

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present Dianne Ballard, Traskey Ford, Jessica Heath, Annette 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 Doug Heath, Shevy Glenn and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward, Fire Chief Nelson were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Police Chief Stanford gave the invocation.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with amendment to item number 15 and the addition of item number 16. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the organizational meeting minutes. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Shevy Glenn- requested fee waived to use the Wynn Building for Black History Bowl in February 28, 2026.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to waive the rental fee for the Wynn Building for the Black History Bowl to be held on February 28, 2026. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Live Local Alabama- Council Member Heath reported this is a social media campaign.

3. Christmas Holidays- Mayor Fetner discussed Christmas Holiday Schedule- Council Member Gaither suggested employees take a personal day to have Wednesday-Friday off.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to amend Christmas Holiday Schedule to December 24-26, 2025. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Ford did not report.

Council Member Heath requested the police department to look into conducting traffic stops in a safe manner concerning the location, and plaques on rocking chairs.

Council Member Gaither reported the City Council is invited to the Fire Department Christmas Dinner. Council Member Gaither asked questions about "Tree City".

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Assistant Fire Chief Heath reported on the Christmas Dinner for the Fire Department at the Blue and White on December 13, 2025.

Police Chief Stanford apologized for missing the organizational meeting. Chief Stanford reported on agenda items.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on storm shelter grants.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$25,638.49. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay 2024-2025 Airport Appropriation (\$2,500). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving to pay 2025-2026 Airport Appropriation (\$2,500). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Ashton-Potter \$2,835.00 for 36 rolls of tobacco stamps. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve a one-time raise for city employees at a total cost of \$13,400.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. (December 12, 2025)

Council Member Heath made a motion to pay out employees' unused vacation. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approving clothing allowance for Ashland Fire Department at \$200 per member. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the purchase of rain jackets for city employees at a total cost of \$1,532.52. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to terminate Ashland Police Dispatcher probationary employee Alison Hunkapillar effective immediately. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ford made a motion to promote Brittany Kelly to full-time dispatcher effective November 15, 2025. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to promote Patrol Sergeant Scott Parish to Lieutenant and give an evaluation-based raise to Range 19 Step 6 effective November 08, 2025. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Jarrod Allen effective November 15, 2025. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Randy Hanners an evaluation-based raise to Range 15 Step 7 effective November 08, 2025. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to accept the resignation of Senior Center Van Driver Jamie Brown effective November 10, 2025. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Sherry Coryell as Senior Center Van Driver at Range 7 Step 1 effective November 18, 2025. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Kelly Concrete to complete sidewalks/pathways into Stringfellow Park at a total cost of \$2,900.00 plus concrete materials cost to be paid to supplier. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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

Mayor

Attest