

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2022

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on November 21, 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 Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James (Jimmy) Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/ Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, 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 Cantrell gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Medical Cannabis Dispensary Ordinance. Assistant City Clerk Catrett explained the necessity for passing an Ordinance that would permit a dispensary to operate within the municipality. Act 2021-450 requires municipalities to submit an Ordinance to the Alabama Medicinal Cannabis Association prior to December 30, 2022, otherwise a dispensary would not be permitted to operate within the municipality.

2. Discussed allowing the Clay County Fire Association for meeting and to waive the rental fee.

Council Member Cain made a motion to allow the Clay County Fire Association to utilize the Wynn Building for meeting and waive the rental fee. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on invite to Lineville Christmas Parade, thanked Clay Central for hosting the Veterans Day program, and congratulated Council Members Ballard and Cain for receiving training designations. Mayor Fetner also reported on grant opportunities, and a meeting with new management at McDonalds.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked everyone who has assisted with Christmas decorations. Arts League will host Winter Nights Under the Lights every Thursday night in December.

Council Member Gaither reported on compliments for Christmas Decoration and thanked all of the businesses that chose to participate.

Council Member Cantrell reported on concession stand repairs at Williamson Field, and commended the businesses for participating in the Christmas decorations.

Police Chief Stanford reported on the graduation of academy cadets on December 1, 2022 at 10 A.M. Chief Stanford also reported on the Mental Health Liaison position.

Fire Chief Lee reported on recent calls, training, and Christmas Decorations.

Parks & Recreation/ Youth Sports Director Ward reported on basketball signups with a total of 71 kids and 9 teams. Director Ward advised of game days and the tournament. Director Ward also updated everyone on the progress of the tennis courts and advised the courts do not need to be repaved.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the installation of the lift pump in the Police Department and complications. Supervisor Stinson also advised the department is busy putting up decorations.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on a settlement with McKesson Alabama (opioid lawsuit through Beasley Allen), public hearing date for CDBG grant on November 30, 2022, and ad for engineering firms for the Industrial Park.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$12,779.28. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give a one-time raise for employees in the total amount of \$11,200.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approving a clothing allowance for the Fire Department in the total amount of \$3,600.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay GMC \$5,500.00 for pre-engineering design fees for ATRP SR-9 Project. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to transfer Magistrate/City Hall Aid Sarah McKemie to Mental Health Liaison effective November 25, 2022 with a pay of Range 17 Step 1. Council Member Cain 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