

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard (5:31 PM), Bobbie J. Steed, Annette Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Doug Heath, Jessica Heath, Traskey Ford, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn, Council Member Cain, Interim Fire Chief Josh Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward were absent.

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

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

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

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting minutes from 09.30.2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Cynthia Scott did not attend the meeting, no items discussed.
2. Veteran's Day Program (11.10.2025 at 10AM)
3. iPads- Clerk Catrett advised Mayor and Council Members to be sure to bring their iPads and chargers to the next meeting, they will leave them to be updated and prepared for the organizational meeting/new council members.
4. Chance Jones (EDC)- Mainstreet- Mr. Jones invited the City of Ashland to attend a meeting on November 18, 2025 at Ashland City Hall to discuss tourism, options for Clay County downtown areas. Mr. Jones explained the goal is for the entire county to work together with Mainstreet Alabama.
5. Splashpad to be winterized 10.15.2025.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner thanked everyone for working on the First Responders dinner and a need to make the Stringfellow Park ADA accessible.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda item number 9 (Flock Safety agreement for cameras).

Assistant Fire Chief Heath reported on upcoming Boston Butt fundraiser.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$12,891.10. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey wynn a two-step evaluation-based raise to Range 24 Step 10 effective September 27, 2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the Law Office of Greg Varner and Associates \$1,926.25 for August attorney fees. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to authorize Mr. Ronald Robertson, Revenue Commissioner of Clay County, to assess and collect property taxes for the City of Ashland, Alabama. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to accept Crystal Karr's resignation effective October 3, 2025. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to promote Kade Strickland to Full-Time Library Aide effective October 6, 2025, with a pay increase to Range 12 Step 1 effective October 11, 2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve for elected mayor and council to attend orientation training in Montgomery, Alabama on October 29-30, 2025, pay registration fees of \$350 per person, \$178.00 per night lodging, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase a culvert pipe for County Road 31 from J&G Culverts, Inc. at a total cost of \$10,470.85. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve agreement with Flock Safety for cameras at an annual cost of \$13,500.00. (City's part \$7,500, DA's office \$3,000, and Sherriff's office \$3,000). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay TekConnect Gov \$5,250.00 for annual business license software licensing fee. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay ES&S \$2,948.00 for run-off election supplies. Council Member Cantrell 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 Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest