

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 17, 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 (5:43 P.M.) Kim M. Cain, Annette 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,-Gordon Walden with Valent Group, 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 Ballard made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Gaither 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.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting minutes (03.07.2025). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Clean-up Day- April 22, 2025: Mayor Fetner and Council discussed the upcoming event.
2. Easter Egg Hunt- April 19<sup>th</sup>: Mayor Fetner and Council discussed the upcoming event in regards to park renovations.
3. First Responder’s Dinner date change to 10.2.2025. Council Members agreed to change the date to 10.02.2025

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked everyone for assisting with storm preparations.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither thanked all First Responders for handling issues from recent storms.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since last meeting, upcoming events, and Fire College.

Police Chief Stanford reported on looking for another make and model of police vehicle, assisting Lineville Police Department with an investigation, and the award of a \$109,000.00 grant for the Mental Health Liaison position.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on repairs from recent storms, and park groundwater issue repair.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills in the amount of \$16,885.28. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving voting delegates for the Alabama League of Municipalities annual conference: Voting Delegate Mayor Larry J. Fetner, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Voting Delegate Anne Gaither, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Voting Delegate Kim Cain. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to make Dispatcher Alison Hunkapillar Temporary Full-Time effective immediately through April 25, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay annual Quickbooks renewal in the amount of \$1,899.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Senior Center Director Jeanette Johnson an evaluation-based raise to Range 10 Step 10 effective March 29, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving annual general insurance renewal for properties, automobiles, and liabilities for the city at a total cost of \$97,867.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Gordon Walden with Valent Group addressed the City Council concerning an increase in rates for general insurance. Mr. Walden advised the increase is reasonable compared to other carrier premium options.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving VFIS (fire department insurance renewal) in the amount of \$5,601.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and other Business:

1. Ordinance No. 2025-03-03-01- Smoking Ordinances.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2025-03-03-01: Smoking 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

2. Resolution No. 03-17-01-2025- In-Kind Match for CDBG grant.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution No. 03-17-01-2025- In-Kind Match for CDBG grant. 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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