

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on March 15, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Larry Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, 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 Council Member Cain gave the invocation.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational Items:

1. Serv Safe Certification Class- Request for Wynn Building (May 17th & 19th)- Melissa Willis. Mayor Fetner explained they would like the fee waived.

Council Member Cain made a motion to waive the fee for Serve Safe Class at the Wynn Building on May 17th and 19th. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard reported on a citizen request to change the name of a street. Mayor Fetner advised we would research the possibility.

Council Member Steed reported the street she lives on needs work. Mayor Fetner advised the start date is April 1, 2021.

Council Member Cain reported the Library Board meets tomorrow (Tuesday). Council Member Cain also reported she has attended several meetings with the EDC/Tourism and will have more information soon. The meeting for Clay County will be on March 23, 2021.

Council Member Gaither thanked the Maintenance Department for their work completed at the Wynn Building. Council Member Gaither also reported the generator at the Police Department is working well.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on Agenda Items including the Alcohol Application for Sparkle Mart, and the resignation of Dispatcher Jennifer Parker. Chief Stanford also reported the Law Enforcement Grant applied for in 2020 has been approved. Chief Stanford also reported traffic enforcement is starting again.

Fire Chief Thompson thanked the Maintenance Department for helping with an accident and changing the lights in the Fire Department.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the progress of the offices at the Wynn Building. Supervisor Stinson also reported sidewalks around town have been repaired, and he will have quotes for the windows at the Library later this week.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported the reimbursement for Office Dustin McGraw has been received.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$12,386.86. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Clay County Extension Office Appropriation (1,500.00). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to pay SafeGuard Corporation \$814.10 for servicing fire extinguishers. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to solicit bids for demo of Lucas Building (Old Horn Café) and advertise for 2 weeks. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Maria Tibbits an evaluation-based raise to Range 3 Step 3 effective March 22, 2021 and remove her from probation. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. \$1,859.00 for final audit billing. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept Dispatcher Jennifer Parker's resignation effective March 8, 2021. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to open and advertise for two weeks for a dispatcher position. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the Alcohol Application for Sparkle Mart. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Police Chief Joseph Stanford an evaluation-based raise to Range 18 Step 10 effective March 19, 2021. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Senior Center Manager Jeanette Johnson an evaluation-based raise to Range 7 Step 7 effective March 20, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay S.S. Nesbitt \$50,364.00 for the City of Ashland's general insurance renewal. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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