

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Traskey Ford, Jessica Heath, Annette Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Assistant Police Chief/ Investigator Shanon House, Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn called roll and deemed a quorum present.

Police Chief Stanford, and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Heath gave the invocation.

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

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

Informational:

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on the lack of lights in the parking lot and wheelchair access to the play equipment in the city park. Mayor Fetner wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Ford did not report.

Council Member Heath did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on Winter Nights Under the Lights.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Assistant Police Chief House did not report.

Fire Chief Nelson reported on researching new fire trucks and grants. Chief Nelson advised the 1988 truck needs to be replaced. Chief Nelson also reported on the success of the Christmas Parade and Fireman of the Year.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on agenda items.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$12,524.42. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving to reimburse travel expenses for Mayor and Council for Advocacy Day. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to register Mayor, Council, and staff for Annual League of Municipalities Conference in Montgomery, AL and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Council Member Traskey Ford to attend the 2026 ARPA State Conference in Orange Beach, AL February 1-3, 2026 with registration cost of \$325, lodging, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to reschedule regular council meeting scheduled for January 19, 2026, to January 20, 2026 due to Martin Luther King holiday. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving to surplus 2012 Exmark LZX801KA6 mower as it is no longer needed for city purposes and to advertise and accept bids on mower with a reserve of \$2,200.00 with the City reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving Chief Stanford to attend the Chief's Conference in Montgomery, February 15-19th, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates \$2,738.25 for audit field work. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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

Mayor

Attest