

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 21, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 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 Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Karen Zander, Bill Winchester, Jared Buggs, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order. Council Member Gaither gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 13: Approval to open an account titled Forfeiture and Condemnation, and Item Number 14: Approval to pay a portion of condemnation settlement from the General Fund. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational:

1. Bill Winchester- Requested permission for the American Legion Car Show to be held at the Ashland City Park on August 28, 2021 and annually thereafter. Mr. Winchester explained all attractions that will be available during the event. Mr. Winchester also explained the event would benefit Veterans.

Council Member Cain made a motion to allow the American Legion Car Show to be held at the Ashland City Park on August 28, 2021. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

1. Discuss Noise Ordinance- Police Chief Stanford updated the Mayor and City Council on the current noise ordinance.

2. Lodging Tax Ordinance- Mayor Fetner and Council discussed a potential Lodging Tax Ordinance and the percentage for the tax.

3. Mayor Fetner and Council discussed getting T & T Landscaping to look at the City's flower beds and give a quote for upkeep and maintenance for all city flower beds.

4. City of Friends Logo- Mayor Fetner and Council discussed the logo design. Council Member Gaither stated the logo is very busy and had too many colors.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the City of Friends Logo for the City of Ashland. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Gaither who was opposed.

5. Mayor Fetner and the City Council discussed Directional Signage for Attractions. Council Member Cain suggested using the red-light maintenance boxes located on the square. Council Member Cantrell suggested placing the signs on the red-light arms.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the design of the directional signage for attractions. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

6. Jared Buggs addressed the Mayor and City Council concerning a Back-to-School Bash on July 17, 2021 10A.M.- 12 P.M. Mr. Buggs requested to use the Ashland City Park for the event.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Mr. Buggs to utilize the Ashland City Park for a Back-to-School Bash on July 17, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

7. Luella Craig- Tent Revival at Westside Ballfield- Item was not discussed due to the absence of Mrs. Craig.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on animal shelter board appointment and requested suggestions from the City Council.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on Westside Ballfield Concession Stand and the need to reroof the building.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on resignations submitted and his recommendation for hiring Kristopher Eatman. Chief Stanford also reported on agenda items.

Fire Chief Thompson did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on projects in progress and completed. Supervisor Stinson also advised materials have been ordered for the Wynn Building restroom renovations, and Strain Construction is working on a quote for the City Park.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$5,028.80. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to reschedule the Regular Council Meeting set for July 05, 2021 to July 06, 2021 due to Independence Day Holiday observed by the City on July 05, 2021. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Court Clerk Robin Catrett and Magistrate Sarah McKemie to attend training for Current Issues Involving Municipal Court Practice and Procedure in Hoover, AL on August 20, 2021, pay registration fees of \$325.00 each, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to pay Southern Data \$678.90 for 2-year renewal of Antivirus for the Police Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to order General Fund checks from Intuit Marketplace at a total cost of \$500.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Veronica Ackles effective June 08, 2021. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation of Non-Certified Patrol Officer X-zyrius Adamson effective June 15, 2021. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to hire Kristopher Eatman as a Certified Patrol Officer with a starting pay or Range 11 Step 1, and purchase equipment for new hire. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Creekside Signs to install aluminum composite panels over fence and hang aluminum patch on fascia for signage, at a total cost of \$2,485.00 for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay the Law Office of Gregory M. Varner, P.C. \$3,662.52 for April 2021 Attorney Fees. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay the Law Office of Gregory M. Varner, P.C. \$1,943.00 for May 2021 Attorney Fees. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to give Librarian Tina Nolen a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 11 Step 9 effective June 12, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the general reputation and characters of individuals, and to discuss a criminal investigation of a person/persons, and whether or not to file a criminal complaint. Regular Council Meeting to resume in 15 minutes at 6:26 P.M. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Chief Stanford advised discussion of these matters outside of an executive session would be imperil to an ongoing investigation.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Mayor Fetner, all Council Members present, and Police Chief Stanford entered into executive session.

Executive Session ended at 6:26 P.M., and the Regular Meeting resumed.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the City of Ashland to open an account titled Forfeiture and Condemnation at First Bank of Alabama. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay a portion of condemnation settlement from the General Fund. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business.

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

Mayor

Attest