

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 5, 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, Assistant Chief/Investigator Shanon House, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, City Attorney Spencer Waddell of the Law Office of Gregory Varner, Senior Center Director Jeanette Johnson, Anthony Mathews, Richard McQueen, Randa NeSmith, Sheila Brown, Robby Brown, Ed Cain, Jennifer Clarke, Michelle Wilson, and Ray Stansel 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 Cantrell 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 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. 2023-2024 Budget- Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed the 2023-2024 Budget

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Trunk or Treat- Chief Stanford advised the event will be held on October 31, 2023.
3. District Congressional Luncheon- Mayor Fetner reminded those attending the date and time of the luncheon.

Committee Reports

Mayor Fetner

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported no calls since the last regular meeting, and upcoming events.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on repairs to concrete flume on Gaither Cline Road, sod on Williamson Field, water source for the Urban Park, tree removal between the Wynn Building and the Library, and power at Stringfellow Park.

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 \$12,148.14. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase a table and chairs for the Ashland City Library at a total cost of \$1,755.96. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase supplies for the Fire Department from Hazard Control Technologies, Inc. at a cost of \$4,353.75. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Goodwyn, Mills, & Caywood, LLC. \$12,465.00 for ATRP SR-9. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay Finder \$3,195.00 for annual subscription of data sharing system for Police Department. (to be reimbursed by RVCRI grant). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase an ice maker/machine for the Maintenance Department at a cost of \$2,295.00 from McCormick Refrigeration, Inc. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to purchase replacement windows from Sylacauga Glass Co. Inc. at a total cost of \$1,300.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Michelle Wilson as Van Driver for the Senior Center at a pay of Range 6 Step 1 with a hire date of September 6, 2023. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution No. 09-05-01-2023- Economic Development Academy.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09-05-01-2023- Economic Development Academy. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Ordinance No. 2023-08-21-01- Amending the Alcohol Ordinance.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-08-21-01- Amending the Alcohol Ordinance. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed-Yea

Council Member Cain-Yea

Council Member Gaither-Yea

Council Member Cantrell-Yea

Mayor Larry Fetner-Yea

3. Ordinance 2023-09-05-01- Amending Zoning Ordinance 2022-05-02-01- B1 General Business District and B2 City Square Commercial District.

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2023-09-05-01- Amending Zoning Ordinance 2022-05-02-01- B1 General Business District and B2 City Square Commercial District on the first reading. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed-Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell-yea

Mayor Larry Fetner-Yea

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Ordinance 2023-09-05-01-Amending Zoning Ordinance 2022-05-02-01- B1 General Business District and B2 City Square Commercial District on the first reading. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard-Yea

Council Member Steed-Yea

Council Member Cain-Yea

Council Member Gaither-Yea

Council Member Cantrell-Yea

Mayor Larry Fetner-Yea

4. Ordinance No. 2023-09-05-02- Amending Zoning Ordinance 2022-05-02-01- Certain Property from R1 Residential to R2 Multi-Family Residential District presented for the first reading.

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

Mayor

Attest