

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 01, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on June 01, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy J. Smith, 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, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, K9 Officer Adam Otwell, Police Chief Joseph Stanford (6:39), and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

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

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

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

Information Items:

Mayor Fetner and Council discussed opening city buildings and CDC guidelines. Mayor Fetner asked for everyone to come up with plans to reopen to present at the next meeting.

Court Clerk Robin Catrett explained the need to split the job descriptions for Court Clerk and Magistrate.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed slowing traffic at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave North/Clark Road, and the possibility of installing a 3-way stop.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain gave an update on the City Library, summer reading, and a popsicle parade scheduled for June 09, 2020. Council Member Cain advised Jordan's Service Station is assisting with providing the popsicles.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell gave an update on the Youth Sports Baseball/Softball program. Council Member Cantrell advised District 3 has cancelled the 2020 season, and refunds will not be issued. Council Member Cantrell explained that the fee has already been used to purchase uniforms and insurance for the season. Council Member Cantrell advised the insurance company would not issue a refund but is going to allow the fees paid for the 2020 season to be utilized during the 2021 season. Council Member Cantrell advised uniform pickup will be June 03, 2020 at the Wynn Building parking lot.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett reported on the cost of hand sanitizer and dispensers. Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett explained there is a 6 to 8 week wait for hand sanitizer. Mayor Fetner and Council Members advised to go ahead and order the items.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn gave an update on Covid-19 relief funds available to municipalities. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn also gave an update on the recent Planning Commission Meeting.

Police Chief Stanford advised Investigator House started work today, and assisted with the Peaceful Protest held at the Court House. Chief Stanford advised Investigator House will start working on cases Tuesday.

Mayor Fetner commended Police Chief Stanford and Staff for their work at the Peaceful Protest.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson explained the cost saving potential of switching City Hall to LED bulbs. Maintenance Supervisor Robinson requested the authority of the City Council to implement and enforce a Roadway/Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter/R.O.W. Worksheet. Maintenance Supervisor Robinson explained this would hold any outside entity accountable for repairs to those areas.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members agreed to allow Maintenance Supervisor Robinson to implement and enforce the worksheet.

#### New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$1,571.79. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$5,761.00 for VFIS insurance renewal for the Fire Department. (paid from Fire Department Tax Fund). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Municipal Workers Compensation Fund \$2,202.00 for Final Audit Billing. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Lt. Chase Jordan to attend 2020 AACOP Summer Conference at Orange Beach July 26-30, 2020, pay \$250.00 registration fee, pay accommodations at \$174/night, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to make intersection at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW a 3 way stop. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion giving Police Chief Joseph Stanford authority to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Oxford Police Department and East Alabama Metro Crime Center. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to enter an agreement with FLS, Inc. to provide as-needed 24/7 interpreter services for the City of Ashland. (no monthly fee unless services are used). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Hunter Griffin effective June 03, 2020. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the 2019 Audit. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the City to open account for CDBG Grant Funds, and give the authority to Mayor Fetner and City Clerk/Administrator Wynn to determine which bank to open the account at. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the purchase of LED lights for City Hall at an estimated cost of \$850.00 from Harris Plumbing. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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