

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 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, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Cantrell and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward were absent.

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

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

Informational:

1. Maintenance Supervisor Stinson addressed the Council regarding pricing of speed breakers. Mayor and Council discussed locations and signage for the speed breakers.
2. City Clerk Wynn explained the optional one-time lump sum payment for retirees. Mayor and Council all agreed they would like to see the resolution to consider the payment on the next agenda.
3. Mayor Fetner explained to the Council that Governor Ivey recently deemed Juneteenth a state holiday and that it is already a federal holiday. City Clerk Wynn gave a brief description of the holiday and explained it is observed on June 20<sup>th</sup> this year.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give City employees the Juneteenth holiday this year. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to reschedule the regular meeting from June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 due to the Juneteenth holiday. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner congratulated Commissioner Shane Davidson on his new business that would open in the next week and Ricky New and wife on their recent purchase of the golf course that would allow it to stay open. Mayor Fetner reported on the Feed Wagon setting up next to City Hall and asked everyone to support them. Mayor Fetner also asked the council to be ready to talk about the Christmas Parade and Christmas Décor at the next meeting.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked the Police Department for their help with Art Camp traffic this year, informed everyone that the Historical Society would be decorating the Courthouse this year for Christmas but were requesting donations to fund the décor. Council Member Cain also discussed she wishes to have memorial rocking chairs to go around the square. City Clerk Wynn stated she would like to look into the best way to make this happen without commingling funds.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Police Chief Stanford discussed agenda items including the grants that he wishes to apply for in regards to school safety and stated there would be a 20% match for both grants. Also, Chief Stanford discussed the need to setup a bank account for the Stringfellow Grant funds for the Mental Health Liaison Project. Chief Stanford stated that the Ashland Police Department has had intense active shooter training, and that a plan is in place for the schools. Chief Stanford also discussed the success of a recent Mental Health meeting held at the Wynn Building between several entities.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on agenda item number 6: annual hose and ladder testing by Southeastern Management Services. Mayor Fetner advised Fire Chief Thompson that he would like to see the boston butt sale happen again.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson stated that the temporary redlight pole at the intersection of Hwy 77 and Hwy 9 had recently been knocked down again but that another temporary pole had been installed. Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported that he had met with the County Engineer and the company that striped Owens Rd and came up with a plan to fix the striping mishap. Supervisor Stinson also reported that Chuck Brimer had completed repairs at the Library and that it looks great.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$8,304.52. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Chief Stanford to setup a bank account at First State Bank titled Metal Health Liaison for grant monies received for this project. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Chief Stanford to apply for the 2022 COPS School Violence Prevention Program (20% match). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Chief Stanford to apply for the 2022 Cops Hiring Program (20% match). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Tony Hubbard an evaluation-based raise to Range 16 Step 8 effective May 27, 2022. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Southeastern Management Services, LLC \$1,417.00 for hose and ladder tests for the Fire Dept. (to be paid from Fire Dept. tax funds). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to purchase John Deere Gear Case for bush hog from TriGreen at a total cost of \$2,559.42. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution No. 06-06-01-2022: (Authorizing the City of Ashland to continue a \$250,000.00 line of credit with First State Bank for any unforeseen financial burden). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution No. 06-06-02-2022: (Entering into an agreement with ALDOT for ATRP2-14-2022-087 Project). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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