

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chesley Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Bobbie J. Steed and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward were absent.

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item Number 9: Approval/Denial of change order for the Park Improvement Project to add certain sidewalk repair and stonework/flumes to the creekbank at an estimated additional cost of \$24,422.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational:

1. Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention- May 13-16, 2025, in Huntsville, AL. Mayor Fetner asked for a head count.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the attendance of Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention on May 13-16, 2025, with registration fees of \$450/each, hotel fees, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed contents left at rental building next to city hall. City Clerk Wynn gave several options for the disposal of the merchandise left in the rental building.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to run an ad in the paper to accept bids on the abandoned contents left in the rental building next to city hall. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked Phillip Stinson and Sergeant Scott Parish on their response after recent storms.

Council Member Ballard thanked the Maintenance Department for removing a tree and installing speed breakers.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on recent calls and regular agenda items. Chief Lee also reported on fundraisers, and donations to other departments.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the installation and repair of bleachers at ballfields. Supervisor Stinson also reports successful repairs at Williamson Field, and upcoming work to be completed to culverts and ballfields.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn asked everyone to remain after the meeting to sign documents.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$19,403.19. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the purchase of fire hose and equipment for Ashland Fire Department from NAFECO at a total cost of \$21,320.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. (paid from fire department tax fund)

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Court Clerk Robin Catrett and Magistrate Robyn Waters to attend "Topics of Interest in Municipal Court" training in Madison, AL on May 02, 2025, pay registration fees, \$150/each, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous. (paid from court fund)

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Frontline Outfitters \$1,965.00 for tinted front windows at City Hall. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Greg Varner \$2,758.60 for December legal fees. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay White's Tire and auto Repair LLC \$1,264.20 for repairs made to Police Patrol Unit 170. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Officer Ethan Clark and evaluation-based raise to Range 16 Step 4 effective February 15, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Struthers Recreation \$79,113.00 for spray deck and installation of splashpad. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving change order for the Park Improvement Project to add certain sidewalk repair and stonework/flumes to the creek bank at an estimated additional cost of \$24,422.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

- 1. Ordinance No. 2025-02-03-01: Nuisance Ordinance.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2025-02-03-01 Nuisance Ordinance. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner- Yea

- 2. Ordinance No. 2025-02-03-02: Weeds and Overgrown Grass.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2025-02-03-02: Weeds and Overgrown Grass. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner- Yea

- 3. Ordinance No. 2025-02-03-03: Dangerous Buildings

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2025-02-03-03: Dangerous Buildings Grass. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner- Yea

4. Resolution No. 02-17-01-2025- Approval to purchase splashpad components through OMNIA Cooperative Agreement.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-17-01-2025- Approval to purchase splashpad components through OMNIA Cooperative Agreement. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

Attest