

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on November 16, 2020 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, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present with City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Larry J. Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Ballard gave the invocation.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business: Item 15: Approval to purchase 11 Getac Tablets, 11 Chargers, and 11 Keyboards at State Bid Price for the Police Department (10) and the Maintenance Department (1) at a total cost of \$31,088.40 from Pinnacle Networx for telework expense and online training due to COVID-19, Item 16: Approval to purchase 6 Apple 12.9 Inch iPad Pros from Prosys at State Bid Price for General Government at a total cost of \$5,679.30 for telework expense and online training due to COVID-19, and Resolution, Ordinance, Orders, and Other Business: Resolution No. 11-16-01-2020 a resolution awarding contractor for street improvements for CDBG project. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

1. Maintenance- Uniform Allowance: Maintenance Supervisor Robinson advised the Council that he had been approached by Unifirst, a uniform service, and that the annual quote was \$3600. Maintenance Supervisor Robinson recommended that the department continue to purchase clothing as needed from Carhartt with the \$2000.00 budgeted for uniforms.
2. Customer Parking at City Hall: Mayor Fetner asked all council members and staff to please follow guidelines of the parking signs installed and leave the first few parking spaces open for customers.
3. Christmas Parade Update: Fire Chief Thompson gave an update on the Christmas Parade that would be held December 5, 2020 with lineup at 3:30 P.M. and parade to begin at 4:30 P.M.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported that there would not be an Employee Christmas Dinner this year due to COVID-19.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on the Volunteer Christmas Decorating Day on November 19<sup>th</sup>, and asked the Mayor and Council if they would be okay with vendors and possibly food trucks setting up on the Square the day of the Christmas parade. Chief Stanford advised that it would not be a problem to close the East, North and West side of the Square. Mayor Fetner asked Council Member Cain to contact all restaurants on the Square to see if they would be open on December 5<sup>th</sup> before allowing food trucks.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Fire Chief Thompson discussed regular meeting items.

Police Chief Stanford reported regular meeting items and gave an update on the generator.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported on a FEMA conference call that he had been on regarding reimbursement for expenditures related to Hurricane Zeta storm damage and that the Maintenance Department was still cutting grass.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$10,203.37. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to pay SEMS \$1,443.00 for hose and ladder testing for the Fire Department. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the clothing allowance for the fire department in the amount of \$1,700.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Randy Hanners a 2-step evaluation raise to Range 8 Step 8 effective November 6, 2020. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to give Senior Center Aide Sherry Coryell a 1-step evaluation raise to Range 3 Step 5 effective November 14, 2020. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to purchase an electronic signature pad from Office Depot for Ashland Municipal Court at an estimated cost of \$280.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve purchasing lights from Vickerman Company at a total cost of \$684.00 plus shipping for lights to be installed on trees on the Square. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve purchase/install of a firewall from Southern Data Automation at the Ashland Wynn Building to connect it to Ashland City Hall at an estimated cost of \$2,933.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to purchase a Lenovo Thinkpad and Microsoft Office Software from Southern Data Automation for Ashland Municipal Court at an estimated cost of \$1,119.98. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to purchase color ink for Ashland City Hall from Office Depot at an estimated cost \$267.34. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire Johnny Hamlin as a Shift Sergeant at Range 14 Step 2 with a start date of December 1, 2020. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to give Viktorija Loyd an evaluation-based raise to Range 6 Step 2 and remove her from probation effective November 13, 2020. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to give Timothy S. Parish an evaluation-based raise to Range 11 Step 2 effective November 13, 2020. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to accept bids on the 2011 Dodge Charger and advertise the vehicle for sale with the City reserving the right to refuse any and all bids if necessary. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve to purchase 11 Getac Tablets, 11 Chargers, and 11 Keyboards at State Bid Price for the Police Department (10) and the Maintenance Department (1) at a total cost of \$31,088.40 from Pinnacle Networx for telework expense and online training due to COVID-19. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to purchase 6 Apple 12.9-inch iPad Pros from Prosys at State Bid Price for General Government at a total cost of \$5,679.30 for telework expense and online training due to COVID-19. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 11-16-01-2020 - a resolution awarding contractor for street improvements for CDBG project. Council Member Cantrell 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.

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