

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 17, 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, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Assistant Police Chief/Investigator Shanon House, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Ray Stansell with The Clay Times Journal.

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

Police Chief Joseph Stanford and Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Steed gave the invocation.

Council Member Ballard 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 planning meeting minutes. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Discuss hiring for Watermelon Festival.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to open and advertise to hire (10) temporary part-time employees to work the 2024 Watermelon Festival at a pay range of \$9.00-\$12.00 per hour. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Redistricting- Discussed Maps and Deadline

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on First Responders Sign for the Ashland City Park.

Council Member Gaither reported on the EV Charging Station, signage for upcoming holidays and events, and Fire Department Fundraiser.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Assistant Police Chief/ Investigator House did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting and Second Saturday on the Square. Chief Lee also reported on the Boston Butt Fire Department Fundraiser.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on road repairs and removal of trees.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$2,099.76. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to purchase 20 rocking chairs from Sams Club at a total cost of \$2,599.60. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase equipment from Mobile Communications America for Ashland Fire Department at a total cost of \$8,492.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Fire Chief Lee explained issues with current radios and the need to upgrade.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Assistant Chief Shanon House an evaluation-based raise to Range 18 Step 9 effective June 8, 2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Dispatcher Heather Hill and evaluation-based raise to Range 11 Step 3 effective June 8, 2024. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Police Chief Stanford to attend 2024 AACOP Summer Conference and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to hire Trevor Cameron as a Non-Certified Police Officer at Range 14 Step 1 effective June 24, 2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Greg Varner and Associates \$2,730.00 for May legal fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Mary Moore as Senior Center Van Driver at Range 6 Step 1 effective June 17, 2024. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution Number 06-17-01-2024: A resolution to surplus and sell 2005 Tahoe

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution 06-17-01-2024- A resolution to surplus and sell 2005 Tahoe. Council Member Ballard 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.

Mayor

Attest