

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 02, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 02, 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, Parks & Recreation Director Raquil Ward, Don Crawford, Robert Wilson, and Tammy Andrews 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 Ballard 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 to approve the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Discuss membership to National League of Cities. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised the City of Ashland has never been a member of the National League of Cities. Council Members requested more time to do research of the benefits for being a member
2. Don Crawford- Possible Business Venture. Mr. Crawford addressed the City Council concerning building an Express Oil Change and Car Wash. Mr. Crawford explained they have met with the EDC concerning the Industrial Park as a location for the business. Mr. Crawford wanted to make sure they could get permits/license from the City of Ashland before they pursue this path. Mayor Fetner advised they would need to address the Planning Commission at the next meeting.
3. Park Landscaping at Willow Tree. Council Member Cain explained an idea using rocks to fix water drainage issue at the Willow Tree in the inner walking trail. Council Member Cain explained the area is a muddy mess when and after it rains. Council Member Cain also advised it attracts mosquitos. Mayor Fetner stated to get this done by the Watermelon Festival would be difficult and would cause a mess in the park. Council Member Cantrell suggested using top-soil to raise the ground level. Maintenance Supervisor Stinson advised the top-soil could fix the issue or cause other issues. Council Member Gaither stated the rock could cause issues with mowing. Council Member Cain explained the cost of the pavers/rock.
4. Fencing at Mike Beale Pavilion. Mayor Fetner advised there have been vehicles in the grass. Council Member Cain gave an idea for temporary fencing and presented a photo of the idea. Council Member Cain volunteered to do the work herself. Mayor Fetner suggested Rail Road Ties to prevent vehicles from going in the grass. Council Member Gaither explained cross ties may not work. Parks & Recreation Director Ward suggested turning the camera on the restrooms toward the trouble area.
5. Discuss Covid-19 and increase in positive cases. Mayor Fetner explained previously the City of Ashland followed guidelines from the State and requested input from the City Council. Council Member Cantrell suggested signs about social distancing and masks.

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 Thompson updated on dress uniforms.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson updated everyone on preparation for the Watermelon Festival. Supervisor Stinson reported sidewalks have been edged. Council Member Gaither advised Supervisor Stinson of a light out in the walking trail. Council Member Cain asked about stipulations for the Bird Trail.

Parks & Recreation Director Ward reported on agenda items and request for defibrillators.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on the last Planning Commission meeting and the date for a public hearing concerning the new zoning map.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$1,916.24. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Alabama League of Municipalities \$1,221.19 for membership dues September 1- August 31, 2022. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the Lease Agreement with Clay County Water Authority. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$375.00 for quarterly consulting fees. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay \$6,727.76 to the Retirement Systems of Alabama for error service between March 2015 and June 2021 for Fire Chief Brett Thompson. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab from Donohoo Chevrolet at the State Bid Price of \$32,478.60 for the Maintenance Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab from Donohoo Chevrolet at State Bid Price of \$32,478.60 for the Police Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to purchase Failover Router from Masters Telecom for the Police Department at a cost of \$579.00 and monthly cost of \$10.00 for service. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Cheaha Regional Library \$2,000.00 appropriation for the library. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion for Council Member Kim Cain and Council Member Anne Gaither to attend Mainstreet Alabama 2021 LAB Conference on August 18-20, 2021 in Gadsden, pay registration fees of \$150.00/person, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase 3 defibrillators and all accessories from One Beat Medical for Ashland Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports at an estimated cost of \$3,547.56. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay ALEA \$1,650.00 for LETS Access and Snap Entry for 04/01/2021-06/30/2021. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution No. 08-02-01-2021 for the Alabama Department of Revenue to collect Lodging Tax for the City of Ashland. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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