

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 20, 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, EMA Director John Miner, 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 Ballard 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 Ballard made a motion to approve amended regular council minutes from February 20, 2023. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Discussed speed breakers for the Westside area of Ashland near the ball field. Council Member Ballard expressed the need for 2 speed breakers. Council Member Gaither advised the Police Department conducted a speed study in the area. Chief Stanford discussed the results of the study. Chief Stanford advised based on the results, it is not what he would consider a necessity for speed breakers. Chief Stanford advised the city needs to develop a standard for speed breakers and to be consistent to avoid an abundance of speed breakers. Mayor Fetner advised he would contact the Alabama League of Municipalities for advice.

2. Mayor Fetner advised he would like to invite local farmers to sell produce next to City Hall

3. Stringfellow Park Enhancement- Council Member Cain discussed enhancement ideas/suggestions to help with the erosion of the creek in the park. Council Member Cain also presented a plan for an upgrade to the Stringfellow Park.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving enhancement plans for the Stringfellow Park. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

4. Update on Cleanup Day- Council Member Cain and Council Member Gaither gave an update on cleanup day which will be held April 15-22, 2023. Council Member Cain advised there will be several bins including an electronics bin, shredding bin, inert trash bin, and roadside trash bin.

5. New EMA Director John Miner addressed the Mayor and City Council. Director Miner gave the Mayor and City Council his background. Director Miner advised he is here and available to help.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on a motorcycle accident that occurred last week, and commended the First Responders for their quick response.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither advised of the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, 2023.

Council Member Cantrell reported on the progress at Williamson Field.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since last meeting and the Easter Event. Chief Lee also reported on training. Chief Lee advised the Fire Dept will participate in the Annual Safety Day for Clay County 4H.

Police Chief Stanford reported Mental Health Liaison McKemie is presenting at ASADS in Tuscaloosa on the process for getting the Mental Health Liaison position.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$13,271.36. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Lickert Paving LLC. to repair and resurface tennis courts at Ashland City Park at a total estimated cost of \$7,645.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to purchase 30 tons of cold mix at an estimated cost of \$3,300.00 from AAP. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Librarian Tina Nolen a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 14 Step 6 effective March 6, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay One Stop Environmental \$10,000.00 for asbestos abatement at building located at 83121 Highway 9. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to give Police Chief Joseph Stanford a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 21 Step 9 effective March 17, 2023. 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 adjourn. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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