

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 06, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 6, 2022 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Park & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett 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 planning meeting minutes (08.01.2022). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the previous planning meeting minutes (08.15.2022). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Veteran's Day Program- November 10, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.
2. Information regarding hosting Clay County Extension informational workshops on turf and landscaping (Sept-Oct, 2022). Council Member Cain advised October 28, 2022. Council Member Cain advised she doesn't have a time and the event will be held at the Wynn Building. Auburn University Professor will be here October 5, 2022 to discuss the creek bank in the park.
3. 2022-2023 Transportation Plan- Discussed transportation plan for 2022-2023, and roads to be included in the plan and added to the next agenda.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on Pollinator Garden dedication on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Also, a reception will be held at the Hugo Black Park dedication on October 15, 2022.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on academy cadets.

Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported Soccer games start Monday and we have four teams.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on calls for service received including an accident in Millerville.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on Wynn Building restroom renovations, and requested the City Council to go check them out when they can. Supervisor Stinson also reported on a meeting with Chris Smith concerning installation of cameras for the square.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported auditors will come later this month for semi-annual audit work. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn also reported on the Hazard Mitigation grant. City Clerk/Administrator also reported on the 2022-2023 budget.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$27,183.70. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving an updated one-time raise schedule. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the FY2022-2023 Budget. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy \$7,598.00 for academy expenses for Officer Clark and Officer Waldrep. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Goodwyn, Mills, and Caywood, LLC. \$7,750.00 for pre-construction engineering fees for the Ashland ATRP SR-9 project (Industrial Park project). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to surplus 2011 Exmark 60" Laser Z X-Series mower as it is no longer needed for City purposes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to solicit bids for two weeks on a 2011 Exmark 60" Laser Z X-Series mower with a reserve bid of \$2,000.00 with the City of Ashland reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to surplus 2015 John Deere Z920M mower as it is no longer needed for City purposes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to solicit bids for two weeks on a 2015 John Deere Z920M mower with a reserve bid of \$1,800.00 with the City of Ashland reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Chuck Brimer \$49,300.00 for Williamson Field concession stand renovations. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn a 2-step evaluation raise to Range 21 Step 9 effective September 03, 2022. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Buster Miles \$1,078.92 for repairs to Patrol Unit 170. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to make Investigator Shanon House a non-exempt employee effective October 01, 2022. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving a Mental Health Liaison Job Description. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to create the position of Mental Health Liaison (under supervision of Police Chief) and open and advertise the position for two weeks. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. Chief Stanford advised we will be working with the County and Lineville to create a mutual aid agreement for this position.

Council Member Cain made a motion to surplus the 2010 Ford Taurus as it is no longer needed for City purposes. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept sealed bids on the 2010 Ford Taurus through October 1, 2022 with the City reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to terminate probationary employee Kayla Carter from the position of Dispatcher effective immediately. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. (based on recommendation of Police Chief)

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to open and advertise the position of Dispatcher for two weeks. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to open and advertise the position of Police Officer for two weeks. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Buster Miles approximately \$9,500.00 to replace the engine in the 2017 Tahoe (Unit 170). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Attorney Gregory Varner \$1,764.00 for July 2022 City of Ashland legal fees. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

1. Discuss Municipal Business License Issuance Fees. – Mayor Fetner and Council Member discussed Business License Issue Fees and determined not to increase the fee.

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution No. 09-06-01-2022 (A resolution adopting an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan)

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution No. 09-06-01-2022 with the title and date of plan to be inserted. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Ordinance No. 2022-09-06-01 First Reading for an ordinance providing for the impoundment, redemption, and adoption of at-large animals.

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

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