

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
MAY 03, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Planning Meeting on May 03, 2021 at 5:00 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 Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Assistant Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

Items discussed included Tax Abatement for Wellborn Cabinet, Inc., hours of operation for City Hall, RC&D Grant Opportunity, update on paving project, sale of Piggly Wiggly, and landscaping plans for the City.

Chief Stanford reported on street lighting issues on King Ave. Chief Stanford also reported on vehicle crash issues on Highway 77 South near Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. and issues with lighting in that area. Chief Stanford advised the Department of Transportation advised the company owner could look at putting in a deceleration lane to help with the traffic issues.

Chief Stanford reported on the Code Enforcement position and plans for Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard. Chief Stanford advised due to the Police Department being short staffed, Officer Hubbard has offered to patrol. Chief Stanford explained Officer Hubbard would still handle Code Enforcement issues. Chief Stanford also explained Officer Hubbard would serve as a Lieutenant and will be second in command.

Council Member Gaither reported on meeting with ALDOT concerning grant opportunities.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on dress uniforms for the Fire Department members, an update on the status of an order of equipment, and completed hose testing. Fire Chief Thompson reported on the May Day event held in the City Park on May 01, 2021.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the status of backpack blowers and issues with the items being on backorder. Supervisor Stinson advised he checked with Ace Hardware, and they have two blowers in stock at a higher price than previously approved through Talladega Tractor.

Council Member Cain reported on the potential purchase of rocking chairs for the city square and the cost to include Roses putting them together.

There was no business conducted at this meeting.

Mayor

Attest