

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 20, 2012 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 Tony Hubbard, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, 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 Council Member Gaither gave the invocation.

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

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

Informational:

1. Mayor Fetner advised the City Council of the appointment of Mr. Chance Jones to the Clay County Economic Development Council.
2. Mayor Fetner advised the City Council of the appointment of Mr. Franklin Few to the Planning Commission
3. Discuss request by State Agriculture Department to use the Wynn Building on February 22, 2022 with the fee waived.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to allow the State Agriculture Department to use the Wynn Building on February 22, 2022 and waive the rental fee. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

4. Discussed storage for Christmas décor. Maintenance Supervisor Stinson advised the time frame it would take for a company to build a storage building. Supervisor Stinson advised there is a building at the maintenance shop that could be cleaned out for storage of the Christmas Tree. Supervisor Stinson recommended waiting to purchase a building. Supervisor Stinson also advised he does not believe all the décor in the Scout Building would fit in this storage building. Council Members Cain discussed options for storage of the décor in the Scout Building. Council Member Cain suggested consulting with Scout Leader Scotty Parker on the needs of the boy scouts. Council Member Gaither advised to let the Maintenance Department clean out the current storage building and then reassess space at that time.

5. Discussed Maintenance job opening. Mayor Fetner advised this job was opened a few months ago and we did not receive any applications until recently. Supervisor Stinson suggested closing the opening on January 7, 2022. Supervisor Stinson advised he currently has some good applicants.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported/did not report

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on the Christmas lights at the City Park, and thanked Parks and Recreation Director Raquil Ward and the Maintenance Department for their help. Council Member Cain also advised the Coffee Bean Truck has requested to setup at the park this Thursday night. Council Member Cain encouraged everyone to go check out the tourism website at exploreastalabama.com and give any suggestions on how to improve the website, and help promote the website. Council Member Cain also advised of a grant opportunity for a splash pad. Council Member Cain also advised the Susie Stringfellow Organization has requested the pocket park be utilized for events.

All Council Members agreed to allow the Coffee Bean Truck to setup at the City Park this Thursday night.

Council Member Gaither reported the status of a grant opportunity for Senior Equipment through East Alabama. Council Member Gaither also thanked everyone for their work on the Christmas Float. Council Member Gaither commended Aging Director Jeanette Johnson for her work on obtaining EMT.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Assistant Police Chief Hubbard did not report.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on agenda item number 4. Director Ward explained the benefits of improving the city baseball fields. Director Ward advised it would be beneficial to use this company because the city doesn't have the equipment to complete the improvements. Director Ward also reported on the basketball program, and advised Ashland will be hosting the 8U tournament.

Fire Chief Thompson did not report

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the progress at the Wynn Building restrooms. Supervisor Stinson reported on the striping on the CDBG project has been completed and looks good. Mayor Fetner reported Ingram Paving was awarded the bid on Rebuild Alabama Project.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bill received since the last meeting in the amount of \$15,175.30. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to change the council meeting scheduled for January 17, 2022 to January 18, 2022 due to Martin Luther King Holiday. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates, LLC. \$3,571.75 for 2021 Audit Fieldwork and Monthly Compilation. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Game Day Athletic Services \$2,6770.00 for rye grass and labor on ball fields. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Robinson Parking Management \$417.50 for striping of City parking lot. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither advised this would be for the Ashland City Park parking lot.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Nelson and Associates, PC \$9,449.20 for work completed on the Rebuild Alabama project. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business:

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

Mayor

Attest