

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on December 19, 2016 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, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, City Attorney John Kelly Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer Cecil Chappell, Charles Alexander, Edward Waldrop, Acting Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Sergeant Tony Hubbard, Tammy Andrews and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times Journal. Council Member Steed excused herself from the meeting at 7:55P.M..

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

Council Member Kim M. Cain gave the invocation.

Council Member Gaither moved to approve the agenda with the additions of a Item Number 11. Approval of 2017 Contract with the Chamber of Commerce at \$5400.00 and Ordinance No. 2016-12.19-01(Police Department take home car policy). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

City Clerk Administrator Chelsey Wynn explained the contract for the Chamber of Commerce and that it was a budgeted item.

Council Member Cain, Mayor Fetner, and John Kelly Johnson discussed what would be needed to form a park board.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner asked the Council about their thoughts on the City having an event for the 4th of July.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that she had met with Jason Wellborn regarding the fire place and moving it to the center of the wall and had chosen the color for the fire place. Council Member Cain also reported on the City Seal for the podium and the SAFE Program that feeds children in the City.

Council Member Gaither reported that the cemetery marker is up in the cemetery.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items, and that the parade was a success.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson reported on the success of the route of the parade and that all of the Fire Department members and families enjoyed their Christmas dinner. Mayor Fetner complimented Fire Chief Thompson on helping Hardees out to open on time.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported on an agenda item and thanked the employees, Council and Mayor for participating in the City Christmas Dinner and that it was a huge success with over 70 people in attendance.

Acting Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown reported on tasks that the Maintenance Department had been working on, thanked Council Member Cain and all participants for the toy soldier idea for the square, and questioned if the Maintenance Supervisor job description had been decided. Acting maintenance Supervisor Brown stated that he didn't feel comfortable accepting the position permanently until the job description had been completed.

Code Enforcement Officer Cecil Chappell updated the Council on a property that he has been working on to abate.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$8,861.79. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the City to pay Webb Utilities and Construction \$5,000.00 (retainage return) for industrial park project. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to table the approval to make Acting Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown permanent as Maintenance Supervisor. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the purchase of upgraded storage for videos for the Police Department at a cost of \$1,204.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to pay AllComm Wireless \$930.00 for repeater repair. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to hire Stephanie Freeman as the Youth Sports Coordinator FY2017 at a salary of \$6,000.00 (\$500.00 per month). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Municipal Software Group \$1,800.00 for Court Software Support 12/1/2016-11/30/2017. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion and, all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Edgar and Associates \$7,837.50 for audit work performed for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to promote Officer Cecil Chappell to Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, and Safety Officer at a yearly salary of range 20 step 4 with a start date of December 30, 2016. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to amend the purchase cost of 2017 Tahoes to be purchased for the Police Department from \$73,468.00 to \$76,023.28. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the contract with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce FY2017 at \$5,400.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules of procedure to consider Ordinance Number 2016-12-19-01 an ordinance amending the policy and procedure for the City of Ashland's Police Department take home car policy at its first reading. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and upon roll call vote, all votes were yea.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2016-12-19-01 an ordinance amending the policy and procedure for the City of Ashland's Police Department take home car policy. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and upon roll call vote, all votes were yea.

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

Mayor

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