

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 07, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 07, 2022 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 Chesley Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, and Ray Stansell 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 Council Member Gaither gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 13: Approval to purchase a galvanized steel pergola from Amazon at a total cost of \$2,204.00 for the Urban Park. 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 Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Ideas for property adjoining lot next to City Hall. – Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed the commercial property adjoining the lot next to City Hall. Mayor Fetner discussed the requirement/price to get a commercial appraisal.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on “Trunk or Treat” and advised he appreciates the efforts put into the event.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on the turf workshop recently attended. Council Member Cain also reported on the water conservation group that viewed the creek in the City Park and a request for ADEM to view the creek in the City Park. Council Member Cain also reported Christmas on the Square on Sunday, November 13, 2022 beginning at 12P.M. and that the square will need to be closed off.

Council Member Gaither reported on Christmas Decorations and Christmas on the Square.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on a successful “Trunk or Treat, and sharing resources with the City of Linville by allowing them to utilize the camera trailer. Chief Stanford also reported on graduation for new Patrol Officers.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on basketball signups. Director Ward also reported on tennis court pressure washing and concession stand repairs.

Fire Chief Lee reported the Fire Department responded to seven calls for service, burn trailer training, and hospital walk through. Chief Lee also advised the “Sparky” costume is back and available for events, and upcoming training opportunities. Chief Lee also reported on the Christmas Parade route, and the Grand Marshall for the parade.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$21,531.11. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving a lease agreement with Clay County Water Authority. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the Pregnancy Policy. Council Member Cain 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. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay GMC \$9,375.00 for pre-engineering design fee for the ATRP SR-9 project. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Mayor Fetner the authority to pursue an appraisal on property adjoining lot next to City Hall. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving a lease agreement with the Clay County Board of Education. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Senior Aide Sherry Coryell an evaluation-based raise to Range 3 Step 9 effective November 12, 2022. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay JD’s Pitstop \$2,800 for smoker for Ashland Fire Department to use for fundraisers for the department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Verizon Wireless \$2,370.40 for Police Department October bill. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Chief Stanford explained this fee was due to loss of internet because the department got struck by lightning. This bill is priced per gigabyte and is a failsafe for the Department.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Scott Parish an evaluation-based raise to Range 17 Step 1 effective November 11, 2022. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Randy Hanners and evaluation-based raise to Range 11 Step 9 effective November 12, 2022. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase a galvanized steel pergola from Amazon at a total cost of \$2,204.00 for the Urban Park. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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