

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 07, 2018

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on May 7, 2018 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, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Edward Waldrop, David Davis, Adam Otwell (6:32 p.m.), and Justin McCullers of the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order.

Council Member Tommy Cantrell gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 13: Approval to pay Lathan & Associates P.C. \$1,153.20 for architect fees for the Police Department, Item Number 4: Approval to pay Johnny Hamlin \$460.00 for hanging cabinets in the new Police Department, and Item Number 15: Approval to pay Lott Cabinetry \$752.76 for countertops for the new Police Department. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting minutes from April 12, 2018. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner discussed the need to decide what the City Hall building would be called since it will soon house the Police Department along with City Hall and the Water Department. Mayor Fetner told the Council to think about a good name for the building and that it would be discussed later on.

Mayor Fetner reminded the Council Members that Law Enforcement day at the Farmer's Market is May 10, 2018 at noon and encouraged them all to come if they can.

David Davis addressed the Mayor and Council about having a revival at the Ashland Park May 14-18, 2018 and that he would be bringing a tent to setup. The Mayor and Council all gave their blessing.

Council Member Gaither discussed with the Mayor and council the fact that the District Attorney's Office, now leasing Old City Hall, wanted to pay to have window tint put on the windows at Old City Hall. The Mayor and Council gave their blessing for the District Attorney's Office to do so.

The limb truck situation was discussed during the Planning Meeting.

Council Member Gaither explained to the Council that the Hugo Black Foundation wanted to put security cameras up at their Open Space Sacred Place that was being created, but they also wanted to place them at the Ashland City Park if the Police Department would monitor the cameras. The Hugo Black Foundation will pay to make Wi-Fi available as well as purchase all necessary items to get the cameras operating and maintain them as well. Chief Joseph Stanford let the Mayor and Council know that he was fine with the Police Department monitoring the cameras. The Mayor and Council all gave their blessing.

Committee Reports:

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that new floors at the Library were complete and looked wonderful, events happening at the library, a rural workplace meeting that she had been invited to, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Clay County Yellow-Meated Watermelon Festival on August 18, 2018.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell reported that as far as he knew the youth sports program was going well.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items including grant funds secured for Item # 9, and an arrest that was made at the Cinco De Mayo event on the Square.

Fire Chief Thompson gave an update on the Rescue Truck - that they had picked it up the week before, and it is now in service. Chief Thompson also stated that he is working on getting some information together for Attorney Johnson regarding the situation.

Maintenance Supervisor Brown updated the Council on recent, and upcoming work to be completed by the Maintenance Department. Maintenance Supervisor Brown also reported that there was a water issue at Ashland Elementary and that the water bill for this month would be high due to this issue and May Day.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported on Item # 8.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to pay the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$23,251.10. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Chief Joseph Stanford to attend 2018 Chiefs Summer Conference on July 30, 2018- August 02, 2018, pay registration fees of \$200.00, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to remove steps located near teller window (back of New City Hall). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to pay S.S. Nesbitt \$2000.00 for Right of Way Bond Permit Policy. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Central Alabama Canine Training Center \$1000.00 for training for Officer Boyd and Officer Otwell. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve a one-step raise to Range 7 Step 2 (\$10.59) for Sarah McKemie for completing Magistrate Certification on April 13, 2018, effective immediately. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Item #9: Approval to purchase electronics from Walmart for the Police Department at a total cost of \$2,820.42-died for lack of a motion.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to purchase office furniture for the Police Department from Sam's Club at a total cost of \$2,448.92 with the Art's League and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club covering lobby furniture. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to purchase supplies from Office Depot for the Ashland Police Department at a total cost of \$641.93. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Bonner Heating \$260.00 for repair of the Old City Hall air conditioning unit. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Lathan and Associates P.C. \$1,153.20 for Contract Administration. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Johnny Hamlin \$460.00 for cabinet installation in the new Police Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve purchasing countertops from Lott Cabinetry for the new Police Department at a total cost of \$752.76. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution Number 05-07-01-2018 (approving the Comprehensive Plan). Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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