

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 3, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were 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 Ward, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Ballard, Council Member Cain, and City Clerk/Administrator Wynn was absent.

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 5: Approval of purchase agreement for 83121 Highway 9 Ashland, AL at a total cost of \$120,000.00. Council Member Gaither 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. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed the removal of Christmas Decoration. Council Member Gaither advised there is a lot of organizing that needs to be done with the decorations in the park before they are stored. Council Member Gaither advised it will take a lot of time.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to rehire Traskey Ford to assist in removal of Christmas decoration for a period of 2 weeks. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Ballard who was opposed

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported the next council meeting will be on January 17, 2023.

Council Member Ballard advised of several issues in Westside that needs to be addressed including a raised man hole, and the street needs to be swept.

Council Member Gaither thanked all of the merchants who participated in the Christmas Decorations and also thanked the Fire Department for sponsoring the event.

Council Member Cantrell enjoyed the excitement around town during Christmas

Police Chief Stanford reported the new Patrol Officers are still in a training phase, and the Mental Health Liaison was able to put her newly learned skills to work last week.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last regular meeting. Chief Lee also reported on the recent Fire Department meeting, and upcoming training, fundraisers and other programs that are in the works.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on basketball season and schedule. Director Ward also gave an explanation about agenda item number 4.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on issues that occurred during the cold weather.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$4,650.77. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay NAFECO \$12,751.00 for turnout gear for (4) firefighters. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving for Police Chief Stanford to attend Chiefs Conference in Montgomery, AL on February 13-16, 2023, pay accommodations, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to advertise for sealed bids for tree removal at Ashland City Park, bids to be opened February 20, 2023 in open council meeting. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the purchase agreement for 83121 Highway 9 Ashland, AL at a total cost of \$120,000.00. Council Member Cantrell second the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution: 01-03-01-2023: CDBG/ARC Grant.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution 01-03-01-2023 CDBG/ARC Grant. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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