

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 03, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for an Organizational Meeting on Monday, November 03, 2025, at 10:20 A.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 Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Assistant Police Chief Shanon House, Interim Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward, Municipal Judge Mark S. Nelson, Magistrate Robyn Waters, Patrol Sergeant Scott Parish, Mental Health Liaison Sarah Roberson, Dr. David Benton, Librarian Tina Nolen, Senior Center Director Jeanette Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer Felix Ackles, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath, Shandra Jennings, Willie Ballard, Stephanie Freeman, Gail Shepard, Tommy Fulmer, Lynn Gaither, Charlene Phillips, Amari Ballard, Kerri Cantrell, Rosa Stanley, Katie Brannock, Maggie McGill, Brett Thompson, Irving Thompson, Dawn Fetner, Will Fetner, Don Adams, Anita Adams, Darlene Carr, Abigail Cody, Josh Cody, Mae Catherine Wilson, Dianne Bell, Lauren Browning, Bethany McVay.

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

Police Chief Joseph Stanford and Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Dr. David Benton gave the invocation.

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

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to elect Council Member Annette Gaither as Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Ashland. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Ford- Yea

Council Member Heath- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Council Member Ballard made a motion to establish the time and place for regular meeting. Meeting will be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, at 5:30 P.M., in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 2025-11-03-01 adopting the rules of procedure containing Roberts Rules of Order. Council Member Ford seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Ford- Yea

Council Member Heath- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-11-03-01 adopting the rules of procedure containing Roberts Rules of Order. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Ford- Yea

Council Member Heath- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Council Member Gaither made a motion to appoint certain Council Members to committees as follows: Agency on Aging- Dianne Ballard, Annette Gaither; Budget & Finance- Mayor Fetner, City Council; Buildings & Maintenance/Streets- Annette Gaither, Tommy Cantrell; Cemetery- Traskey Ford, Annette Gaither; Planning Commission- Mayor Fetner, Tommy Cantrell; Events- Annette Gaither, Jessica Heath; Library- Jessica Heath, Traskey Ford; Parks & Beautification- Tommy Cantrell, Traskey Ford; Public Relations- Traskey Ford, Mayor Fetner; Public Safety- Mayor Fetner, Annette Gaither; Youth Sports/Recreation- Tommy Cantrell, Traskey Ford; Water Board- Dianne Ballard; Municipal Court- Mayor Fetner; EDC/Tourism- Traskey Ford, Jessica Heath; Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to appoint Chelsey Wynn as City Clerk/Administrator for the City of Ashland. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Ford- Yea

Council Member Heath- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Council Member Gaither made a motion to appoint Joesph Stanford as Police for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Ford- Yea

Council Member Heath- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to appoint Josh Nelson as Fire Chief for the City of Ashland. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Ford- Yea

Council Member Heath- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to appoint Gregory Varner as Attorney for the City of Ashland. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to appoint Mark Smith Nelson as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Ashland. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion to appoint the Law Firm of Kesa M. Johnston as Municipal Court Prosecutor for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to appoint the Law Office of Tyler Sims as Municipal Court Indigent Defense Council. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to appoint Mayor Fetner to the East Central Alabama Gas District Board. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to appoint Mayor Fetner to the Ashland-Goodwater-Lineville Solid Waste Disposal Authority Board. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion to ratify the use of the present depositories of First State Bank and First Bank of Alabama for the City of Ashland municipal funds. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ford made a motion designating Mayor Larry Fetner, City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, and Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett authority to execute financial documents on behalf of the City of Ashland. 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.

Mayor

Attest