

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 05, 2018

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on November 05, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. 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, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, Youth Sports Coordinator Ben Bailey, Municipal Judge Megan Miller Yates, Scott Parrish, Gene Miller, Lindsay Jackson, Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce, and Justin McCullars with The Clay Times Journal.

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

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 19: Approval to Reappoint Attorney Megan Miller Yates as Municipal Judge for the City of Ashland., and Item Number 20: Approval to pay Chris Smith \$8100.00 for the purchase and installation of security cameras at Ashland City Park (to be reimbursed by grant funds). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

Joanne Butler not present to address the Council.

Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council. Mrs. Young thanked everyone for helping during the bicentennial event. Mrs. Young advised the next Clay County Business Association meeting will be November 15, 2018 at 11 A.M. Mrs. Young also discussed Christmas in the Park and the annual dinner to be held February 12, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at Bibb Graves.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked Council Member Gaither for working to get security cameras in the city. Mayor Fetner reminded everyone to vote tomorrow and to attend the Veterans Day Celebration at Central High School of Clay County on Thursday, November 08, 2018 at 10 A.M.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on the Lighted Trail and Worship in the Park scheduled for December 02, 2018. Council Member Cain advised Jonathan Hornsby will be doing music during Worship in the Park. Council Member Cain also discussed electricity at the park.

Council Member Gaither reported security cameras have been installed at the Wynn Building, Ashland Senior Center, Library, District Attorney's Office, and the Maintenance Building. Council Member Gaither thanked Police Chief Stanford for working with her on the security cameras.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported security cameras are up and operational and that Chris Smith has done a great job. Police Chief Stanford advised agenda item number 2 will be reimbursed by the \$44,000 grant for a generator and security cameras. Police Chief Stanford reported Trunk or Treat was a success and thanked the Maintenance Department for doing a great job on cleanup. Police Chief Stanford also reported on new hires Will Davis and Scott Parrish.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson reported everything has been quiet. Fire Chief Thompson also advised City Clerk/Administrator Wynn emailed information to grant writer Terry Acuff. Fire Chief Thompson stated he has not heard from City Attorney John Kelley Johnson in reference to the brush truck.

Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson reported the limb vacuum that belongs to Ashland Housing Authority is working again. Supervisor Robinson stated the department will still need to do hand cleaning on gutters, and he will be getting a price on straw for mulching flower beds. Supervisor Robinson stated the Maintenance Department is preparing to hang Christmas lights and decorations.

Youth Sports Coordinator Ben Bailey reported that soccer season was a success. Basketball signups have begun and will be held November 12th, 19th, and 26th at the Wynn Building. Coordinator Bailey stated is great to see the community working together.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$17,228.13. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve paying Chris Smith \$550.00 for security camera monitoring equipment (to be reimbursed by grant if received). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve paying Southern Data Automation \$347.00 for equipment support for Municipal Court. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve paying S.S. Nesbitt \$810.00 for insurance on the new limb truck. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the purchase of 120 chairs for Court from Amazon at a total cost of \$2569.40. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve hiring Sherry Coryell as Senior Center Van Driver (part-time) at a pay of Range 3 Step 1 (\$8.15) effective November 6, 2018. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay S.S. Nesbitt \$375.00 for quarterly consulting fees. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Reeves Aerial & Utility Equipment Inc. \$750.00 for annual inspection of the bucket truck. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to give Maintenance Laborer Jeston Jennings a 2-step merit raise (evaluation based) effective immediately (11.05.2018) to Range 4 Step 4 (\$10.00). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to hire Randy Hanners as full-time part-time Maintenance Equipment Operator at Range 8 Step 5 (\$12.67) effective 11.06.2018. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Nathan L. Boyd as a full-time Maintenance Laborer at Range 4 Step 3 (\$9.16) effective 11.06.2018. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give employees a one-time raise (based on years of service) in the total amount of \$4,075.00 (subject to change based on new hires) to be paid on the first payroll in December. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to hire Shevy Glenn as a part-time Senior Center employee to work on an as needed basis (without benefits) when requested by supervisor at a pay of Range 2 Step 4 (\$8.40). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to hire Dollie Zachery as a part-time Senior Center employee to work on an as needed basis (without benefits) when requested by supervisor at a pay of Range 3 Step 4 (\$8.90). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to hire Will Davis as a Certified Police Officer with a starting pay of Range 9 Step 4 (\$12.63) with a start date of November 16, 2018. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Scott Parrish as a Non-Certified Police Officer with a starting pay of Range 8 Step 1 (\$10.90) with a start date of November 13, 2018. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the purchase of a Glock Generation 4 Model 22 (.40 caliber) handgun for department issue from Walter Craig with night sights at a cost of \$409.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Melissa R. (Robyn) Waters a 1 step raise to Range 4 Step 5 (\$9.72) for annual performance evaluation effective November 2, 2018. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to Reappoint Attorney Megan Miller Yates as Municipal Judge for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Chris Smith \$8100.00 for the purchase and installation of security cameras at Ashland City Park (to be reimbursed by grant funds). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution 11-05-01-2018 to authorize First Bank of Alabama and First State Bank as depositories for the City of Ashland. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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