

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, and Annette F. Gaither. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward, Sherry Poe and Karen Triplett with Cheaha Regional Library, Representative Steve Hurst, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal (5:34 P.M.).

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

Council Member Tommy Cantrell and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett were absent.

Mayor Larry J. Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Steed gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Ballard 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:

Sherry Poe and Karen Triplett from Cheaha Regional Library thanked the Mayor and Council for their support over the past several years, and expressed their gratitude and excitement on receiving the new book mobile.

Mayor Fetner informed the Council that he has been working on putting in electrical and water hook-ups next door to City Hall in the vacant lot for food trucks to setup. Mayor Fetner also advised that he had asked City Clerk Wynn to purchase a few tables and chairs to accommodate outdoor dining for the food truck park.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner commended the Arts League for the successful event held on the Square for the Christmas Open House. Mayor Fetner also thanked Representative Hurst for everything that he does for Ashland and Clay County.

Council Member Ballard did not report

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on a retail strategies conference in Birmingham that she would be attending soon and updated the Mayor and Council on progress made on the Christmas Lighted Trail in the Park.

Council Member Gaither thanked the Maintenance Department for their work with the paving companies to get the road and parking lot paving complete.

Police Chief Stanford addressed concerns regarding the safety at the Ashland City Park due to recent press release in the newspaper of a case that had happened at the City Park. Chief Stanford advised that there had only been a couple of incidents like this that had taken place at the park in his 8 years as Police Chief and that our park cameras had been a huge help in identifying subjects and apprehending them quickly. Chief Stanford also informed the Mayor and Council that Academy Cadet Hudson Burns would be graduating the first week in December and that he would get them all information on the ceremony.

Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on basketball signups and meetings with a company regarding fencing and park improvements at the City Park this week.

Fire Chief Thompson did not report

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn advised Mayor and Council of Advocacy Day on January 19, 2022 and asked them to let her know if they would like to attend so she could get them registered.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on paving that had just finished and an erosion issue on 2nd Avenue North that the Maintenance Department was working to correct. Maintenance Supervisor Stinson also gave an update on the demolition of the Old Horn Café.

Representative Steve Hurst informed everyone that due to the recent redistricting, he would now have all of Clay County. Representative Hurst also thanked everyone for allowing him to serve Clay County.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay the current bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$12,312.19. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Scott Parish a 2-step evaluation-based raise to Range 13 Step 3 effective November 13, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give employees a one-time raise totaling \$5,175.00 Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to spend an estimated \$2,300.00 for supplies/equipment for the City's 150th celebration. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolution, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business:

Ordinance Number 2021-11-05-01 Municipal Tree Ordinance had its first reading.

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

Mayor

Attest