

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 01, 2021

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on March 01, 2021 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 were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Jeff Miller with Paragon Services USA, LLC, and Tammy Andrews with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Steed 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 Cain made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

1. Potential Wynn Building Rental- Mr. Jeff Miller with Paragon Services USA, LLC addressed the City Council concerning renting an office space at the Wynn Building to be used for accounting for the company.

2. Voting Delegate for League Conference- Mayor and Council discussed Voting Delegates for the League Conference.

Council Member Cain made a motion selecting Mayor Fetner to serve as the Voting Delegate at the Annual League Conference, Council Member Ballard as First Alternate, and Council Member Gaither as Second Alternate. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

3. Covid-19 Testing March 11, 2021, 3-6 P.M. at the Wynn Building Parking Lot- Council Member Gaither explained the process, and advised a person does not have to have symptoms to be tested. Council Member Gaither also explained volunteers are needed to assist. Council Member Ballard explained the test is a 48-hour test.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Larry Fetner reported on Urban Park by explaining it will have to be rebid.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported she will be attending a Main Street meeting this Wednesday and had attended two tourism meetings last week.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported flyers for Covid-19 testing will be ready tomorrow. Clerk Wynn also reported she is still working with FEMA for reimbursement on Hurricane Zeta Damage.

Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson reported the Maintenance Department has been laying floor at the Wynn Building and working to clean up the Watershed.

Police Chief Stanford reported the tablets are in, all the hardware was installed last week, and they will be ready to be installed in the Tahoe's soon. Chief Stanford also reported the barricades and cones purchased through the Homeland Security Grant are in.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on Agenda Items.

New Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$1,885.81. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Court Clerk Robin Catrett and Magistrate Sarah McKemie to attend court training in Madison, Alabama on May 07, 2021, pay registration fees of \$150.00 each, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Court Clerk Robin Catrett and Magistrate Sarah McKemie to attend the 2021 Regional Seminar for Municipal Court on April 8-9, 2021, pay registration fees of \$195.00 each, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to be a Silver Sponsor for the Clay County Fair at a cost of \$500.00. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase protective cases for iPads (for council) at a total cost of \$413.94. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to give Ronald Wideman a 2-step evaluation-based raise to Range 9 Step 9 effective March 06, 2021. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to promote Jeston Jennings to Senior Equipment Operator with a pay of Range 11 Step 3 effective March 06, 2021. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Ballard who abstained from voting.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving a Lease Agreement with Gary Martin. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase pagers and radios for the Ashland Fire Department from Mobile Communications America at a total cost of \$4,115.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving SEMS Fire to perform maintenance on Rescue 1, Engine 2, and Engine 3 at an estimated cost of \$3,988.39. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business:

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance No. 2021-03-01-01 to Lease Office in Wynn Building on the First Reading. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Ballard- Aye

Council Member Steed- Aye

Council Member Cain- Aye

Council Member Gaither- Aye

Council Member Cantrell- Aye

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2021-03-01-01- to Lease Office in Wynn Building. Council Member Steed seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Ballard- Aye

Council Member Steed- Aye

Council Member Cain- Aye

Council Member Gaither- Aye

Council Member Cantrell- Aye

Council Member Cain made a motion approving lease agreement for office in Wynn Building. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

Attest