

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 3, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025, 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 F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James "Jimmy" Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Dawson Wilkinson, McKensie Ward, Gigi Kemp, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward was absent.

Mayor Fenter called the meeting to order, and Council Member Ballard gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Resolution 02-03-01-2025 for CDBG Sewer Industrial Park Bid Award. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting minutes (1.29.2025). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Dawson Wilkinson with Coppermine Fire Department requests the use of the Wynn Building on May 3, 2025 for a charity event. Mr. Wilkinson requests the rental fee be waived.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to waive the rental fee of the Wynn Building for Coppermine Fire Department for a charity event. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Gigi Kemp addressed the City Council concerning Second Saturday on the Square. Mrs. Kemp advised she would like to run Second Saturday May-September 2025, would like to expand the hours, and requested the City Council to allow them to use the square for the event.

Council Member Cain made a motion to allow Gigi Kemp to run Second Saturday on the Square from May 2025-September 2025. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Smoking Ordinance Update- City Clerk/Administrator Wynn updated the Council on the progress of the ordinance.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner congratulated the Youth Sports Program and the article in the newspaper. Mayor Fetner also reported on a plan to add dirt to the Urban Park and planting grass.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on Officer Burrow's refresher academy, and an ongoing investigation of fire at a local business.

Fire Chief Lee reported on recent calls for Ashland Fire Department and agenda items. Chief Lee advised they are excited about Second Saturday on the Square and an upcoming gun raffle.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the progress of construction at the city park, removal of dead trees, and speed breakers.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn updated the City Council on the parking lot paving and the splash pad at the park. Wynn advised paving can start around March working with the County Engineering Dept and Ingram Paving. Wynn advised the splash pad can be done on state bid which will help with cost.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$11,498.84. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay \$1,553.25 to Leads Online for annual renewal for Police Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. (6,213.00 split by 4 agencies)

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Williams Fire Apparatus \$1,742.50 for repairs to Rescue Truck for Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. (paid from Fire Department Tax Fund)

Council Member Cain made a motion approving contract and appropriation with Clay County Economic Development Council. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Sherry Coryell as a part-time temporary employee as Senior Aide for the Senior Center at a pay of Range 3 Step 9 effective February 4, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Benjamin Rashad Billingsley an evaluation and certification-based Raise 18 Step 5 effective February 1, 2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving Linda Parkhill an evaluation-based raise to Range 15 Step 9 effective February 1, 2025. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay White’s Tire and Auto Repair LLC \$2,275.22 for repair to Unit 179 for the Police Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

Chief Stanford explained the need to update ordinances. Chief Stanford advised the City Attorney recommended the revisions to the current ordinances.

1. Ordinance No. 2025-02-03-01: Nuisance Ordinance was presented for a first reading.
2. Ordinance No. 2025-02-03-02: Weeds and Overgrown Grass was presented for a first reading.
3. Ordinance No. 2025-02-03-03: Dangerous Buildings was presented for a first reading.
4. Resolution 02-03-01-2025: CDBG Industrial Park Bid Award

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn explained the Resolution to award the bid to R&R Contractors for the CDBG Industrial Park Project.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution 02-03-01-2025-CDBG Industrial Park Bid Award. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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Mayor

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