

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2026

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Traskey Ford, Jessica Heath (17.34), Annette Gaither and Tommy Canrell. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Assistant Police Chief Shanon House, Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn and Magistrate/City Hall Aide Robyn Waters were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order.

Council Member Ballard gave the invocation.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational:

1. Kim Cain discussed Stringfellow Park, America 250 Events, gave an update from the Clay County Arts League and the need for a long-term lease to allow the Arts League to apply for grant funds. Cain also requested the use to the bouncy house for the America 250 Events, Cain also advised Police Chief Stanford has given the go ahead on the foam daddy.

Mayor Fetner advised that a waiver would need to be signed by those using the bouncy house.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Haley Robertson to compete work at Stringfellow Park and pay her a total of \$200.00 from grant funds. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving America 250 Committee to use the city owned bouncy house (must sign waivers) and have complete supervision during the event for America 250. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Discussed whether to replace or repair the damaged train from Ashland City Park. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed options for replacing the damaged train.

Discussed landscaping for Ashland City Park/Boddie Memorial. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed options for landscaping in the center of the roundabout.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to lay sod and sign for the center of the roundabout at the City Park. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner congratulated the City Council on a successful event in the park on May 18, 2026.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Ford did not report.

Council Member Heath reported on getting a sign made for the rules for the splash pad.

Council Member Gaither did not report

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Assistant Police Chief House did not report.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett reported on the city holiday schedule.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on completed regular baseball season and all stars. Ward also reported on backstop work.

Fire Chief Nelson reported on needed equipment for the fire department. Assistant Chief Heath reported on 2nd Saturday on the Square and a request to use the bounce house and foam daddy at the next 2nd Saturday on the Square.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on County Rd 31 headwall, and work completed in the city park parking lot.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$20,041.95. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Southern Data Automation \$1,675.00 for a 3-year firewall subscription for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Brittany Kelly a raise to range 11 step 1 and remove from probation effective May 09, 2026. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay half the cost (\$3,203.50) for height adjusters for (2) basketball goals at Ashland Elementary School Gyn. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving D & W Landscaping to install a retaining wall at the Urban Park at an estimated cost of \$3,650.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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

Mayor

Attest