

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on March 2, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in 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, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Firefighter James Lee, and Kiefer Smith 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 Cantrell gave the invocation.

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

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

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

Informational:

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn informed the Mayor and Council that after speaking with the Alabama League of Municipalities, the City could not provide transportation for Art Camp due the fact that the Art's League is a 501C3, a private entity.

The Mayor and Council discussed the planters around the square and the need to remove some plants that are struggling to survive and possibly replant at another location.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to remove all plants from the planters on the square. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

The Mayor and Council requested for City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn and Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson to proceed with getting an engineer to look at the sidewalk project for the Transportation Set-Aside Program.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported that he has reached out to the Clay County EMA regarding the recent Coronavirus Epidemic. Mayor Fetner stated that the EMA has assured them that they are prepared for such situation if there were to be an outbreak here.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported that she would be attending a meeting later this week with the EDC.

Council Member Gaither did not report.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Fire Department Training Officer James Lee reported that the Fire Department had a clean-up day on February 29, 2020. Training Officer Lee also reported on a recent brush fire.

Police Chief Stanford reported on recent and ongoing cases and classes that he had recently attended.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported that the department had recently painted several buildings at the park and has plans to get the Williamson Field concession stand painted. Maintenance Supervisor Robinson also informed the Council of the upcoming Wynn Building bathroom remodel that was approved in the budget and of erosion problems due to the amount of rain.

City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing herself and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett to attend the AAMCA Spring Institute and that they gained a lot of knowledge to bring back to the City.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$7,715.31. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve to pay SafeGuard Corporation \$705.10 for servicing of the fire extinguishers for Municipal Buildings. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve to pay SafeGuard Corporation 339.40 for servicing of the fire extinguishers for the Fire Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous

Council Member Cain made a motion to give Maintenance Equipment Operator Ron Wideman a 2-step evaluation-based raise to Range 9 Step 7 effective February 24, 2020. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve Court Clerk Robin Catrett and Magistrate Sarah McKemie to attend the AOC Regional Seminar for Municipal Officials in Birmingham on April 2, 2020 with registration fees of \$195.00 per attendee and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve to get the septic tank pumped by Yarbrough’s Septic Service at Northside Field at an estimated cost of \$275.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the lease agreement with Gary Martin for the Industrial Park. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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