

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 07, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on October 07, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Mr. Jonathon Hornsby with 90.9 F.M., and Tammy Andrews.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn was absent.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett called roll with Council Member Billy J. Smith absent, and deemed a quorum present.

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

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 11: Approval to accept the resignation of Officer Brandon Bear effective October 04, 2019., and Item Number 12: Approval to promote part-time Patrol Officer Donald C. Jordan to full-time Assistant Chief/Patrol Officer effective October 04, 2019 at pay Range 13 Step 2. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Cain 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.

Informational:

1. Mr. Jonathan Hornsby from 90.9 F.M. addressed the Council to request permission to shut down the east side of the City Square on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. to show a movie. Council Members advised Mr. Hornsby to talk to other business owners and if there were no issues the east side of the square could be closed for the event.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported Census will be recruiting at the City Library on October 10, 2019, and the Library is also offering tutoring on Tuesday's sponsored by the Alethia House.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell advised the Youth Sports program is going well, and the water issue has been discussed.

Fire Chief Thompson advised the Forestry Commission has ordered a no burn order.

Police Chief Stanford did not report.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson advised the Maintenance Department will start site work for the storm shelter on October 08, 2019 and it will have to be inspected by the Mobile Home Association before the shelter can be installed. Supervisor Robinson also advised 10 gallons of paint have been used at the Wynn Building, they are working on restriping parking lots, and 90 percent of the shrubs have been trimmed. Supervisor Robinson also requested a plan for Christmas Decoration so he can make preparations for putting them up.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting the amount of \$23,925.93. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to contract with Jacksonville State University for the Police Department. Police Chief Stanford explained this contract would provide forensic scientist for crime scene, access to free training, and free testing kits to the Police Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission \$306.00 for Annual Dues 1st Quarter. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay ROCIC \$300.00 for the Police Department. Chief Stanford advised ROCIC provided intelligence information, and access to training. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Thomson Reuters \$396.00 for Alabama Rules of Court (State, Federal, and Federal Key Rules 2019 edition) for Ashland Municipal Court. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to pay Valent Group \$2,516.00 for renewal of the VFIS accident & sickness policy for the Fire Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Butler Electric \$5,496.00 for generator preparation and installation (to be reimbursed by grant). Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to give Maintenance Supervisor William Lester Robinson a 6% evaluation raise to Range 19 Step 3. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to take Jeffery Catching off probation and give him a one-step (3%) raise to Range 8 Step 3. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Brandon Bear effective October 04, 2019. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to promote part-time Patrol Officer Donald C. Jordan to full-time Assistant Chief/ Patrol Officer effective October 04, 2019 at pay Range 13 Step 2. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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