

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 6, 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 Gaither, 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, Andrea Taylor, 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 Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Cantrell gave the invocation.

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

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

Informational:

1. Mayor Fetner advised Advocacy Day is February 12, 2025, and that a head count was needed.
2. Council discussed Mayor/Council Salaries for the incoming City Council.
3. Chief Stanford discussed Speed Breaker Request- 6th Street West and recommends 2 speed breakers on the street.

Council Member Cain made a motion to install 2 speed breakers on 6th Street West. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

4. CDBG Water Main & Sewer Extension- Bid Openings/Meeting- January 21, 2025 at 10 A.M.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on upcoming plans at the city library and thanked everyone who helped at the park with the lights.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received, maintenance completed, upcoming training and pursuing grants for a new truck.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on recent work completed, and plans for upcoming winter weather.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett did not report.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$18,778.64. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to reschedule council meeting scheduled for January 20, 2025 to January 21, 2025 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the 2025 Chamber of Commerce Contract. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve agreement with Clay County Health and Wellness Center. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Police Chief Stanford to attend the AACOP Winter Conference in Montgomery, AL February 9-13 and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ballard seconded Ballard the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to hire Zachariah Burrow as a police officer at Range 16 Step 1, effective January 8, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire Allison Hunkapiller as a temporary part-time dispatcher at Range 10 Step 1, effective January 8, 2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Patrol Office Jarrod Allen a one-step raise to Range 18 Step 2 for completion of the refresher academy. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance 2025-01-06-01- Updated Surplus Property Ordinance.

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2025-01-06-01 on the

first reading. 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

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-01-06-01- updated surplus property ordinance. Council Member Ballard 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

Mayor Fetner-Yea

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

Mayor

Attest