

REGULAR MEETING  
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 05, 2017

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on June 05, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Ashland City Hall auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy J. Smith, 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Bethany Owens, Lyric Griffin, Tiffany Young with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, and Justin McCullars with The Clay Times Journal.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and Council Member Billy J. Smith gave the invocation.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn called roll with all Council Members present.

Mayor Fetner deemed a quorum present.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson was absent.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 11: Approval to pay ROCIC \$300.00 for Police Department membership, and Item Number 12: Approval to purchase a traffic light control box for the traffic light located at the corner of Hwy 9 and Hwy 77 from Temple Company at an estimated cost of \$2600.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve the pervious planning meeting minutes. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Informational Items:

1. Bethel Baptist Church request the use of Westside softball field and also requested the road be blocked off for June Day on June 24, 2017 at 9A.M. All Council Members agreed to allow Bethel Baptist to utilize the softball field and to close the road as requested.
2. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed the possible need for a sound system for Ashland City Hall. Council Members requested prices on a sound system to review at a later date.
3. Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed parking at Ashland City Hall.
4. Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce updated the Council on upcoming events including a County Fair the Chamber will host at the old practice and football fields located at Ashland Elementary School.
5. Bethany Owens with the Home School Association requested the use of the Wynn Building once a week for 31 weeks for free or at a discounted cost.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that annuals from Clay County High School were being digitized at Ashland City Library.

Council Member Gaither reported the wall at the Wynn Building for Mr. Wynn's photo is up, but it still needs to be painted. Council Member Gaither also reported the Urban Park is back open and bricks for the Urban Park have been ordered. Council Member Gaither advised the Maintenance Department will install the bricks once they are ready.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported Click it or Ticket is complete. Police Chief Stanford also advised the bid opening for Ashland Police Department will be held on June 22, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. at Ashland City Hall. Police Chief Stanford also discussed lightning strikes at Ashland Police Department that damaged a computer, the recorder, and injured Dispatcher Amber Nickolson. Police Chief Stanford advised Ms. Nickolson has recovered and is doing well at this time.

Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett advised the Council she plans to begin maternity leave on July 11, 2017.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn thanked the Council for allowing herself and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett to attend the Annual League Convention.

Youth Sports Coordinator Stephanie Freeman reported on All-Star games on June 15, 16, and 17, 2017. Ms. Freeman requested 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW be closed for the tournament on June 15, 2017. Youth Sports Coordinator Stephanie Freeman also suggested purchasing or leasing the old practice field behind Ashland Elementary School and turning it into a T-Ball field, therefore allowing all youth sports activities to be centrally located.

Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown discussed the need to cut down Sweetgum trees at Ashland City Park. Council Member Cain suggested using the trees for landscaping if they are to be cut down.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$18,771.50. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the Maintenance Department to cut down dead Sweetgum trees at Ashland City Park. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, with all votes unanimous with the exception of Council Member Steed who was opposed to the motion.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the city to pay \$325.00 to the Volunteer Athletic Association for advertising on Athletic Fields. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motions, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to pay East Alabama Commission \$596.78 for planning contract. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the city to pay Southern Data Automation \$805.00 for installation of a server at Ashland Police Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the city to pay approximately \$2780.00 to Written In Stone from the Brick Fund for the Brick Memorial Project. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Grant Writer Terry Acuff to seek grants for road repair and resurfacing. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approving the city to close on July 03, 2017 and July 04, 2017 for the Fourth of July holiday. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approving the city to reschedule the first council meeting in July to Wednesday, July 05, 2017 with the Planning Meeting beginning at 4:30 and the Regular Meeting beginning at 5:00 due to the Fourth of July holiday. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the city to pay Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \$1650.00 for SNAP Entry and LETS access for January – March 2017. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to pay ROCIC \$300.00 for Ashland Police Departments membership. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to purchase a traffic light control box for the traffic light located at the corner of Hwy 9 and Hwy 77 from Temple Company at an estimated cost of \$2600.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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