

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 21, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 21, 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Attorney Spencer Waddell with Gregory Varner & Associates, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Larry J. Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Gaither gave the invocation.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Ordinance 2024-10-21-02 Declaring Certain Real Property Surplus and Contract for Sale after effective date of Ordinance. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Toy Soldiers- Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed bringing the toy soldiers back to the square. Council Member Cain explained what the process would look like and adding parameters as to what the toy soldiers should look like. Council Member Gaither expressed it would be better if the toy soldiers followed the traditional decorations we currently utilize. Council Member Cain advised around 10 people have contacted her about painting new ones.

Council Member Cain made a motion to bring back the toy soldiers for Christmas Decorations and add parameters for the decoration and have the right to reject those that do not comply. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous

2. Rebuild Alabama- Mayor Fetner reported the city has been awarded a Rebuild Alabama grant based upon the current transportation plan.

3. Park Bid

Council Member Gaither made a motion to reject both bids received for park improvements, but determine the lowest responsible and responsive bidder as K & K Quality Construction. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked everyone for helping with the First Responders Dinner.

Council Member Gaither reported the city needs to decide a plan for Christmas décor in the park.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on the Veterans Day program and invitations.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last meeting and hurricane relief trailers. Chief Lee also reported on upcoming events and agenda items.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on the current soccer season and issues with the lights at the stadium. Director Ward also reported on basketball signups.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on regular agenda item number 4 that would be beneficial to the Maintenance Department. Supervisor Stinson also reported on work completed on a culvert on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$28,672.99. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1,650.00 for LETS Access and SNAP Entry for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay Insite Engineering \$2,182.79 for reimbursement of advertising, questions from bidders, council meeting, etc. for Park Upgrades. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Gaither who was opposed. Council Member Gaither expressed she still thinks the invoices should reflect what they are working on and what they did in the hours that they invoice for.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase an auger from Huddleston Equipment for Maintenance Department at a total cost of \$1,865.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay NAFECO \$6,549.54 for equipment for Ashland Fire Department. (paid from Fire Department Tax Fund). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

Ordinance 2024-10-21-01 Ashland Magistrate Equipment Violations Dismissal Authority was presented for the first reading.

Ordinance 2024-10-21-02 Declaring Certain Real Property as Surplus (David Rush old Tru Cabinetry) and Contract for Sale after effective date of Ordinance.

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2024-10-21-02 Declaring Certain Real Property Surplus and Contract for Sale after effective date of Ordinance. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-10-21-02 Declaring Certain Real Property Surplus and Contract for Sale after effective date of Ordinance. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

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

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

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Attest