

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2026

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Traskey Ford, Jessica Heath, Annette Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate Robyn Waters, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Heath, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Coaches, Parents, and Players of the Clay Central Heroes Basketball Team, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

City Clerk Wynn, Fire Chief Nelson, and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Cantrell gave the invocation.

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

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

Mayor Fetner presented a Proclamation to the Clay Central Heroes. Mayor Fetner requested the Clay Central Heroes to be the Grand Marshalls for the 2026 City of Ashland Christmas Parade.

Informational:

No items to discuss.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported on agenda item number 11. Mayor Fetner also reported on the splash pad soft opening on May 16, 2026.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Ford did not report.

Council Member Heath did not report.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell reported on agenda items including Westside Field updates.

Police Chief Stanford reported on Academy Cadet Tre Rowell, and proposed pay scale change for Ashland Police Department. Chief Stanford advised he has a draft copy of an ordinance amending the pay for Ashland Police Department he will distribute to the City Council to review.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on work being completed at Ashland City Park, and regular meeting agenda items.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett reported on cleanup campaign and cleanup day on April 22, 2026. There will be 28 students participating from Central High School and First Assembly Christian School.

Assistant Fire Chief Heath reported on agenda items.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$15,926.36. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay QuickBooks accounting software \$2,450.00 for payroll, annual subscription, and monthly employee fee. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving to surplus (1) bullet proof vest from Ashland Police Department as it is no longer needed for city use. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving Fincher Fence to replace backstop fence at Westside Ballfield at an estimated cost of \$7,850.00. 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 \$1,475.00 for March 2026 attorney fees. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving to pay ALEA \$1,810.00 for quarterly LETS Access and SNAP Entry for Ashland Police Department. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase 300 shoulder patches from SymbolArts, LLC. for Ashland Police Department at a total cost of \$1,273.35. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Magistrate/ City Hall Aide Robyn Waters a 2-step annual evaluation-based raise to Range 14 Step 10 effective April 25, 2026. Council Member Heath seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving Browns Concrete & Construction to install headwall/culvert on County Road 31 at an estimated cost of \$16,840.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay Williams Fire Apparatus \$2,358.48 for lightbar for Ashland Fire Department Chevy Colorado. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Item number 11 approval for D & W Landscaping to install retaining wall at Urban Park at an estimated cost of \$3650.00 died for lack of a motion. Mayor Fetner explained Ashland Maintenance Department can install the retaining wall.

Council Member Heath made a motion approving D & W Landscaping to landscape Urban Park at an estimated cost of \$15,420.00. Council Member Ford seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Senior Center Aide Joyce Williams a 2-step annual evaluation-based raise to Range 7 Step 4 effective April 25, 2026. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

- 1. Location of smoking area at Ashland City Park. – Mayor Fetner and Council Members discussed several locations for the smoking area. Council Member Gaither advised it may be better to put it near the entrance of the park on 2nd Ave on the left.

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

- 1. Ordinance 2026-04-06-01-Addendum to City of Ashland Policy & Procedure Motor Vehicles Policy.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Ordinance 2026-04-06-01- Addendum to City of Ashland Policy & Procedure Motor Vehicles Policy. Council Member Ford seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor- Yea

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Ford- Yea

Council Member Heath- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Ordinances passes.

Mayor Fetner discussed a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month.

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

Mayor

Attest

