

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
JULY 20, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Planning Meeting on July 20, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy J. Smith, 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, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Lamar Dewberry with the Economic Development Council, Jordan Mann, and Keifer Smith with the Clay Times Journal.

Items discussed included:

Mr. Lamar Dewberry addressed the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Economic Development Council with a request to apply for a grant through Alabama Power that would provide funds for a website for the Economic Development Council. Mr. Dewberry explained the website would help with the potential development of Clay County, and would include links to both the City of Ashland and the City of Lineville's websites. Mr. Dewberry also gave an update on the sign for the Industrial Park, and a housing survey.

Mayor Fetner gave a report on projects within the city. Mayor Fetner advised there has been interest in the former Hardees building, Dollar General has been shown four locations for a new building, and they have narrowed them down to two, paving resulting from the CDBG Grant awarded to the City of Ashland should begin very soon, the City hopes to reapply for the Rebuild Alabama Grant this year, the Planning Commission has approved the plans for Alta Pointe which will be located on Hwy 9, East Central Alabama Gas' new location should be completed by the end of the year, and cleanup of the Lucas Property next door to city hall will start soon.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson requested the Mayor and Council to take a look at the property next to the Urban Park after the council meeting to help with a plan for that location. Supervisor Robinson also advised he hopes to meet with the contractors working on Airport Road Tuesday to discuss improvements to Tyson Road.

Mayor Fetner advised of an exciting weekend in Ashland. Mayor Fetner explained a group worked through the Police Department to cleanup areas around town. Chief Stanford explained the Police Department has been working with Ms. Veronica Ross on community involvement with the Police Department. Chief Stanford explained Saturday, July 18, the Police Department, and volunteers worked to improve the basketball courts in Westside. Chief Stanford said Mike Coleman cooked for everyone, and it was a good day. Chief Stanford advised he is working with Ms. Ross on future projects including cleaning up the Floyd Springs area.

Mayor Fetner explained after several meetings with ALDOT, a pedestrian crossing sign will be placed on the Hwy 9/77 area of the square.

Fire Chief Thompson advised the Fire Department provided mutual aide to Lineville on Saturday, July 18th.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members also discussed regular meeting agenda items.

There was no business conducted at this meeting.

Mayor

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