

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on November 18, 2019 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, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, City Attorney John Kelley Johnson, Nathan Holmes with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc., Clay County Christian School football team and Coaches, and Tammy Andrews of the Clay Times Journal.

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

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of New Business Item Number 10: Approval of one time raise for City employees in the total amount of \$4,450.00., and Resolutions, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business Item Number 1: Approval of Tax Abatement Agreement with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc., and Item Number 2 Approval of Resolution No. 11-18-01-2019 (Tax Abatement with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner presented a proclamation recognizing Clay County Christian Academy for winning the State Championship in six-man football.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell reported the Youth Sports Program will have a basketball camp on December 07, 2019 from 9-11 A.M. at Ashland Elementary School Gym. The cost will be \$10.00 per child. Council Member Cantrell also advised the Youth Sports Program decided not to repair the lights at Northside Ballfield due to the cost.

Fire Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to a brush fire Sunday, November 17, 2019. Chief Thompson also advised the Department is selling Boston butts for \$30.00 and they can be picked up Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the Fire Department.

Police Chief Stanford reported burglary on Cragford Road which involved juveniles, and issues with someone cutting the locks at The Other Attic Storage facility which has resulted in extra patrol in the area. Chief Stanford advised the Ashland Police Department assisted with the accident in Delta last week and advised a debriefing will be held at the Clay County Rescue Squad on November 19, 2019 at 4:30 P.M. for any first responder who would like to attend. Chief Stanford also reminded everyone that Officer Tyler Mastin's graduation will be held Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 11 A.M. at Oxford Civic Center.

Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson reported the concrete for the storm shelter has been poured and is curing. Supervisor Robinson stated the storm shelter may be available by Christmas. Supervisor Robinson also advised the department has begun cutting right of ways, and will begin decorating for Christmas this week.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$11,583.34. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the purchase of uniforms for the Maintenance Department at an estimated cost of \$1,600.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Clay County Healthcare Authority \$315.00 for workman's comp on Hunter Griffin. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approving the City to apply for the Rebuild Alabama Grant with a \$25,000.00 contribution and engineering fees if the grant is awarded. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Allcom Wireless, Inc. \$264.59 for repair of Police Department dispatch radio. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to open and advertise for a Part-Time Library Aide for two-weeks. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to promote Hunter Griffin to Patrol Sergeant and give him a pay raise to Range 12 Step 1. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to promote Adam Otwell to Patrol Sergeant and give him a pay raise to Range 12 Step 3. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates \$4,930.00 for audit work and monthly compilation. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving a one-time raise for City employees in the total amount of \$4,450.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and more:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approving the Tax Abatement Agreement with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11-18-01-2019 (Tax Abatement with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.). Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

Attest: