

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 06, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 06, 2021 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, Assistant Fire Chief James Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn called roll and deemed a quorum present.
Fire Chief Brett Thompson and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Cain gave the invocation.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Informational Item Number 2: Lineville Christmas Parade. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Christmas Holidays- city offices will coordinate with the Water Department to determine the days the city will take - will either be Thursday and Friday or Friday and Monday.
2. Lineville Christmas Parade- Discussed times to meet for parade.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked the staff, Council, and everyone involved in the Christmas Parade. Mayor Fetner also advised the bid opening for Rebuild Alabama will be Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 10 A.M. at Ashland City Hall. Mayor Fetner advised we have also advised for an ATRIP II grant for another entrance into the Industrial Park. Mayor Fetner also advised of potential new business in the Industrial Park.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on a meeting she attended about retail strategies. Council Member Cain advised Mr. Lamar Dewberry has a report to give the mayor.

Council Member Gaither did not report

Council Member Cantrell reported the Youth Sports Basketball Program.

Police Chief Stanford reported on the graduation of Officer Hudson Burns. Chief Stanford also reported the Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$124,975.00 from the Office of Justice Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative. Chief Stanford advised the grant is a great step forward for our city. Chief Stanford also advised the grant is a three-year grant, the first year will be purchasing the equipment.

Assistant Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received by the Fire Department. Assistant Fire Chief Lee thanked the city for the float in the parade, and advised the Grand Marshall's were a success.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on regular meeting agenda items. Supervisor Stinson advised Mr. Hanners has been with the department for a while and is a good worker. Supervisor Stinson also reported on a pre-bid meeting for the Rebuild Alabama project. Supervisor Stinson also advised the housing authority is also back to working on the restrooms at the Wynn Building.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$11,480.53. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the Fire Department Clothing Allowance in the amount of \$1,600.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Southeast Management Service \$1,775.50 for hose and ladder testing for Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay unused vacation on December 17, 2021. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the resignation of Indigent Defense Attorney Tony Hamlin, and Appoint Billy Jackson as the Indigent Defense Attorney for Ashland Municipal Court. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Sr. Equipment Operator Randy Hanners an evaluation raise to Range 11 Step 6 effective November 27, 2021. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give K9/Shift Sergeant Adam Otwell an evaluation raise to Range 14 Step 4 effective December 10, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to give Shift Sergeant Johnny Hamlin an evaluation raise to Range 14 Step 4 effective December 10, 2021, and remove him from probation. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Colorado for Ashland Police Department from Donohoo Chevrolet at a cost of \$28,473.55. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to designate Hudson Burns as a Certified Police Officer, and give him a two-range raise to Range 11 Step 1 effective December 10, 2021. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-11-05-01 Municipal Tree Ordinance. Council Member Gaither 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

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