

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 22, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on January 22, 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, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Attorney John Kelley Johnson, Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Assistant Police Chief Corey Dickison, Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Don Riley, Tiffany Young of Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Tammy Andrews, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 13: Approval for Clay Service and Electronics to repair/ replace the radiator, radiator fan, fan housing, AC condenser, and grill of the 2011 Dodge Charger Patrol Unit 176 at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00., Item Number 14: Approval to accept the dedication of property from Mr. Staley Edward Fincher which he received through the Mary Lou Lucas estate. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

1. Tiffany Young of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce discussed the annual Chamber Dinner.

2. Tiffany Young to Clay County Chamber of Commerce presented the 2019 Chamber Contract to the Mayor and Council. Tiffany Young also advised of upcoming events hosted by the Chamber of Commerce which include handgun training in March, pistol match in April and the Clay County Fair on May 1-4, 2019.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the annual Chamber Contract. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Council Member Cain updated the Council on the Clay County Watermelon Festival which will be held August 3, 2019.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner advised the Lease with Clay County Drug Court has been executed. Mayor Fetner also read aloud a letter of gratitude to Ashland Police Department from Ashland First Baptist Church for their efforts during a recent concert.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell went over Youth Sports sign up dates for Baseball/ Softball season. Council Member Cantrell also advised with approval the Junior High School wishes to use the City's practice field for practices. Mayor Fetner advised Council Member Cantrell to coordinate with the Youth Sports Director.

Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson reported Koch Foods donated tables to the City of Ashland and thanked Koch Foods for the donation. Supervisor Robinson advised brick dust has been applied to Williamson Field, and the Maintenance Department has been busy trimming and mulching around the City.

Assistant Police Chief Dickinson advised Ashland Police Department will be working with the Cattleman's Association for traffic control during the Rodeo. Chief Dickinson also reported a meeting with surrounding agencies will be held January 25, 2019 to discuss how everyone can work to help each other. Chief Dickinson also advised Officer Parish is doing well at the Police Academy. Chief Dickinson advised there is not update on the pending grant funds and that the Old Police Department has been cleaned out.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson advised everything quite at the Fire Department. Chief Thompson advised they responded to a structure fire on Highway 9 without any incidents.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$11,247.93. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Southern Software, Inc. \$630.00 for renewal support for Ashland Police Department records software. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates, LLC. \$542.50 for 2018 audit review. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to pay \$2000.00 to Clay County Health and Wellness Center for 12-month membership for City Employees, Reserves, and Fire Department Members. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay East Alabama Regional Planning and Development \$306.00 for 2nd Quarter Membership Dues. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approving Reed's Auto Repair to replace the heater core and recharge the air conditioning system on the 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe at an estimated cost of \$843.92. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy \$2,283.00 for Officer Timothy Parish academy expenses. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard to attend International Association of Electrical Inspectors Annual Meeting on March 10-12 and pay registration fees of \$200.00, hotel fees of \$387.00, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to give Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett a one-step raise to Range 13 Step 6 (\$16.91) based upon performance evaluation. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Chase Jordan effective January 09, 2019. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to open and advertise the position of Patrol Officer for two-weeks. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 2019-01-22-01 on the first reading. Council Member Cain seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

- Council Member Smith – Yay
- Council Member Steed – Yay
- Council Member Cain – Yay
- Council Member Gaither – Yay
- Council Member Cantrell- Yay

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Clay Service and Electronics to repair/ replace the radiator, radiator fan, fan housing, AC condenser, and grill of the 2011 Dodge Charger Patrol Unit 176 at an estimated cost of \$2000.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the dedication of property from Mr. Staley Edward Fincher Jr. which he received through the Mary Lou Lucas estate. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolution, Ordinances, and Other Business.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-01-22-01 Amending Zoning Ordinance 1991-07-15-01, by Changing the Classification of Certain Permitted Land Usage to B-1 General Business District. Council Member Cain seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

- Council Member Smith – Yay
- Council Member Steed – Yay
- Council Member Cain – Yay
- Council Member Gaither – Abstained
- Council Member Cantrell – Yay

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

Mayor

Attest

