

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 01, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 01, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell (5:41 P.M.). Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Assistant Fire Chief James (Jimmy) Lee, and with Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Tommy Cantrell was absent until 5:41 P.M., and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Gaither 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 Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting on July 21, 2022. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. First Responders Dinner- discussed in planning meeting scheduled for first Thursday in October.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither thanked the Maintenance Department for working to pressure wash side walks around town. Council Member Gaither updated everyone for Youth Sports Director Ward, he has 13 soccer players signed up so far, and has future signups scheduled.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on repair request for 2017 Tahoe, and school security/resource officers at schools, and a mental health liaison position.

Assistant Fire Chief James (Jimmy) Lee reported on new volunteers at the Fire Department, recent calls, and upcoming training for the Fire Department.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson thanked the Mayor and Council for the kind words. Supervisor Stinson gave an update on Wynn Building restrooms.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported Secretary of State John Merrell will be at Partners BBQ on August 11, 2022, and Congressional Luncheon on August 18, and advised the second round of ARP funds have been received.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$8,349.57. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1,650.00 for Snap Entry and LETS Access period 04/01/2022-06/30/2022. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay the Law Office of Gregory M. Varner, P.C. \$1,301.50 for May Attorney fees. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay GMC \$3,875.00 for preliminary engineering fees for ATRP SR-9 project. Council Member Cantrell second motion, and all votes were unanimous. Mayor Fetner advised at the next Planning Commission meeting potential owners of the car wash and oil change business are bringing the plans before the commission.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Alabama League of Municipalities \$1,299.00 for membership dues. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Cheaha Regional Library appropriation of \$2,000.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay InSite Engineering \$2,362.30 for engineering fees for Rebuild Alabama Project. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to give all salary/hourly employees a 3% cost of living raise effective August 1, 2022. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Buster Miles \$1,798.00 for repairs on 2017 Tahoe. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution 08-01-01-20 (A resolution to specify matching funds and apply for ARC grant for Urban Park.) Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner advised he spoke with a grant writer who suggested getting letters of support for the grant.

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

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