

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on February 15, 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 Steed (5:44 P.M.), Kim Cain, Annette Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard, Assistant Fire Chief James Lee, Sr. Equipment Operator Phillip Stinson, Library Aide Bethany Owens, Librarian Tina Nolen, Beverly Latham, Equipment Operator Jeston Jennings, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Steed was absent until 5:44 P.M.

Police Chief Stanford and Fire Chief Thompson were absent.

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Approval of previous special called meeting minutes, the addition of Item Number 11: Approval to purchase ink for Office Depot for City Hall at a cost of \$534.68, and Item Number 12: Approval to register 6 attendees for the Annual League Conference May 12-16, 2021 at a cost of \$325.00 each plus hotel fees and travel expenses. Council Member Gaither second the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the previous special called meeting minutes from February 11, 2021. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

1. Animal Control Board- Commissioner Roy Johnson has requested Legislators to enact a bill to create an advisory board similar to the EDC for an Animal Shelter for Clay County. Mayor Fetner requested the consent of the City Council to participate, and appoint one representative from the City of Ashland. Mayor Fetner explained no funds would be required.

2. Meeting with ADECA Director- April 6, 2021  
Mayor Fetner explained ADECA Director, Mr. Ken Boswell, has requested a meeting with the City. Mayor advised we would have lunch at the Wynn Building at 11:30.

3. Library Update- Bethany Owens gave an update for things going on at the City Library. Ms. Owens explained programs available to include ACT preparation. Ms. Owens went over statistics for the Library, Staff Development, Basic Spanish, Volunteer Beverly Latham, and thanked the City Council for allowing her to attend training concerning marketing for the Library. Ms. Owens advised Librarian Tina Nolen has been asked to present at the Dave Mathews Center. Librarian Tina Nolen advised Dave Mathews Center came to the Library and gave a presentation on substance abuse and mental health in our county.

4. Crawfish Boil-Square blocked off April 17, 2021- Council Member Cain advised the local radio station owner and the Mt. Cheaha Baggers want to have an event and a cornhole tournament. Council Member Cain advised the Westside and the Northside of the square would need to be closed off.

5. Discuss Maintenance Supervisor Open Position- Mayor Fetner and City Council discussed the Maintenance Supervisor Position. Mayor Fetner advised they interviewed two current employees, and discussed whether to open the position up to the public. Council Member Gaither expressed she feels they have two good applicants now. Council Member Cain advised seeing Bethany Owens address the City Council, and talking to City Clerk/Administrator Wynn made her excited to see younger people working for the city. Council Member Cain advised both applicants have a great work ethic.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire Phillip Stinson as Maintenance Supervisor at Range 16 Step 1 effective 02.15.2021. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous, with the exception of Council Member Ballard who abstained.

#### Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on COVID-19 testing/vaccination next week at the Wynn Building.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain discussed the meeting with the Dave Mathews Center, and the need for a county resource center for families in need.

Council Member Gaither reported the ice machine and fire place have been installed at the Ashland Senior Center. Council Member Gaither also advised that the Maintenance Department is prepared for incoming weather.

Council Member Cantrell reported on Youth Sports sign-ups. Council Member Cantrell advised there will not be a 3-4-year-old team.

Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson thanked the City Council for the opportunity. Supervisor Stinson advised the department has installed the ice machine and fire place at Senior Center, trimmed limbs for school buses, installed lights at Wynn Building, and prepared for the incoming weather.

Assistant Fire Chief James Lee advised a meeting will be held at 6:30 tonight, and they will prepare for incoming weather. Chief Lee advised the Fire Department can help with the Crawfish Broil if needed.

Code Enforcement Officer Hubbard advised the Police Department will monitor the incoming weather and call-in assistance as needed.

#### New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$9,533.83. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Airport Authority Appropriation in the amount of \$2,500.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay \$2,500.00 to Clay County Commission for airport grant match. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the purchase of an 11-inch iPad Pro 128 GB from Apple for the Library at an estimated cost of \$749.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Mayor Fetner to sign Date Use Agreement with the Department of Public Health. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the City of Ashland to register to become a Network Community with Main Street Alabama and pay the annual fee of \$500.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire Gerald Weems as a part-time temporary laborer for the Maintenance Department at a pay of Range 6 Step 2 with a start date of 03/08/2021 and an end date of 10/31/2021. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Cantrell who abstained.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase 2 columns for the Library from Harris Plumbing at a total cost of \$678.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. Maintenance Supervisor Stinson advised the replacement would be FRP and would not rot, and the two inside columns are in good condition.

Council Member Cain made a motion to open and advertise for two weeks for a Police Officer position. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept bids on the 2011 Dodge Charger, and advertise the vehicle for sale with the City reserving the right to refuse any and all bids if necessary. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase ink from Office Depot for City Hall at a cost of \$534.68. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to register 6 attendees for the Annual League Conference at a cost of \$325.00 each plus hotel and travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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