

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on October 3, 2022 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, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Assistant Fire Chief James Lee, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the minutes from the previous regular meeting. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Hugo Black Park- October 15, 2022. (Lunch at noon at Ashland FUMC and dedication at Hugo Black Park at 2:00 P.M.).

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on Art in the Park at the Stringfellow Park sponsored by Ashland City Library. Council Member Cain also advised an expert will meet with the City on October 15, 2022 about the erosion of the creek in Ashland City Park.

Council Member Gaither reported on recent electric vehicle summit she attended and explained grant opportunities are available to areas within one mile of an interstate highway. Council Member Gaither requested permission to talk with a company about a plan for electric charging stations. Council Member Gaither advised Urban Park has reopened. Council Member Gaither also updated the Council on weather siren repairs.

Council Member Cantrell reported on moving the Mike Beale Pavilion.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the Urban Park, and the food truck lot update to power.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on a food truck calendar, and an invitation to 911 meeting on October 13 at 4:30.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on Fire Department calls and thanked the Council for allowing him to serve as Fire Chief.

Assistant Fire Chief thanked the City Council for giving him the opportunity to serve the City of Ashland.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on the youth sports program. Director Ward advised basketball signups will begin in November. Director Ward updated the Council on netting for ballfields, quotes for the walking trail, and regular agenda items.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$12,767.31. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Finder Software Solutions \$2,995.00 for an annual subscription for a data sharing system for the Police Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Gregory Varner, P.C. \$1,769.00 for August attorney fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation of Fire Chief Brett Thompson effective September 30, 2022. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to appoint James Lee as Acting Fire Chief effective immediately. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Pressure Max Exterior Cleaning \$2,750.00 for pressure washing of the tennis court. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner opened one sealed bid on a 2011 Exmark 60" Laser Z X-Series.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the bid of \$2,105.00 from Joey Crawford on a 2011 Exmark 60" Laser Z X-Series. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner opened two sealed bids on a 2015 John Deere Z920M mower.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to accept the bid of \$2,275.00 from Chris Smith on a 2015 John Deere Z920M mower. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner opened sealed bids on a 2010 Ford Taurus.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the bid of \$4,000.25 from Wayne Hubbard on a 2010 Ford Taurus. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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