

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 21, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a Planning Meeting at 5:30 P.M. on November 21, 2016 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 Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, City Attorney John Kelley Johnson, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Code Enforcement Officer Cecil Chappell, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Edward Waldrop, Ronald Wideman, Richard McQueen, Tammy Andrews, and Ray Stansell of The Clay Times Journal.

Mayor Fetner deemed a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order.

Council Member Billy J. Smith gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain moved to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 13: Approval to allow Ronald Robertson to assess and collect city taxes, and Item Number 14: Approval for the City of Ashland to waive business license fees for vendors during Family Night each month. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither moved to approve the minutes from the previous organizational meeting held on November 07, 2016. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed moved to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting held on November 07, 2016. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner explained the work order process to the new City Council.

Mayor Fetner invited all City Employees and the City Council to a Christmas Party on December 16, 2016.

Mayor Fetner and Council discussed the Maintenance Supervisor Position, and the possibility to promote from within, whether the Council wishes to open and advertise the position, and the Animal Control portion of the job description. Council Member Steed expressed she would like to see the current Acting Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown in the position. Council Member Steed expressed the Maintenance Supervisor has a lot of responsibility and should be compensated accordingly.

Mayor Fetner and Council discussed possibly closing for President's Day and Columbus Day which are State recognized holidays.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed on November 23-24 for Thanksgiving, December 23-26 for Christmas, and January 2 for New Years.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported the Ashland City Library is working to provide a free lunch program next summer, and a meeting will be held on December 8, 2016 if anyone wishes to attend. Council Member Cain also reported the Ashland City Library will have Santa's Workshop on December 03, 2016, and will be hosting the Cheaha Regional Library lunch on December 14, 2016, and all Council Members are invited to attend. Council Member Cain thanked the Maintenance Department for putting up the Christmas tree on the square. Council Member Cain reported she attended grant training concerning and RV location. Council Member Cain advised Central High School of Clay County could possibly cut the City Seal to be hung on the council podium.

Council Member Gaither thanked the Maintenance Department for installing a safety rail on the council podium.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported all Council Member have to complete ethics training within 90 days of November 07, 2016, and agenda items. City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn also advised the Council that herself and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett will be attending clerks training in Florence, Alabama on November 30, December 1-2, 2016, a dispatcher will open city hall and answer phones.

Police Chief Stanford discussed agenda items.

Fire Chief Thompson reported the Ashland Fire Department sold 56 Boston butts last week end, and the route for the Christmas parade.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown thanked the council for recognition for recent work completed by the Department. Supervisor Brown thanked the Maintenance Crew for their hard work and the Ashland Police Department for the use of a patrol vehicle. Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown also discussed agenda items.

Regular Business:

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve the current bills in the amount of \$14,284.01. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the City of Ashland to pay Ashland Housing Authority \$1,053.14 for labor and material for the Water Department renovations. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving a one (1) time pay raise for City Employees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving Police Chief Stanford to attend 2017 Winter Conference on January 23-26, 2017 with registration costs of \$200.00, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to reappoint Johnnie Sentell to the Industrial Development Authority. Council Member smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made motion approving the City of Ashland to pay Southern Software \$4,151.00 for support renewal fees for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the purchase of solar LED lights for flagpoles at New City Hall, Old City Hall, and Ashland Fire Department at a cost of \$125.00 each and to purchase a new flag for Ashland Fire Department at a cost of \$36.00. Estimated total costs \$411.00 plus shipping. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the following work period of law enforcement, "Pursuant to section (K) of the FLSA and 29 CFR Part 553, the City of Ashland, Alabama hereby adopts a fourteen (14) day work period for its nonexempt hourly law enforcement employees to begin on December 02, 2016 at 7 A.M. The adoption of the work period shall be maintained as a part of the City's payroll records." Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the purchase of a ballistic vest from Gulf State at a total cost of 4738.00 to be reimbursed for half of total expense. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the purchase of four (4) tires for a 2015 Tahoe patrol SUV at a total cost of 501.60. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving the purchase of two (2) office star big and tall high back chairs from Office Depot for dispatchers at Ashland Police Department at a total cost of 536.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the City of Ashland to proceed with the Nuisance and Abatement process at 29 3rd Street S.W.. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the City of Ashland to allow Ronald Robertson to assess and collect Ashland City taxes. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the City of Ashland to waive business license fees for vendors during Family Night each month. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

None

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules of procedure to consider Ordinance Number 2016-11-21-01 an ordinance amending the policy and procedure for the City of Ashland at its first reading. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and upon roll call vote, all votes were yea.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2016-11-21-01 an ordinance amending the policy and procedure for the City of Ashland. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and upon roll call votes, all votes were yea.

Adjournment:

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

Mayor

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