

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 07, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 07, 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 Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Fire Chief Brett Thompson was absent.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of: Item Number 15: Approval to advertise and pay the Clay Times Journal \$300.00 for and advertisement in the "At Home in Clay County" magazine; Item Number 16: Approval to allow Mid-South Paving to complete all roads included in CDBG SM-CM-CP-19-040 with knowledge of additional cost to the city; and Resolution Number 06-07-02-2021 (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 Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the special called meeting on May 24, 2021. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the special called meeting on May 25, 2021. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Mayor Fetner and City Council discussed building/location for a splashpad for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain expressed interest in locating a splashpad at the City Park.
2. Discussed fencing between High Points and pocket park. Mayor Fetner explained the requested fence would be to give access to the pocket park from High Points. Council Member Gaither advised the flower beds would need to be cleaned and stepping stones would need to be added. Mayor Fetner asked Maintenance Supervisor to work on installing a gate at the location.
3. Department of Tourism grants for directional signage for parking and parks. Council Member Cain advised the Tourism Department advised they have funding for signage. Council Member Cain requested permission to write a proposal to request funding for signage. Council Member Cain advised she would also reach out to the Alabama Department of Transportation for specification guidelines.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to write a proposal for funding to the Alabama Department of Tourism for signage on the City Square. Council member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard thanked the Maintenance Department for completing the repairs at Westside Concession Stand.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on a getting a quote for Senior Center play equipment.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items including creating the new position of Senior Officer, potential expense for hiring a new officer currently employed by the City of Lineville, and the Community Oriented Policing Services Grant. Chief Stanford also discussed Officer Adamson's academy expenses for attending the Montgomery Police Academy.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported the completion of ROW cleaning/cutting.

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 \$13,067.26. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Court Clerk Robin Catrett to attend Annual Conference for Alabama Municipal Court Clerks/Magistrates on September 22-25, 2021, pay for hotel at \$181.00 per night, registration fees, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Clay County Commission \$32,000.00 for partial micro sealing and striping (city portion) of High Pine Road. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to pay estimated \$841.85 for lodging for Lieutenant/Code Enforcement Officer to attend Annual Code Officials Conference August 16th – 20th, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Library Aide Beth Owens a raise for completion of graphic design certification to Range 3 Step 8 effective June 12, 2021. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay ROCIC annual service fee of \$300.00 for the Ashland Police Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$2,000.00 for ROW Bond. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn explained the city may not have to pay this if a release is received prior to the renewal date.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve a new position of Senior Officer and job description. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to promote Scott Parish to the Senior Officer Position and give him a pay increase to Range 13 Step 1 effective June 11, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to hire Isiah Williamson as a Patrol Officer, with a starting pay of Range 12 Step 1, and purchase new hire equipment (as needed). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to give Investigator Shanon House an evaluation-based raise to Range 15 Step 6, and take her off probation. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Chief Stanford to apply for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP) grant. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Alabama Advanced Criminal Justice Academy \$500.00 for academy expenses for X-zyrius Adamson. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay an estimated \$6,190.32 to Capitol Towers for lodging & meals for X-zyrius Adamson (police academy). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to advertise and pay the Clay Times Journal \$300.00 for an advertisement in the "At Home in Clay County" magazine. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to allow Mid-South Paving to complete all roads included in CDBG-SM-CM-CP-19-040 with knowledge of additional cost to the city. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution No. 06-07-01-2021 (Tax Abatement with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.) Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the Tax Abatement Agreement with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution No. 06-07-02-2021 (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 Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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