

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024, 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, 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 Cain gave the invocation.

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

Council Member Gaither made motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

No items to discuss.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reminded everyone about the Lineville Christmas Parade and Reception and the City of Ashland Christmas Parade/Event.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked the Maintenance Department for their help in the park with Christmas decorations.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford gave an update on officers Jarrod Allen and Trevor Cameron.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported that all Christmas decorations had been put up.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward gave an update on the basketball program and informed the mayor and council that there ended up being 95 kids (25 more than last year) and twelve teams.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on the upcoming Christmas event and completed audit work.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls since the last meeting and the upcoming Christmas Parade.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$256.50. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Greg Varner and Associates LLC \$4,981.34 for October legal fees. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase AED’s and cases from Go Rescue for the Police Department at a total cost of \$3,929.60. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve a one-time raise for employees at a total cost of \$12,800.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member made Gaither a motion approving to give Senior Equipment Operator Randall Hanners a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 15 Step 5 effective November 23, 2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made amotion approving to terminate Non-Certified Officer Trevor Cameron effective 12.02.2024. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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

Mayor

Attest