

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 04, 2026

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 04, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Traskey Ford, Jessica Heath, and Annette Gaither. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate/City Hall Aide Robyn Waters, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn, Council Member Tommy Canrell, Youth Sports Director Ward, and Fire Chief Nelson were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Council Member Heath 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 Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on the passing of former Council Member Rebecca Boddie. Mayor Fetner reported on a potential memorial for Mrs. Boddie at the city park. Mayor Fetner also reported on the opening of the Splashpad on May 16, 2026, radio adds for graduation, Alabama League of Municipalities Convention. Mayor Fetner requested the City of Ashland consider having a town meeting to see what citizens would like to see after current projects are completed.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Ford did not report.

Council Member Heath did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on attendance of the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items, and the Clay County Fair and the assistance of Clay County Sheriffs Office and Lineville Police Department.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on work completed at Ashland City Park, right of way mowing, and upcoming work to be completed at the Urban Park.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett reported on Clean-up Week.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the current bills in the amount of \$9,927.18. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve paying Gary Ingram Grading & Paving \$445,173.53 (\$350,000.00 Rebuilding Alabama Grant Funds), (\$95,173.53 matching funds) for paving on Tyson Road & 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve paying Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy \$3,499.00 for DeOntre Rowell to attend Police Academy. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the purchase of a desktop computer for Ashland Police Department from Southern Data Automation at a total cost of \$1,450.00. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to reassign Zachary Tyler Huddle from Provisional Police Officer to Dispatcher and change pay scale to reflect position (Range 11 Step 1). Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve to pay Chris Smith \$5,590.00 for cameras/installation on Ashland City Square. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to hire Asheley Lee as Senior Center Van Driver at pay range 7 step 1 effective May 5, 2026. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance 2026-05-04-01 Ashland Police Department Officers pay plan.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2026-05-04-01 at its first reading. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Ballard:	Yea
Council Member Ford:	Yea
Council Member Heath:	Yea
Council Member Gaither:	Yea
Mayor Fetner:	Yea

Council Member Ballard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No.2026-05-04-01. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Ballard: Yea

Council Member Ford: Yea

Council Member Heath: Yea

Council Member Gaither: Yea

Mayor Fetner: Yea

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

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Mayor

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