

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 1, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024, 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, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Chance Jones of Clay County EDC, and with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Kim Cain was absent.

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

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

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

Informational:

1. Speed Breaker Procedure- Council Members discussed the procedure as presented and questions concerning the proposed procedure were addressed.

2. Business License Software: Assistant City Clerk Catrett explained the need for an updated business license software. Catrett explained the pros and cons of the current software and two proposed options for the update.

3. Redistricting- Proposed redistricting was introduced to the City Council.

4. SEEDs Grant- Chance Jones of Clay County EDC spoke to the Mayor and City Council concerning the SEEDs Grant.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on clean-up day on April 22, 2024. Mayor Fetner advised Central High School will bring 20-25 students for clean-up day.

Council Member Ballard reported May 18, 2024, will be May Day in Westside.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported a grant of \$1000.00 has been received for Stringfellow Park. Council Member Gaither congratulated Sawyer Spratlin and Phillip Stinson from obtaining their CDL and thanked the other department members for their work while they were absent. Council Member Gaither also thanked everyone who attended the egg hunt at the Senior Center.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls since the last meeting and the new ISO rating of 4.4X. Chief Lee also reported the delivery of the air packs. Chief Lee stated the next thing to replace is tires on all equipment. Chief Lee advised SEMS will be coming on April 14, 2024, for hose testing. Chief Lee Thanked the Maintenance Department for moving the sign for the Fire Department.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on the progress at the tennis court fencing. Mayor Fetner request Director Ward to work with Council Member Cantrell on developing rules for the tennis courts to be placed on the fencing.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson expressed appreciation to the city of allowing Sawyer Spratlin and himself to complete CDL training. Supervisor Stinson also reported the plumbing at City Hall has been completed and work on camera towers has begun.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$8,700.37. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner opened bids for the 2012 Dodge Charger.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the bid of \$2,500.00 on the 2012 Dodge Charger from Brittany Davis. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner opened bids for the 2010 Crown Victoria.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to accept the bid of \$2,099.99 on the 2010 Crown Victoria from Noah Floyd. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Valent Group \$83,059.50 for annual general insurance renewal. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to give Sawyer Spratlin a one-Step raise for obtaining Commercial Driver's License to Range 10 Step 8 effective March 30, 2024. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Phillip Stinson and evaluation-based raise and one-step raise for obtaining Commercial Driver's License to Range 19 Step 6 effective March 30, 2024. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the contract for engineering services with Goodwyn, Mills, and Caywood for SEEDS Grant. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Creekside Signs and Graphics to wrap the Mobile Command Center with graphics at a total cost of \$2,750.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to give Code Enforcement Felix Ackles a one-step raise to Range 17 Step 2 and remove him from probation effective March 29, 2024. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$5,446.00 for VFIS Fire Department insurance annual renewal. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinance No. 2024-04-01-01 (Rezone of Property-Next to Ann's Flowers) was presented for the first reading.

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

Mayor

Attest