

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023 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, City Attorney Spencer Waddell, Assistant Police Chief/Investigator Shanon House, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward, Patrol Officer Donnie Lester, Richard McQueen, Martha McQueen, and Ray Stansell 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 Steed gave the invocation.

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

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

Informational:

1. Margie Cheaney requested closing of square (3 sides) for Christmas Open House on November 18, 2023.

Council Member Cain discussed the request to close the square for Christmas Open House on November 18, 2023. Assistant Chief House advised the Police Department would take care of the closure.

2. Potential Litigation- Skyward Insurance.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to enter into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation with City Attorney. Council Member Cain seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council entered executive session at 5:34 P.M.

Council Member Cain made a motion to reopen the regular meeting at 5:50 P.M. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Assistant Police Chief/Investigator House introduced our new Patrol Officer Donnie Lester.

Fire Chief Lee reported on agenda items, calls received since the last Council Meeting, Fire Safety and Fire Prevention, Boston butt sale this Saturday, and upcoming events.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on First Responders Dinner, the completion of paving on Brookwood Ave, and upcoming paving of the Wynn Building Parking Lot.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on soccer and basketball. Director Ward advised he will have more players in basketball this year.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reminded everyone of the First Responders Dinner.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$30,050.97. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the Board of Education (Gymnasium) Lease agreement. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Insite Engineering to provide cost estimates on park upgrades. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous, with the exception of Council Member Gaither who did not vote and requested an updated master plan prior to providing the cost estimate, due to items missing from the master plan.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn explained the cost estimate.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Goodwyn Mills Caywood, LLC \$5,500.00 for ATRP SR-9. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$2,061.00 for VFIS Fire Accident/Health Insurance for Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Southern Data Automation \$2,689.00 for Sophos Firewall and 3-year subscription for Ashland Municipal Court/Ashland City Hall. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett explained the need to upgrade the firewall.

Council Member Cantrell. made a motion approving to purchase equipment (fire hose) from NAFECO for the Fire Department at a cost of \$2,828.00. Council Member Gaither 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 Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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Mayor

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