

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 5, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 3:00 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, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief James (Jimmy) Lee, Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Richard McQueen, Martha McQueen, Shelia Brown, Jennifer Clark, Ken Nesmith, 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 Steed gave the invocation.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Planning Commission recommendations to amend zoning ordinance- set public hearing for August 7, 2023:  
Council Member Gaither made a motion to set the public hearing for zoning ordinance amendments for August 7, 2023 at 4:30P.M. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.
2. Luella Craig- Request to use Ashland City Park for Revival (July 5-7, 2023):  
Ms. Luella Craig did not show up to the meeting.
3. Update on rock in flower beds:  
Council Member Gaither and Cain gave an update on the project of flower beds behind the east side of the square and informed the mayor and council that possibly two loads of rock at approximately \$900.00 per load would be needed.  
Council Member Cain made a motion to purchase a load of rocks from Anderson Trucking at an approximate cost of \$900.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.
4. Discuss Liquor Tax:  
Police Chief Joseph Stanford and City Clerk Chelsey Wynn explained that the City of Lineville had decreased their liquor tax a couple of years ago and that an applicant for liquor sales had reached out requesting the City of Ashland lower their liquor tax to match the City of Lineville.  
The Mayor and Council requested an ordinance to be drafted up for consideration at a later meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner commented on the City's patriotic décor for the holiday, thanked Chief Stanford and Supervisor Stinson for quick redlight repair, and stated that he had granted a pardon on Michael Johnson for a 2033 Domestic Violence case.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on agenda items.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Joseph Stanford reported on agenda items, monthly stats, and the speed sign being moved to 4<sup>th</sup> Street East.

Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward reported that new scoreboards had been installed.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported that dirt work at Williamson Field had started and that updates to the newly purchased building next to City Hall had begun.

Fire Chief Lee reported on recent calls, upcoming Water Event on July 8, 2023 2-6 P.M, and thanked everyone for their support with the fundraiser at the Ashland Theatre.

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 \$8,612.24. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the Clay County Hospital Camera Lease Agreement. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve to hire 8-10 part-time workers for Watermelon Festival at a rate of \$8-\$12/hr. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to pay Goodwyn Mills and Caywood \$11,060.00 for engineering fees. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to allow the Clay County Arts League to utilize Suite A & B of the Robinson Building free of charge. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Cain who abstained.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve for D&W Landclearing Services, LLC. to complete necessary work to level Urban Park at a total cost of \$13,150.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to accept the resignation of Officer Dylan Waldrep effective June 23, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve to hire Benjamin Rashad Billingsley as a Part-Time Officer at a pay of Range 16 Step 1 effective July 12, 2023. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the Alcohol Board's recommended Alcohol License for Bottom's Up Liquor Lounge Class 2. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to accept the resignation of Ethan Clark effective July 3, 2023. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to open and advertise for the position of Patrol Officer for two weeks. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

- 1. Ordinance No. 2023-07-05-01: An ordinance declaring as surplus certain real property owned by the City of Ashland and approving the lease of said property.

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 2023-07-05-01. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion and the roll call votes was as follows:

Council Member Ballard – Yay  
 Council Member Steed – Yay  
 Council Member Cain – Yay  
 Council Member Gaither – Yay  
 Council Member Cantrell – Yay  
 Mayor Fetner – Yay

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-07-05-01. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Ballard – Yay  
 Council Member Steed – Yay  
 Council Member Cain – Yay  
 Council Member Gaither – Yay  
 Council Member Cantrell – Yay  
 Mayor Fetner – Yay

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

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Mayor

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Attest