

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023 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, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief James "Jimmy" Lee, Assistant Library Director Bethany Owens, Attorney Spencer Waddell with Gregory Varner and Associates, Shevy Glenn, Jason Allen, Tim Timmons, Jenifer Klarfeld, Adam Harris, Brandy Richardson with AltaPoint, Debra Campbell with AltaPoint, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/ Administrator 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 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. Shevy Glenn requested to use City Hall Auditorium for Black History Trivia Game on 2/25/2023 at 6 P.M.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to allow Shevy Glenn to utilize the City Hall Auditorium for Black History Trivia game on February 25, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Chamber Brunch- March 23, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. Mayor Fetner invited all Council Members to join him at the Chamber Brunch.

3. Cleanup day April 23, 2023. Council Member Cain and Council Member Gaither advised the cleanup day is April 22, 2023, and gave information concerning the event including an educational anti littering program.

4. Recommendations from Auburn University and the EPA concerning parks. Council Member Cain updated the Mayor and Council concerning recommendations including planting creek friendly plants to help with erosion. Council Member Cain advised the grant funds from the Stringfellow Park will be used to purchase the plants.

5. Potential property purchase at 83121 Hwy 9 Ashland, AL.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss potential property purchase at 83121 Hwy 9 Ashland, AL and to resume regular meeting at 5:57 P.M. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Cain made a motion to purchase the property located at 83121 Hwy 9 Ashland, AL. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither reported on Easter Egg Hunt in Ashland City Park on April 1, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. Council Member Gaither also reported on EV Charging Stations. Council Member Gaither also reported on recommendations from bush trimming.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on upcoming events from Ashland Fire Department. Chief Lee also reported on “Prom Promise” on March 9, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at Clay County Christian Academy.

Police Chief Stanford reported on Community Round Table that will be held at Ashland First United Methodist Church at 6:30 P.M.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on work completed by the Maintenance Department. Supervisor Stinson also reported on Williamson Field Concession Stand repairs, and the upcoming delivery of the right-of-way cutter.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on Statement of Economic Interest requirement.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$9,892.69. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to hire Stanford Simmons as a temporary part-time Parks and Recreation Laborer at a pay of \$9.99 per hour with a start date of March 1, 2023 and end date of October 31, 2023. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard was opposed.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase equipment from NAFECO for Ashland Fire Department in the amount of \$36,723.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Greg Varner and Associates \$2,486.50 for November 2022 Attorney fees. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the rezone request for Adam Harris and Donald Harris on the recommendation of Ashland Planning Commission. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay registration fees (\$425.00 per attendee), accommodations, and reimburse travel expenses for the League of Municipalities Annual Convention. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve a job description for City Hall Aide. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving voting delegate: Larry Fetner, voting delegate Annette Gaither, 1st alternate, voting delegate Kim Cain, 2nd alternate, for the Alabama League of Municipalities Business meeting. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving a two-step evaluation-based raise for Operator Ronald Wideman effective February 18, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner and Council Members opened sealed bids for the removal of trees for Ashland City Park. Council Member Cain made a motion to award the job of tree removal for Ashland City Park to the lowest bidder, Tree Services of Alabama, Inc. at a total cost of \$6,000.00. Council Member Steed 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 Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest