

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Pro-Tempore Bobbie Steed presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Kim M. Cain, and Annette Gaither. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Court Clerk/Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Interim Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Jessica Heath, Scott Lee, Janie Bush, Beverly Latham, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Larry Fetner and Council Member Tommy Cantrell were absent.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steed called the meeting to order, and Council Member Ballard gave the invocation.

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

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

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the special called meeting minutes (07.16.2025). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Municipal Court Hours- Court Clerk Catrett explained a proposal for a split docket/court session and a potential increase in fees for Municipal Judge.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving split docket/court session and increase Judge Salary by \$500.00 per month effective November 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Scott Lee- Request to use Wynn Building for Lineville 10U World Series. Mr. Lee explained request to utilize the Wynn Building on July 26, 2025 and request the city to waive the fee

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Scott Lee's request to use the Wynn Building for Lineville 10U World Series and waive the rental fee on July 26, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items including losing 2 Officers to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Parks & Recreation/ Youth Sports Director Ward reported on soccer signups and agenda items including a request for sod at the city park. Director Ward also updated the city council on progress at the city park. Director Ward also reported a slide has been reported for the pirate ship and a new one has been ordered for repair.

Council Member Cain had questions about the exercise equipment. City Clerk Wynn advised there would be a final inspection for issues to be addressed.

Interim Fire Chief Nelson reported on getting proper equipment for the Fire Department.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on progress made at the city park including the splash pad, backfilling, and working additional hours.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the current bills received in the amount of \$6,844.43 since the last regular meeting. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates, LLC \$3,869.80 for audit fieldwork and monthly compilation. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Zachariah Burrow effective 07.14.2025 and request repayment from the Clay County Commission/Sheriff's Department for his contract. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Ethan Clark effective 07.14.2025 and request repayment from the Clay County Commission/Sheriff's Department for his contract. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Law Office of Greg Varner \$2,265.00 for May legal fees. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Chris Elliott an evaluation-based raise to range 12 step 6 effective July 19, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to purchase (4) sets of tires for patrol units for Ashland Police Department from Tire Hub at a total cost of \$2,100.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Senior Aide Kathy Freeman an evaluation-based raise to range 5 step 10 effective July 19, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Isiah Williamson an evaluation-based raise to range 17 step 3 effective July 5, 2025. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Sunbelt Sod an estimated \$2,250.00 for sod for park. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution No. 07-21-01-2025: A Resolution appointing poll workers for the 2025 municipal election.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution No 07-21-01-2025 A Resolution appointing poll workers for the 2025 municipal election. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor Pro-Tempore

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