

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. in 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, Patrol Officer Ethan Clark (5:45 P.M.), Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Tim Riley with Insite Engineering, Jenifer Klarfeld, Jay Klarfeld and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Police Chief Joseph Stanford and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward was absent.

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

Informational:

1. Welcome Center at City Hall. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed making City Hall the Welcome Center for the City of Ashland. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn updated the Mayor and Council on the Welcome Center signs, items, and pamphlets.

2. Speed Breakers on drive behind Wynn Building and Library. Maintenance Supervisor Stinson updated the Mayor and Council on the progress of the speed breakers.

3. Set Public Hearing for Rezone Request – October 7, 2024. Mayor Fetner and Council discussed setting a Public Hearing for Rezone Request. All agreed to set the public hearing for October 7, 2024 at 5:15 P.M.

4. Veteran’s Day Program- 11/12/2024 Mayor Fetner invited everyone to attend the program at Central High School of Clay County.

5. Park Plan- Tim Riley with Insite Engineering presented the park plan to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Riley also answered questions.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the park upgrade plan presented by Insite Engineering. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

6. Potential upgrades to alleyway next to Robinson Building- Council Member Cain presented an idea for an outdoor space in the alleyway next to the Robinson Building and potential grants to help fund the project.

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 Stringfellow Park and thanked the Maintenance Department for getting the poles up for the lights.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last council meeting. Thanked everyone who purchased a Boston butt for their fundraiser, and reported on agenda items.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on recent work completed at Williamson Field, completed projects, and preparations for repainting the restrooms at the City Park.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on the First Responders Dinner. Council Member Cain suggested having a certificate to give to the head of each department that is in attendance.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$151.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Greg Varner \$5,365.88 for July legal fees. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Southeast Management Services \$2,057.00 for hose and ladder testing for Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay NAFECO \$2,392.00 for hose for Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to purchase tires for Engine 2 and Engine 3 from Tire Hub at an estimated cost of \$6,024.06. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy \$3,799.00 for academy expenses for Non-Certified Officer Trevor Cameron. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the 2024-2025 Transportation Plan. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance 2024-09-03-01- An Ordinance Establishing the use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices was presented for the first reading.

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

Mayor

Attest