

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 04, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on February 04, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy J. Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Officer Adam Otwell, Mr. Barry Rollins (6:14), Tammy Andrews, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present. Council Member Kim Cain and City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn were absent.

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 8: to be amended to include Council Member Annette Gaither, Item Number 9: Approval to pay Lathan & Associates \$1,008.00 for architectural services for Ashland Police Department, Item Number 10: Approval to pay S.S. Nesbit \$375.00 for quarterly consulting fees, and Item Number 11: Approval to prepare a specification sheet and solicit bids for a Police Pick-up Truck to open bids on March 04, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the previous public hearing held January 22, 2019 minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed donated property in the Planning Meeting.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed dates to Tour Tru- Cabinetry in the Planning Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell thanked the Maintenance Department for their work at the ballfields. Council Member Cantrell advised the fields look great.

Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson advised the Maintenance Department has been busy. The Department painted the Kitchen in the Senior Center, landscaped the Wynn Building, have placed 215 bales of pine straw in the city, cleaned the gutters on Howard Ballard Dr., cutting grass, pruning shrubbery, and repaired lights just off the square. Maintenance Supervisor Robinson also he as requested an estimate from W&W Heating and Air on replacing HVAC in the Wynn Building offices, and he has gotten in contact with an Alabama Power Representative about installing more street lights.

Police Chief Stanford advised there were several bust in the area over the weekend. Chief Stanford updated the Council on the progress of Officer Parish while attending the Police Academy and also advised the Police Department has received several applications.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson advised himself and Mayor Fetner will be meeting with City Attorney John Kelley Johnson concerning the Fire Department brush truck next week.

Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$16, 635.75. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay City Attorney John Kelley Johnson \$11,830.00 for services rendered from March 2017- October 2017. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to pay SEMS Fire Protection \$525.00 for Ladder Testing. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, and Judge Megan Yates to attend the 2019 Regional Seminar for Court Officials on April 04-05, 2019 in Birmingham, pay registration fees of \$585.00 (\$195.00 per person), and to reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving Clay County Chamber of Commerce to use the Ashland Industrial park for the Clay County Fair on May 1-4, 2019. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. Mayor Fetner advised a request has been made by a citizen living next to the industrial park requesting that the drive to their home not be blocked.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Hurst Construction, LLC. a final payment of \$10,331.76 for Renovations to Ashland Police Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to switch internet provides at Ashland City Maintenance from Centurylink to Charter. Council member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving the Mayor, 3 Council Members, and Assistant City Clerk to attend the annual League of Municipalities Conference in Mobile, Alabama with a registration cost of \$350.00, lodging cost of \$185.00 per night, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Lathan & Associates \$1,008.00 for Architectural Services for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Steed made a motion approving the city to prepare a specification sheet and solicit bids for a Police Pick-up Truck to open bids on March 04, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Ordinances, and Other Business:

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-04-2019-01: a resolution to add Senior Center Director Scotty Parker and Van Driver Jeanette Johnson as signers on the Ashland Senior Center Checking Account at First State Bank. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approve Resolution No. 02-04-2019-02: a resolution in support of protecting local control over public streets and public assets and call on Congress to reaffirm such local control by reversing recent FCC actions relating to wireless facilities by enacting H.R. 530. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Citizen Barry Rollins addressed the Council without being called upon concerning a complaint against Ashland Police Department. Mayor Fetner advised Mr. Rollins he was not on the agenda.

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

Mayor

Attest