

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 04, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on October 04, 2021 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, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Assistant Fire Chief James Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, and Bella Young with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Fire Chief Brett Thompson was absent.

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to Item Number 6: Approval to enter into a 36-month agreement with Digital Technologies LLC and pay \$650.00 monthly subscription, maintenance fee and pay a one-time transfer fee of \$2,500.00 for the Ashland Police Department's Records Software. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous council meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

No Items

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported the Clay County Cattleman's Association would like to have the Frontier Day on March 12-13, 2022. Council Member Cain advised it will build off of the Wagon Train and include vendors, food trucks, and other activities at the City Park. Council Member Cain also advised the Arts League is having a scarecrow workshop this Thursday from 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported the Police Department worked with the Clay County Sheriff's Office on an incident last week. Chief Stanford also reminded everyone of "Coffee with a Cop" the Wednesday at the Wynn Building. Chief Stanford reported the Homeland Security Grant was approved and extended.

Parks and Recreations/Youth Sports Director Ward soccer still going well. Director Ward advised the creek at the City Park is eating away at bank and will need to be addressed soon.

Assistant Fire Chief James Lee reported it has been quiet within the Fire Department. Also, the Firefighters have been doing Community Outreach.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on agenda items including the resignation of Mr. Jennings. Supervisor Stinson commended Mr. Jennings on his work ethic and stated he would be hard to replace. Supervisor Stinson reported that the drainage system at the city park is working well.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett reported on rental for the Wynn Building. Clerk Catrett advised some renters are not following the rules as it pertains to cleaning the auditorium after their events. Clerk Catrett stated with the cost of the rental vs. the amount of the deposit some renters would prefer loose the \$25.00 deposit than clean up after the event, which results in expenses for the city to pay city employees to clean building. The rental fee does not meet the expenses incurred by city when the renter doesn't follow the rules.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn reported on possible funding for storm shelters and the BRIC Grant.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$1,691.25. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving City Clerk Chelsey Wynn and Assistant City Robin Catrett to attend the AAMCA Winter Conference via zoom at a total cost of \$285.00 per person. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Valent Group \$2,516.00 for Fire Department Accidental/Sickness policy. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay T & T Landscape Services, LLC \$2,100.00 for landscaping in front of the Police Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to reschedule Regular Council Meeting scheduled for November 1, 2021 to November 1, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to enter into a 36-month agreement with Digital Technologies LLC and pay \$650.00 monthly subscription, maintenance fee and pay a one-time transfer fee of \$2,500.00 for the Ashland Police Department's Records Software. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to accept the resignation from Jeston Jennings effective October 8, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes unanimous with the exception of Council Member Ballard who abstained.

Council Member Cain made a motion to open and advertise for two-weeks for a Maintenance Department employee. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Pettus Paint and Body \$481.50 for repair of Unit 170 (unit hit deer). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Creekside Signs and Graphics \$1,800.00 for 24 18x36 Christmas Banners for the Square. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase a radio for dispatch from Mobile Communications America at a total cost of \$595.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business:

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

Mayor

Attest