

REGULAR MEETING  
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 20, 2018

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on August 20, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy J. Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Charles Alexander, Tiffany Young, Cecil Chappell left at 5:45 P.M., Joann Butler arrived at 5:56 P.M. and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times Journal.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson was absent.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and Council Member Tommy Cantrell gave the invocation.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the omission of Item Number 8: Decision on Abatement at King Avenue & public hearing, Item Number 9: Decision on Abatement at 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW & public hearing, and additions of Informational Item Number 5: Set Public Hearings for abatements on King Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW, Informational Item Number 6: Bush Hogging right of ways by Justin Bailey, New Business Item Number 11: Approval to remove Stephanie Freeman from the Youth Sports Checking Account at First State Bank and to deactivate the current debit card issued to Stephanie Freeman for the Youth Sports Checking Account, New business Item Number 12: Approval to add Robert B. Bailey as signer on the Youth Sports Checking Account at First State Bank and allow Mr. Bailey to be issued a debit card for the Youth Sports Checking Account, and New Business Item Number 13: Approval for Mark's Cleaning Service to wax and buff the floors in the Police Department at a total cost of \$600.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting minutes from 8/13/2018. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

Sondra Ackles did not attend the meeting.

Joann Butler requested for the Council to allow her and her church to utilize the West Side ball fields on either September 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M. as a fundraiser for her church. Ms. Butler also requested to be able to use the lights on the field. The Council told her to let City Hall and the Police Department know which date she chooses. The Council all agreed to allow her to use the field.

The First Responder's Dinner Date was set for September 20, 2018 at 6P.M.

Tiffany Young with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce gave a report on the Watermelon Festival as well as other upcoming events happening in the County.

The Mayor and Council set the public hearing for nuisance abatements on properties located on King Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW on September 4, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

The Council all agreed for Clerk Wynn to get with Attorney Johnson in regards to developing a contract with Bailey's Bush Hogging to cut all City of Ashland Right of Ways for \$535.00.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner gave his condolences to the family of Mr. Curlee who had recently passed away. Mayor Fetner also thanked everyone who had a part in the Watermelon Festival and said that it was a big success.

Council Member Smith thanked the Police Department and the Maintenance Department for their work keeping everyone safe and everything clean at Pride Day.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked everyone for all of their hard work to make the Watermelon Festival such a big success.

Council Member Gaither reported on the success of the Senior Center pancake breakfast and said they profited over \$900.00.

Council Member Cantrell gave an update from Youth Sports Coordinator Ben Bailey. Council Member Cantrell reported that there are 80 kids signed up for soccer and the Youth Sports League raised \$400.00 at their kick off fundraiser at the Watermelon Festival.

Police Chief Stanford reported on upcoming events that the Police Department would be working including the jamboree at the High School and the rodeo. Chief Stanford also reported on the success of the Watermelon Festival.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn thanked everyone for all of their hard work, time and effort that went into making the First Annual Clay County Yellow-Meated Watermelon Festival so successful.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown thanked everyone for all of their hard work that went into the Watermelon Festival.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$10,176.11. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve advertising with the Volunteer Athletic Club at a total cost of \$325.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve deeming maintenance department items (list attached) as surplus as they are no longer needed by the City of Ashland and to sell them by sealed bids. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Talladega Tractor an estimated \$1,417.00 (shipping not included) for parts to repair the Housing Authority's gutter vacuum. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay The Goodyear Tire Company \$526.20 for a set of tires for Unit 171. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Edgar & Associates \$375.00 for audit planning. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to pay Cheaha Regional Library annual budget appropriation of \$2,000.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to open and advertise for a Maintenance Department position for two weeks. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Kyocera \$350.00 for repair of copier. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to reject the rezoning request made by Clay County Hospital. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve to remove Stephanie Freeman from the Youth Sports Checking Account at First State Bank and to deactivate the current debit card issued to Stephanie Freeman for the Youth Sports Checking Account. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve to add Robert B. Bailey as signer on the Youth Sports Checking Account at First State Bank and allow Mr. Bailey to be issued a debit card for the Youth Sports Checking Account. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Mark's Cleaning Service to wax and buff the floors in the Police Department at a total cost of \$600.00 Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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