

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 03, 2017

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on January 03, 2017 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 Attorney John Kelley Johnson, City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Acting Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Code Enforcement Officer Cecil Chappell, Patrol Sergeant Tony Hubbard, Freddie Alexander, Lester Robinson, Sarah McKemie, Tammy Andrews, and Ray Stansell of The Clay Times Journal.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson was absent.

Mayor Fetner deemed a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Council Member Annette F. Gaither gave the invocation.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the agenda with the amendment of Item Number 3 under new business, Approval to make Acting Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown permanent as Maintenance Supervisor to be moved to old business, and to add Item Number 5 Approval for Mark's Cleaning Service to clean Ashland Fire Department for \$30.00 per month. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed moved to approve the minutes from the previous planning meeting. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed allowing the Clay County Arts League to continue to meet at the current water department building until the building is sold.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed a potential date and time to meet with Jacksonville State University concerning the City of Ashland's personnel policy & procedure manual updates.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported his interest in completing the renovations at the Wynn Building including the Kitchen. Mayor Fetner also reported the Youth Sports Coordinator will have an office at Ashland City Hall. Mayor Fetner also advised the Council and Police Chief Stanford of complaints of merchants parking on the square.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported Wellborn has advised they will complete the fireplace and wainscot at a cost of \$667.00. Council Member Cain also advised there will be a meeting at Ashland City Library on January 12, 2016 to discuss a summer food program. Council Member Cain also thanked the Maintenance Department for getting the swing set up at Ashland City Park.

Council Member Gaither reported on issues at the water department that will need to be corrected once they move, problems with landscaping around town, and renovations at the Wynn Building.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

City Clerk Administrator Chelsey Wynn discussed agenda items.

Police Chief Stanford discussed agenda items and the expected arrival date of new patrol units.

Code Enforcement Officer Cecil Chappell reported on the abatement of a nuisance property and discussed a potential date to have the public hearing regarding the abatement.

Acting Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown reported the Maintenance Department has been working on taking down Christmas decorations and thanked his department for their hard work.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$8687.18. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to set a public hearing for abatement of nuisance property for January 18, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to open and advertise for two weeks for Patrol Officer position with Ashland Police Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve a one-step merit raise (R7 S2) for City Hall Assistance Sarah McKemie. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving Mark's Cleaning Service to clean Ashland Fire Department for \$30.00 per month. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to make Acting Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown as Permanent Maintenance Supervisor. Council Member Cain 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.

Mayor

Attest