

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2024

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2024, 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, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Magistrate/City Hall Aide Robyn Waters, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Norman McNatt, Irving Thompson, Fred Thompson, Jeanette Johnson, Lydia Steed, Leland Steed, Tiffany Young (left at 5:34pm), and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Council Member Kim Cain and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Gaither 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 motion to approve the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

Tiffany Young with the 2025 Clay County Chamber of Commerce Contract: Mrs. Young gave an update on Chamber events and brought the 2025 contract for consideration on the next agenda.

Speed Breakers-8th Street West: Police Chief Stanford explained that a request had been received for speed breakers, and after the speed study, it was his recommendation to the council to proceed with installing speed breakers.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to install speed breakers on 8th Street West. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2025 Event Dates:

- Easter 04.19.2025
- Cleanup Week 04.21.2025-04.27.2025
- Watermelon Festival 08.01.2025-08.02.2025
- First Responders Dinner 10.09.2025
- Trunk or Treat 10.30.2025
- Veterans Day Program 11.10.2025
- Christmas Parade/Cookies with Santa 12.06.2025

Mayor Fetner explained that these were tentative dates for 2025 and to let City Hall know if anything needed to be changed.

Mayor/Council Salaries for next term: Mayor Fetner advised the council to review the current salary ordinance and think about if they wanted to make any changes for the next term. Mayor Fetner advised the deadline to make changes is in February.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner congratulated Scott Brasher for receiving Fireman of the Year and informed the council that AGL had a profitable year and that the city had received a dividend check.

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 gave an update on officer Jarrod Allen, speed breaker request received, and that everything else was business as usual.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on District Attorney office repairs, street signs ordered, and that the street vacuum had just been ran to clean gutters.

Magistrate/City Hall Aide Robyn Waters did not report.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls since the last meeting, parade float winners, and new tires for the fire trucks.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$29,180.42. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Edgar and Associates, LLC \$4,573.45 for audit field work and monthly compilations. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to approve to pay Municipal Software Group \$1,800.00 for court software 12.01.2024-11.30.2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay out unused vacation to employees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Mental Health Liaison Sarah Robertson an evaluation-based raise to Range 17 Step 5 effective December 7, 2024. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business: N/A

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

Proclamation honoring Council Member Bobbie J. Steed:

Mayor Fetner presented Councilwoman Bobbie J. Steed with a proclamation, and Freddy Thompson, Irving Thompson, Norman McNatt, Jeanette Johnson, and Lydia Steed all spoke a few words about their experiences with Councilwoman Bobbie J. Steed.

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

Mayor

Attest