

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Interim Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Jessica Heath, Doug Heath, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Bobbie J. Steed, Kim Cain and Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and 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 special called meeting (canvassing meeting 09.02.2025) minutes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. First Responders Dinner (10/2 at 6pm)- Mayor Fetner advised this event will be on a Thursday night, Clay County Cattleman's will provide the meal; the Council and Mayor will have an opportunity to thank the First Responders. The event will take place at the City Park.

2. Set Organizational Meeting (11/3), Swearing-In Ceremony at 10 AM, Organizational Meeting at 10:20 AM, Regular Meeting at 10:40 AM.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to set an Organizational Meeting for 11.3.2025 at 10:20 AM, and to reschedule the Regular Meeting for 11.3.2025 at 10:40 AM. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Veteran's Day Program- Mayor Fetner discussed this event with the City Council date to be determined by Central High School of Clay County.

4. Discuss Privacy Fence behind Mike Beale Pavilion- Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed option for the privacy fence and the need due to the state of the adjoining property.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on progress for the turning lane at the Industrial Park and reported on the splash pad at the city park.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on a potential dog park and interest from the public. Council Member Gaither expressed the city council needs to make a decision on what they would like to do in regards to building a dog park and the logistics that go along with it. Council Member Gaither advised Ashland Fire Department will do a Boston butt sale in October.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Interim Fire Chief Nelson reported on equipment that has been delivered. Assistant Chief Heath discussed agenda items and a request to surplus and donate unused items.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on work completed on 5th Ave and the removal of a dead tree that was on the right of way. Supervisor Stinson also reported on issues with lights in the walking trail at the city park that have been repaired. Supervisor Stinson reported he is waiting on a quote for pipe replacement on a culvert on County Road 31.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$31,418.76. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn explained increases/items in the budget including increases in insurance.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Election Systems & Software \$3,362.65 for municipal election expense. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to surplus equipment from Ashland Fire Department to be donated to various entities. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve 2025-2026 Transportation Plan. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Jamie Brown as Senior Center Van Driver at a pay of Range 7 Step 1 effective September 16, 2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to pay D&W Land Clearing \$1,800 for mulching behind Mike Beale pavilion. 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 Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest