

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023 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, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Cain, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, and Youth Sports/Parks & Recreation Director Raquil Ward was absent.

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

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the agenda with the addition of Item Number 8: Approval to pay Tree Services of Alabama \$2,800.00 for the removal and stump grinding of a large oak tree on 1st Street North. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Law Enforcement Day- May 18, 2023 at noon: Mayor Fetner encouraged the Council to attend Law Day that will be held at FACS this year.
2. Alta Pointe grand opening- May 24th at 10am: Mayor Fetner invited the Council to attend the Alta Pointe grand opening of their new location.
3. Swap Meet- May 19-21, 2023- Request to use Industrial Park:
Council Member Cantrell made a motion to allow Bob Steele and the Clay County Museum to use the City’s portion of the Industrial Park for the Swap Meet on May 19-21, 2023. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.
4. NLC City Summit- Atlanta, GA, November 16-18, 2023 (first time attendee cost of \$515.00):
City Clerk Wynn informed the Mayor and Council of the upcoming training happening in Atlanta this November and requested approval to register all that are interested in attending to receive the best rate.
Council Member Gaither made a motion to allow City Clerk Wynn to register those interested at a cost of \$515.00/attendee. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.
5. General Walker Proclamation Presentation- May 20, 2023 at 2:00P.M. at the Wynn Building:
Mayor Fetner invited everyone to attend the Proclamation Presentation that will be held for recently retired General Walker.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reminded everyone about the upcoming Housing Authority Cookout on May 25th at noon.

Council Member Ballard thanked the Ashland Police Department and Ashland Fire Department for attending and being a part of Westside Day this past weekend.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Gaither advised everyone that the asbestos abatement at the newly purchased building next to City Hall had begun.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on Westside Day and recent calls.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting, Westside Day, a completed walk-thru at Alta Pointe, and a possible summer event sponsored by the Fire Department.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on agenda items, a/c unit being installed at Old City Hall, and asbestos abatement taking place at the newly purchased building next to City Hall.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$20,287.06. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to pay Gregory Varner & Associates \$2,140.00 for March 2023 attorney fees. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to reschedule the council meeting scheduled for June 19th, 2023 due to the Juneteenth holiday to June 20th, 2023. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to pay Southern Data Automation \$2,250.00 for a firewall and Sophos protection and \$38/month for antivirus for the Police Department. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to promote Leigh Ann Mask to Senior Dispatcher and give her an evaluation-based raise to Range 12 Step 1 effective May 12, 2023. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to give Investigator Shanon House an evaluation-based raise to Range 16 Step 10 effective May 12, 2023. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay W&W Heating AC \$1,848.00 to replace indoor cased coil at the old Police Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Tree Services of Alabama \$2,800.00 for the removal and stump grinding of a large oak tree on 1st Street North. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, and Other Business:

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

Mayor

Attest