

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 5, 2024, 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, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Ed Cain, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Annette F. Gaither 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. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Pickleball Nets- Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed putting in permanent pickle ball nets and leaving the tennis net in place as a divider.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked everyone that had a hand in the preparations for the Watermelon Festival.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked everyone for their work on the Watermelon Festival.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on training for new Non-Certified Officer Cameron and regular agenda item number 5.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting and the Watermelon Festival. Chief Lee also reported on the upcoming Rodeo and Second Saturday on the Square. Chief Lee advised station numbers have been straightened out.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson thanked the guys in the Maintenance department and everyone who helped with the Watermelon Festival. Supervisor Stinson also thanked the Police and Fire Department for helping with damage from the recent storm.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on soccer signups and low numbers. Director Ward advised he believes the fact that the public schools do not have soccer affects those interested in playing.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$119.61. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay membership dues for the League of Municipalities in the amount of \$1,409.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to give Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward a one-step evaluation-based raise to Range 16 Step 7 effective August 3, 2024. The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Cain made a motion to table approval to give Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward a one-step evaluation-based raise to Range 16 Step 7 effective August 3, 2024. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Greg Varner \$2,364.64 for June Attorney Fees. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Police Chief Stanford to attend 2024 POP conference in Baltimore, MD and pay travel expenses. (To be reimbursed by National Policing Institute). Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, 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