

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 4, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025, 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, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Assistant Police Chief Shanon House, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward, Jessica Heath, Doug Heath, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson, Police Chief Stanford, and Interim Fire Chief Nelson were absent.

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

Informational:

1. Set Public Hearing for McLean Rezone September 2, 2025 at 5:15 P.M.- Mayor Fetner, City Clerk/Administrator Wynn, and Council Member Cain explained the request for rezone.

Council Member Cain made a motion to set a public hearing for rezone on September 2, 2025 at 5:15 P.M. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Watermelon Festival- Mayor Fetner and Council Members thanked everyone for working on the Watermelon Festival.

3. Researching Upgrading Sirens- Mayor Fetner discussed upgrading sirens. Council Member Gaither brought up the technology used by the County as an option.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked everyone and also reported on the upcoming rodeo.

Council Member Ballard reported she enjoyed the entertainment Friday night at the Watermelon Festival.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on Second Saturday and requested the use of the city's bounce house. Council Member Cain requested the city to be involved in Second Saturday.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Assistant Police Chief /Investigator House reported she would like to thank the Mayor and Council for allowing the Police Department to purchase the Foam Daddy and that everyone had a great time. Chief House reported on agenda items.

Parks & Recreation/ Youth Sports Director Ward gave an update on fall sports signups and presented potential rules for the Splash Pad. Director Ward also reported on the splash pad and upcoming repairs. Director Ward also reported on maintenance at the splash pad that took about 3 hours today.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

Assistant Fire Chief Heath reported on upcoming events for the Fire Department.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$11,632.31. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay the Alabama League of Municipalities \$1,441.00 for annual membership dues September 1, 2025- August 31, 2026. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to reschedule council meeting scheduled for September 1, 2025 to Tuesday, September 2, 2025 due to Labor Day Holiday. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to hire Aaron Benefield as a patrol officer at Range 17 Step 1, effective August 8, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Greg Varner and Associates \$1,651.50 for June legal fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

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

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Mayor

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