

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025, 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, Annette 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 Josh Nelson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquel Ward, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

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

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

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Bid Opening- Tahoe.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to accept the high bid of \$8,550.00 from Chad Harris with Clay County Board of Education on the surplus 2015 Tahoe. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Advocacy Day 1/21/2026- Mayor advised the city needs a headcount for the meeting. 4 Council Members and the Mayor would like to attend.

3. Annual League of Municipalities Convention 4/28/2026-5/1/2026 in Montgomery. Mayor advised that Council needed to let Clerk Wynn know if they wanted to attend.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Ford did not report.

Council Member Heath did not report.

Council Member Gaither reported on Maintenance working to put up Christmas décor.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Fire Chief Nelson and Assistant Fire Chief Heath reported on Christmas décor, calls received, and the Christmas Parade.

Parks & Recreation/ Youth Sports Director Ward reported on basketball signups and the upcoming season. Director Ward also reported on paving at the city park and asked the council to think about what they would like to put in the blank space in the parking lot. Director Ward also reported the concrete work at the park is complete, Ward advised he asked the contractor to give us a quote on the walking trail.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on an invite to an Industry Appreciation Lunch this Thursday.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on installation of Christmas décor and the work completed on County Road 31. Stinson thanked all the departments that came together to assist them.

New Business:

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$2,122.52. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to remove Senior Aide Joyce Williams from probation and give a one-step raise to Range 7 Step 2 effective November 22, 2025. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving Parks and Recreation Director Raquel Ward to attend 2026 ARPA State Conference in Orange Beach, AL February 1-3, 2026, with registration cost of \$325, lodging, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving to give Mental Health Liaison Sarah Robertson an evaluation-based raise to Range 18 Step 6 effective December 6, 2025. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Resolution No. 12-01-01-2025- A Resolution opposing the Simplified Seller Use Tax (SSUT) Litigation.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution No. 12-01-01-2025: a resolution opposing the Simplified Seller Use Tax (SSUT) Litigation. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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