

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 01, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on April 01, 2019 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, K-9 Officer Adam Otwell, Justin McCullers with the Clay Times Journal, Kim Zander and Bill Winchester with the VFW Auxiliary 9581, Tammy Andrews, and Angela Zackery.

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

Fire Chief Brett Thompson was absent.

Mayor Larry J. Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Informational Item Number 5; VFW to discuss Wynn Building Rental., and New Business Item Number 12: Approval to give Sergeant Micheal Harris a one-step evaluation raise to Range 11 Step 2 (\$13.37) effective 04.05.2019, Item Number 13: Approval to give Officer Scott Parish a raise to Range 9 Step 1 (\$11.59) for completing APOST certification effective 04.05.2019, Item Number 14: Approval to declare unused "Stadium Parking" signs as surplus as they are no longer needed by the city. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting (03.25.2019) minutes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

1. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed adopting the federal meal per-diem rates.

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the federal meal per-diem rates. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Mrs. Angela Zackery addressed the Mayor and Council concerning theft issues at North Side Circle. Mrs. Zackery stated she feels it is a hate crime or racial issue. Police Chief Stanford advised he has spoken with Mrs. Zackery and extra patrols will be conducted in the area. Mayor Fetner advised Mrs. Zackery to notify the Ashland Police Department if there are any further issues.

3. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed moving a CD from First State Bank to First Bank of Alabama. Council Members expressed concerns and decided to not move any accounts at this time, but if the need arises in the future to open new accounts to use First Bank of Alabama.

4. Mayor Fetner and Council Members gave Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson permission to begin building a handicap ramp at the Mike Beale Pavilion.

5. Ms. Karen Zander and Mr. Bill Winchester addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the VFW Auxiliary 9581 using the Wynn Building for 2 fund raisers this year on June 01, 2019 and November 09, 2019. Ms. Zander and Mr. Winchester requested the city to waive the rental fees due to the VFW holding a 501C3 and that all the proceeds will be used to help local veterans.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to waive the Wynn Building Rental fees for the VFW Auxiliary 9581 for June 01, 2019 and November 09, 2019. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner read a statement from Fire Chief Brett Thompson concerning fire safety.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported she is waiting to hear about the Splash Pad pre application, and updated everyone on the progress of the Open Spaces Sacred Places pocket park.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported Officer Parish graduates from the Police Academy on April 04, 2019. Chief Stanford invited everyone to attend. Police Chief Stanford also reported on parking issues at Williamson Field, a travel trailer, and the Jordan's Service Station Burglary.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported the City Cemetery was cut for the first time this season today and has been added to the schedule. Supervisor Robinson also reported Randy Hanner has been doing sidearm cutting today, the Bradford Pear tree has been removed from City Hall, and the Maintenance Department has been assisting Ellen Sewell with the pocket park by offering services and unused materials from the Maintenance shop. Supervisor Robinson also advised NCRS did an inspection on the Watershed and found one issue. The issue has been corrected. Supervisor Robinson also polled the Mayor and Council on a color to paint the old Police Department.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn advised the Retirement Services of Alabama has changed the way we report retirement. City Clerk Wynn commended Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett for working to learn the new system. City Clerk Wynn advised the new system has resulted in more time being spent to report retirement. City Clerk Wynn also reported she is checking on Direct Deposit for City Employees.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$29,942.81. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving City Clerk Chelsey Wynn and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett to attend AAMCA Winter Conference (election training) in Gulf Shores December 4-6, 2016 at a registration cost of \$285 and a room rate of \$99.00 a night per person. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the lease agreement with Gary Martin. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to advertise in the Spring edition of At Home in Clay County magazine at a cost of \$300.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Ag-Pro \$257.56 for lawn mower belts for the Maintenance Department. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give William Robinson a one-step probationary period raise to Range 15 Step 8 (\$20.16) and take him off probation effective 04.06.2019. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Municipal Workers Compensation Fund \$1521.00 for final audit adjustment billing. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Driveway Doctor \$2400.00 to seal the walking trail at the park. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to pay Driveway Doctor \$3200.00 to seal and restripe North parking lot and drive at park. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to table Item Number 10; Approval to pay Driveway Doctor \$1250.00 to seal and restripe the South parking lot at the park that is sealable. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.
Maintenance Supervisor Robinson to get a quote on paving the area that cannot be sealed in this parking lot.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to pay Modern Day Knights, LLC \$364.90 for uniforms for Officer Dustin McGraw. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to give Sergeant Micheal Harris a one-step evaluation raise to Range 11 Step 2 (\$13.37) effective 04.05.2019. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to give Officer Scott Parish a raise to Range 9 Step 1 (\$11.59) for completing APOST certification effective 04.05.2019. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to declare unused "Stadium Parking" signs as surplus as they are no longer needed by the city. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire Jeffrey Catchings as a full Maintenance Equipment Operator at a pay of Range 8 Step 1 (\$10.90 per hour) effective April 02, 2019. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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