

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 04, 2018

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on September 04, 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, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Youth Sports Coordinator Ben Bailey, Charles Anderson and Tim Worthy of Koch Foods, and Ray Stansell of The Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/ Administrator called roll with Council Member Tommy Cantrell absent, and deemed a quorum present. Fire Chief Brett Thompson was also absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain approved the agenda with the omission of Item Number 7: Approval of agreement with Bailey's Bush Hogging for a one time cutting of right of ways, and the additions of Item Number 11: Approval for Jody Brown to assume the position of Senior Operator effective September 05, 2018 at a pay Range 8 Step 2 (\$11.23/hour), and Item Number 12: Approval to promote Charles "Freddy" Alexander to Interim Maintenance Supervisor effective September 05, 2018 at a pay Range 14 Step 3 (\$16.41/hour). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner and Council discussed the Maintenance Department Limb Truck and a job description for the position of Code Enforcement, Animal Control, and Safety Officer. Mayor Fetner and Council Members advised to add the job description for the position of Code Enforcement, Animal Control, and Safety Officer to the next regular meeting agenda for approval.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed Veteran's Day program to be held at Central High School of Clay County on November 8, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

Council Member Gaither discussed a request to close the north side of the square on September 23, 2018. Chief Stanford advised closing the north side of the square would not be an issue.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on the Bicentennial Exhibit coming to the Ashland Wynn Building in October 2018 and requested volunteers to help put the exhibit together. Council Member Cain also requested on behalf of the Ashland Fun Days committee permission to solicit quotes to install power in all areas of the Ashland City Park. Council Member Cain advised if power was installed in all areas of the Ashland City Park then more events could take place there. Council Member Cain also advised the Lighted Christmas Trail would not take place this year because of the issues with no power at the City Park.

Mayor Fetner and all Council Members agreed to allow the Ashland Fun Days Committee to solicit quotes to install power at the Ashland City Park.

Council Member Gaither reported on Agenda Item Number 10. Council Member Gaither advised Charter Communications will not charge any installation fees as long as the city will do in-kind work to include digging trenches. Council Member Gaither advised once the internet is installed at the City Park the city would be responsible for a monthly service fee. Council Member Gaither advised having free Wi-Fi at the City Park would be a great benefit to the citizens of Ashland and would also pave the way for security cameras at the City Park to feed to Ashland Police Department at all times. Council Member Gaither expressed the need to have all city buildings secure.

Police Chief Stanford reported on Trunk or Treat which will take place on October 31, 2018. Police Chief Stanford advised the Fire Department is doing the Haunted Trail. Police Chief Stanford also requested input on a community event titled "Coffee with a Cop". Chief Stanford explained this would allow citizens to meet with Officers. Chief Stanford advised the date for this event will be October 03, 2018 at 9 A.M. at the Wynn Building. Chief Stanford also advised he hopes to have an update on Dispatcher Kerry Hamlin soon.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported she is working on 2018-2019 budget.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown advised the Maintenance Department is working on cutting grass and bush hogging.

Youth Sports Coordinator Ben Bailey reported September 10, 2018 is kickoff for soccer. Coordinator Bailey advised 80 kids signed up which is a great turnout. Coordinator Bailey advised he is grateful for the support he has received and advised he is working on several items for the future. He advised even if he isn't in the position next year he wants everything ready.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$13,143.29. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to pay Mark's Cleaning Service to wax and buff the floors in the Court Room at the Wynn Building at a cost of \$600.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to make Senior Center Director Scotty Parker a permanent employee and give him a one-step merit raise to Range 7 Step 2 (\$10.59/hour). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation from Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown effective immediately. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept Koch Foods application for tax abatement, tax abatement agreement and Resolution 09-04-01-2018 to grant the tax abatement. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to table the decision on acceptance of Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. application for tax abatement, tax abatement agreement, and resolution 09-04-02-2018. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to open and advertise for two weeks the position of Maintenance Supervisor. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council member Steed made a motion to pay Harris Mechanical Services \$2,425.00 to repair water main at Horn-White Stadium. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to accept notice of Retirement form Code Enforcement Officer Cecil Chappell with his last day of work being September 28, 2018. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to allow Charter internet construction to begin at the park and approve monthly fee of \$74.98. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Jody Brown to assume the position of Senior Operator effective September 05, 2018 at a pay Range 8 Step 2 (\$11.23/hour). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to promote Charles "Freddy" Alexander to Interim Maintenance Supervisor effective September 05, 2018 at a pay Range 14 Step 3 (\$16.41/hour). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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