

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 1, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 1, 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, Magistrate/City Hall Aide Robyn Waters, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Attorneys Spencer Waddell and Greg Varner, Martha McQueen, Jenifer Klarfeld, Jay Klarfeld, Ed Cain, 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 Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Library Hours

Council Member Cain explained that Librarian Tina Nolen noticed that patrons wanted the Library to start opening sooner on Fridays, so the Library Board approved changing the hours.

Council Member Cain made a motion to adopt the new hours for the Library. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Library Board Appointment

Council Member Cain explained that the Library Board had an opening, and it was their recommendation that the vacant position be filled by Beverly Latham.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the Library Board’s recommendation of Beverly Latham to the board. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Luella Craig- Requests permission to have a revival at the park July 17-20, 2024

Ms. Craig was absent.

4. Redistricting Drafts

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to accept Draft 1 for redistricting. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

## 5. Bids for Tahoe

Mayor Fetner opened the single big that was received.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the bid received on the 20025 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$1,528.00 from Jackson Wynn. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

### Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner wished everyone a happy and safe July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

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.

Magistrate/City Hall Aide Robyn Waters did not report.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn did not report.

Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward reported on improvements made to West Side Ball Field and reported on a softball tournament that the Alumni association want to have at the West Side Ball Field.

Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson reported on work completed by the Maintenance Department to include ROW cuttings and 4<sup>th</sup> of July décor. Supervisor Stinson also reported on agenda items.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting, the Boston butt fundraiser, and thanked the Maintenance Department for their help trimming shrubbery.

### New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$31,948.28. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the First Responder's Sign for the park. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to promote Sawyer Spratlin to Senior Equipment Operator and give him an evaluation-based raise to Range 15 Step 3 effective June 22, 2024. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving for Assistant Chief/Investigator Shanon House to attend Homeland Security Conference in Glencoe, GA August 5-15, 2024. (all expenses reimbursed) Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve to give Senior Center Aide Kathy Freeman a 2-step evaluation-based raise to Range 5 Step 9 effective July 6, 2024. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the purchase of supplies for the Fire Department from Sun Belt Fire at a total cost of \$5,467.50. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the purchase of brick dust for West Side Ball Field from Miller Sand and Landscape Supply at a total cost of \$2,000.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution Number 07-01-01-2024: A resolution to renew Line of Credit

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution 07-01-01-2024- A resolution to renew Line of Credit. 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 Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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