

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 21, 2022 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, 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, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Park & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

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

Informational:

1. Update on Zoning Ordinance- City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn updated the Mayor and City Council on the Zoning Ordinance, including a time line for the adoption of the new ordinance.

2. Upcoming Lease Agreement Renewal with Paragon Services- Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett discussed issues with internet at the Wynn Building and advised the Council they may want to think about if they would like the lease to be amended before renewal.

3. Tennis Court cleaning/resurfacing- Parks & Recreations/Youth Sports Director Ward addressed the Mayor and Council with information about cleaning/resurfacing the Tennis Courts.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on a letter from AGL concerning garbage collection rates.

Council Member Ballard did not report

Council Member Steed did not report

Council Member Cain reported on the Frontier Days Event. Council Member Cain advised on the Friday of the event there will be an educational component for all students of Clay County.

Council Member Gaither reported on the demolition of the Lucas Building located on the City Square. Mayor Fetner requested all Council Members to come to the Lucas Building next Monday, February 28, 2021 around 5 P.M.

Council Member Cantrell reported on the windows at the City Library.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items including the resignation of Patrol Officer Hudson Burns. Chief Stanford advised we will be requesting reimbursement of training expenses. Chief Stanford also reported agenda item 7 and 8 which touches on issues/crime at the Ashland City Cemetery, and advised we need to do something to help with the surveillance of the cemetery.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on recent calls for service for the Ashland Fire Department.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on paving for the Rebuild Alabama Project.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on the Youth Sports Program. Director Ward advised he will have 6 teams. Director Ward also advised the basketball tournament will begin this week on Thursday-Saturday. Director Ward also reported on the backstops for baseball fields.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$12,617.85. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the 2022 Chamber of Commerce Contract. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Hudson Burns effective February 23, 2022. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion selecting voting delegates for the annual ALM conference, voting delegate (Mayor Fetner), 1st alternative (Kim Cain), 2nd alternative (Dianne Ballard). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Law Officers of Gregory M. Varner, P.C. \$3,226.50 for January attorney fees. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Records Manager Linda Parkhill a 2-step evaluation-based raise to Range 12 Step 6 effective February 4, 2022. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase cameras and mounting hardware from CDW-G for a total cost of \$3,336.57 for the cemetery. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase pole mount communications CCTV enclosures from Vetted Security Solutions at a total cost of \$7,000.00 for Ashland Cemetery. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase 350 bales of pine straw from J. Jireth Pine Straw at a total cost of \$1,225.00. Council Member Ballard 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 Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

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