

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The Ashland City Council met for a Planning Meeting on September 5, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present included Billy J. Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn called roll with all Council Members present, and deemed a quorum present.

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions: 10. Approval to accept resignation from dispatcher Amber Nicholson, 11. Approval to make part-time dispatcher Stephanie Smith full-time, 12. Approval to purchase paint for soccer fields for Youth Sports at a cost of \$359.10, and 13. Approval to open and advertise for two weeks for a part-time dispatcher. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner reported that we were working on getting more information regarding the need for a planning commission.

Mayor Fetner and the Council discussed a possible grant for sidewalks that touch a State highway.

Mayor Fetner and Council discussed the issue of the Assistant Maintenance Supervisor and possible need for the truck to be driven home. Mayor Fetner and Council asked Clerk Wynn to work on an Ordinance for the situation.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported how good it was that so many new business are opening up in the City of Ashland.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that the scarecrow contest would be starting up and the need for playground equipment.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell reported on agenda item number 12.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported that the Animal Shelter Contract would be on the next agenda to renew as well as the new year budget.

Police Chief Stanford reported that the department got a good drug bust a couple of weeks ago and that Hunter passed his PT test at the academy.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown reported that they are still cutting grass.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to pay bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$14,598.96. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay \$5,000.00 to Alabama Municipal insurance Corporation for deductible for Law Enforcement Liability case settlement. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission \$1,330.80 for planning contract. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approving a full page ad in the Clay County Life Magazine at a cost of \$300.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the repair of the Bucket Truck at Reeves Aerial at a total cost of \$4,004.27. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the purchase of tobacco stamps at a cost of \$3,180.60. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to purchase Lazer Z S-Series 60" cut from B & R Tractor at a total cost of \$8,600.00 for the Maintenance Department. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the purchase of ammunition from Gulf State Distributors at a total cost of \$710.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve replacing the brakes and rotors on 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe (Unit 173) and install printer at Clay Service and Electronics at a total cost of \$950.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept the resignation from dispatcher Amber Nicholson.. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to make part-time dispatcher Stephanie Smith a full-time employee effective 9/22/2017. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to purchase paint for the soccer fields for Youth Sports at a total cost of \$359.10. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to open and advertise for two weeks for a part-time dispatcher. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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