

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 01, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Council Meeting on February 01, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard (arrived at 5:40 P.M.), 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, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Sr. Equipment Operator Phillip Stinson, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Mr. Bill Schuler, 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 and gave the invocation.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 16: Approval to pay Law Office of Gregory M. Varner, P.C. \$3,765.50 for November and December Attorney fees. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell 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 Items:

1. Discussed a date for the 2021 Watermelon Festival which was previously set for August 07, 2021. Mayor Fetner advised committee needs to meet to discuss event details.
2. Discussed the Lucas Property located next to the Urban Park. Mayor Fetner advised City Clerk/Administrator Wynn is researching to see if assistance is available through FEMA due to damage sustained by Hurricane Zeta.
3. Mayor Fetner requested a head count for anyone who would like to attend the annual League Conference. Mayor Fetner advised everyone to let City Clerk/Administrator Wynn know if they would like to attend.
4. Discussed Airport Authority grant match and a request for additional funding.
5. Discussed Mainstreet Alabama to include Opportunity Alabama recommendations.
6. Discussed the Maintenance Supervisor Position. Mayor Fetner advised 2 current employees are interested. Council Member Gaither suggested interviewing the current interested employees before making a decision on seeking outside applications.
7. Mr. Bill Schuler addressed the Mayor and City Council concerning a Fundraiser/Event for Children (Kid Fest).

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report

Council Member Ballard reported a sewer pipe busted on Eldred Street. Mayor Fetner advised he would notify the Water Department and requested Sr. Equipment Operator Stinson to take a look at it.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain advised a meeting/forum will be held tomorrow at 8:00 A.M. on drug use and addiction in Clay County.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell reported on agenda items to include the Youth Sports Program.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on a fire call from last week and invited the Mayor and City Council to the Fire Department tonight to honor Fireman Randy Hanners on 25 years of service.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items, and explained a raise request for Communications Sgt. Linda Parkhill. Chief Stanford advised Ms. Parkhill is a loyal employee who is deserving of the increase in pay.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn advised a preconstruction meeting for the CDBG project will be held on February 10, 2021 at 10 AM. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn also advised she has been working with FEMA on Hurricane Zeta disaster reimbursement. City Clerk/Administrator Wynn also advised a Planning Commission meeting will be February 23, 2021 at 5:15.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$3,716.15. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to pay East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission \$306.00 for quarterly membership dues. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1,650.00 for LETS Access and SNAP Entry for 10.01.2020-12.31.2020. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to purchase Doosan LCV8WKUB60hz Light Tower from Cowin Equipment Company, Inc. at a cost of \$8,999.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the 2021 Clay County Chamber of Commerce Contract. Council Member Ballard 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 Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Robin Catrett a 2-step evaluation raise to Range 14 Step 9 effective February 6, 2021. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase 7 tons of cold mix from Gary Ingram Grading and Paving at a total cost of \$665.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase cones and barricades from Traffic Safety Store at a total cost of \$5,699.66. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Linda Parkhill, Communications Sgt, an evaluation-based raise to Range 12 Step 4 effective February 5, 2021. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to pay Pinnacle Networx \$3,932.25 for iPad car mounts for the Police Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase 350 bales of pine straw from J.Jireth Pine Straw at a total cost of \$1,225.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the 2021 Youth Sports Contract. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to remove Robert B. Bailey from Ashland Baseball/Softball for Youth Checking Account at First State Bank and to deactivate debit card associated with the account. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to add Stephanie Freeman to Ashland Baseball/Softball for Youth Checking Account at First State Bank and allow Ms. Freeman to be issued a debit card for the account. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Law Office of Gregory M. Varner, P.C. \$3,765.60 for November and December attorney fees. Council Member Cantrell 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

Attest