

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 03, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on May 03, 2021 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 Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Assistant Chief James "Jimmy" Lee, and Tammy Andrews 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 gave the invocation.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 15: Approval to rescind previous approval to purchase backpack blowers from Talladega Tractor at a Cost of \$460.00 and purchase 2 backpack blowers from Ace Hardware at a total cost of \$559.90., and amend Item Number 9: Approval to purchase rocking chairs for the square from Roses at a total cost of 2599.60. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational Items:

There were no Informational Items to discuss.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked everyone for participating in the May Day event. Council Member Cain commended the Maintenance Department on the state of the park. Council Member Cain advised some citizens would like to see Second Saturday on the Square come back. Council Member Cain also reported on the City Library and Bethany Owens using skills she received during training. The Library will be having a Career Fair later this Summer. Council Member Cain also reported on beautification and advised Britches and Bows, High Points, Monte Alban, and Planters Hardware are all going to put murals on their buildings. Council Member Cain also requested information on regulating the look of buildings within the City of Ashland. Council Member Cain also reported on traffic issues at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave South and Highway 9; Cain explained there have been several accidents at this intersection.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on the Police Department hosting active shooter training at the Ashland Armory with multiple departments participating. Chief Stanford reported the Police Department will be hosting Domestic Violence Training at the Wynn Building. Chief Stanford reported on the progress of Officer Burns and also reported Officer Chappell has decided to hang up the duty belt.

Fire Chief Thompson did not report.

Assistant Fire Chief reported on Sparky the Fire Dog going to all the schools for Fire Prevention, and a request for the head start to use the Wynn Building parking lot on May 22.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on agenda items and the request to replace tires on the Kubota Tractor. Supervisor Stinson advised this is the tractor the Maintenance Department uses for cutting Right of Ways. Supervisor Stinson also reported on the request to repair the older limb truck. Supervisor Stinson reported on an asbestos survey that has to be completed on the old Horn Café before the demolition can begin.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reminded everyone to please get the Statement of Economic Interest completed if they haven't already.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$6,990.09. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to give Magistrate Sarah McKemie a raise to Range 12 Step 1 for annual evaluation, and the completion of a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, effective May 01, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Intuit Quick Books \$650.00 for annual payroll services. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Gregory M. Varner P.C. \$2,162.00 for March attorney fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Madison Morris a 2-step evaluation raise to Range 1 Step 4 effective April 19, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay White's Tire & Auto Repair LLC. \$1,815.88 for 4 new tires (state bid price), \$300.00 for mounting for tires for a total of \$2,119.88 (\$4.00 state fee included) for the Kubota Tractor for the Maintenance Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Mobile Communications America \$635.00 for radio and bracket for the Ashland Police Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Frames Fabrication and Machine \$338.00 for cylinder repair on the old limb truck. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase rocking chairs for the square from Roses at a total cost of \$2,599.60 (includes installation). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Nafeco \$3,818.00 for uniforms for the Fire Department (paid from Fire Dept. Tax Fund). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Pettus Paint and Body \$1,896.65 to do repairs to Patrol Unit 173. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to reassign Tony Hubbard to patrol, promote to Lieutenant, go back to hourly wages, and receive pay increase for increased responsibilities and evaluation to Range 15 Step 8 effective April 30, 2021. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Dispatcher Viktorija (McNeal) Loyd an evaluation-based raise to Range 6 Step 3 effective April 30, 2021. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to rescind previous approval to purchase backpack blowers from Talladega Tractor at a cost of \$460.00 and purchase 2 backpack blowers from Ace Hardware at a total cost of \$559.90. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

No Items to discuss.

Resolutions, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business:

Ordinance No. 2021-05-03-01 Amendment of Ordinance No. 2021-05-03-01, To Lease City Owned Property that is No Longer Needed for Public or Municipal Purposes.

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2021-05-03-01 Amendment of Ordinance No. 2021-05-03-01, To Lease City Owned Property that is No Longer Needed for Public or Municipal Purposes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard – Yea

Council Member Steed – Yea

Council Member Cain – Yea

Council Member Gaither – Yea

Council Member Cantrell – Yea

Council Member Cain made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-05-03-01 Amendment of Ordinance No. 2021-03-01-01, To Lease City Owned Property that is No Longer Needed for Public or Municipal Purposes. Council Member Steed seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard – Yea

Council Member Steed – Yea

Council Member Cain – Yea

Council Member Gaither – Yea

Council Member Cantrell – Yea

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the Lease Agreement with Paragon Services USA, LLC. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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Mayor

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