

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 05, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Annette Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

Clerk Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn, Council Member Cain, Council Member Ballard and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

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

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

Informational:

1. Public Hearing 05/19/2025-Amendment to Zoning Ordinance (Planning Commission Resolution - recommendation to approve amendment)

2. Clay County Historical Society-Swap Meet and Car Show May 16-18, 2025.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to allow Clay County Historical Society to utilize the Industrial Park for the Swap Meet and Car Show on May 16-18, 2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked everyone for their work on the Clean-up week and Clay Central SGA for dedicating their time to cleanup.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on CRI training, Officer Burrow’s completion on the refresher academy, and the upcoming Click-it or Ticket blitz.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received, clean-up week, and upcoming events.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported progress at the City Park.

Assistant Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett reported on the Clean-up event.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$11,062.04. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1,790.00 for quarterly SNAP Entry, LETS, and monthly user fees. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Municipal Workers Compensation Fund \$16,715.00 for annual worker's compensation insurance. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Greg Varner and Associates \$2,950.00 for February attorney fees. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to hire Joyce Williams as a Part-Time Senior Aide for Ashland Senior Center with a starting date of May 05, 2025. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Library Aide Kade Strickland a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 7 Step 4 effective May 10, 2025. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Library Aide Crystal Karr a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 6 Step 6 effective May 10, 2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to make Allison Hunkapillar a full-time dispatcher, start 6-month probationary period, and give a one-step raise for completing NCIC certification to Range 11 Step 1 effective May 10, 2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to give Officer Zachariah Burrow a one-step raise to range 16 Step 2 for completing the refresher academy effective May 10, 2025. 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.

Mayor

Attest