

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 21, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 21, 2025, 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, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Andrea Taylor, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward was absent.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Supervision of Temporary Laborers- Mayor Fetner clarified the Supervision of the recently hired Temporary Laborers. Mayor Fetner explained there is a lot of work to be completed by Maintenance after the park renovation is complete. Mayor Fetner explained Maintenance Supervisor Stinson would assign them to duties that need to be completed and they would not be restricted to the park. Mayor Fetner advised if Parks and Recreations needed help, they would request workers from the Maintenance Supervisor.

2. Statement of Economic Interest due 04/30/2025:

Mayor Fetner and City Clerk Chelsey Wynn reminded everyone to complete their statement of economic interests.

3. Robinson Building Inventory- Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed options for the inventory located in the Robinson Building. Council Member Cain advised a local citizen has expressed interest in selling the items on behalf of the city, but would require the items to remain in the Robinson Building. Council Member Cain explained they would charge a percentage to sell the items on our behalf, but the rates would have to be discussed. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised we could talk to them more to work out the details.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on changing the Cleanup Day from Tuesday to Friday due to the weather. Mayor Fetner thanked the Council and the Fire Department for heading up the Easter event.

Council Member Ballard advised the church thanked the Fire Department for the donation of Easter items.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked the Fire Department for their work on the Easter event, and advised the park looked great.

Council Member Gaither explained feedback from parents during the Easter event including designated color eggs for different age groups. Council Member Gaither thanked City Hall for their assistance in preparing for the Easter event.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported Crisis Response Intervention Training. Chief Stanford thanked the local businesses for their sponsorships of the training. Chief Stanford also reported Officer Burrow completed the refresher academy and on the upcoming Click-it or Ticket blitz.

Fire Chief Lee reported on recent calls, fundraisers, and the Easter event. Chief Lee also advised SEMS is coming Wednesday to perform pump testing.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on work recently completed at the park and advised there is plenty of work to be completed. Council Member Cain asked questions about the remaining trees at the park. Council Member Gaither asked questions about how the engineers found other vulnerable spots. Supervisor Stinson explained the process for finding the vulnerable spots and advised the remaining trees are going to stay in place.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$16,554.94. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Leigh Ann Mask effective May 22, 2025. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to open and advertise for a full-time dispatcher for two weeks. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving a 3-year lease agreement with Paragon Services. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving a 3-year lease agreement with Clay County District Attorney. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving a 3-year lease agreement with Clay County Drug Court. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Magistrate Robyn Waters a two-step annual evaluation-based raise to Range 13 Step 10 effective May 1, 2025. Council Member Cain 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 the meeting. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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