

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 04, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on May 04, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. 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, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Fire Chief Brett Thompson was absent.

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

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

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

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner commended the local businesses, hospitals, drug stores, clinics, restaurants, and citizens for doing their part in combatting the Coronavirus. Mayor Fetner urges everyone to support local businesses, and stated he hoped everyone can reopen soon.

Council Member Smith reported a citizen advised of drain issues on Howard Ballard Drive. Maintenance Supervisor Robinson advised they would check it out.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain asked if Code Enforcement Officer Tony Hubbard had looked into the debris placed on the curb on 3rd Street SW. Mayor Fetner advised Council Member Cain that Officer Hubbard is working on the issue.

Council Member Gaither reminded everyone about the 2020 Census and asked everyone to encourage citizens to complete the Census. Council Member Gaither also recognized the day as International Fire Fighters Day and encouraged everyone to thank a fireman.

Council Member Cantrell gave an update on Youth Sports. Council Member Cantrell stated, at this time, they still plan to have a season and are working on a time frame. Council Member Cantrell advised banners for the Senior Class of 2020 have been ordered.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett advised the court date scheduled for May 11, 2020 has been postponed to June 08, 2020 in compliance with Alabama Supreme Court Orders.

Police Chief Stanford reported business as usual at the Police Department.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported the Maintenance Department resumed the regular schedule today and will begin right of way cutting tomorrow.

Informational Items:

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised the Annual League Conference has been rescheduled to a one-day event. Clerk Wynn advised she needs a headcount to register those who wish to attend.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$3,597.25. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay ALEA \$1,650.00 for SNAP (NICI) workstation and LETS access for the period of January 01, 2020- March 31, 2020. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$375.00 for quarterly consulting fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Shannon House as Investigator at a pay of range 15 step 3 (salaried position) with a start date of May 15, 2020. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to surplus the 2011 Dodge Charger as it is no longer needed for municipal purposes and solicit bids for sale with a minimum reserve of \$2500.00 with a bid opening date of June 01, 2020 with the City reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and more.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Resolution 05-04-01-2020 Authorizing the City of Ashland to continue a \$250,000.00 line of credit with First State Bank for any unforeseen financial burden. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution 05-04-02-2020 Authorizing the City of Ashland to participate in the annual "Back to School" sales tax holiday on July 17- July 19, 2020. Council Member Cantrell 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

Attest

