or Treat, calls received since the last council meeting, and an upcoming birthday party for a 6-year-old boy on November 16, 2024. Chief Lee invited everyone to attend. Chief Lee also reported on fire truck maintenance and agenda items.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$13,681.67. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the Gymnasium Lease at Ashland Elementary School. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Dispatcher Kerry Hamlin an evaluation-based raise to Range 11 Step 5 effective October 26, 2024. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay NAFECO \$1,349.41 for Equipment for Ashland Fire Department (paid from FD Tax Fund). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Southeast Management Services \$3,724.06 for maintenance to fire trucks (paid from FD Tax Fund). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to withdraw Certificate of Deposit (Account # ***6616) at maturity from First State Bank. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Order, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance 2024-10-21-01 Ashland Magistrate Equipment Violations Dismissal Authority.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Ordinance 2024-10-21-01 Ashland Magistrate Equipment Violations Dismissal Authority. Council Member Cain 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 11-04-01-2024: A Resolution Designating Public Officer for Public Records Request.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve Resolution 11-04-01-2024: A Resolution Designating Public Office for Public Records Request. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Resolution 11-04-02-2024: A Resolution Adopting Procedures for Public Records Request.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Resolution 11-04-02-2024: A Resolution Adopting Procedures for Public Records Request. 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 Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest