

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 07, 2025

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry 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, Josh Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Raquil Ward, Jessica Heath, Doug Heath, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

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

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

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

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

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting minutes (07/02/2025). Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Tables for area around splashpad. -Mayor Fetner, City Clerk Wynn, and Council Members discussed options for tables for the splashpad area.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to purchase 9 round tables from Kirby Built.com at an estimated cost of \$995.00 each for the city park. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner advised he appreciates everyone working on the park. Mayor Fetner advised it is a dream come true.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported this Saturday is Second Saturday.

Council Member Gaither reported on America 250 Celebration.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda items to aide in community outreach.

Parks and Recreation/Youth Sports Director Ward reported on soccer and flag football signups and gave an update on park renovations. Director Ward also reported on agenda items.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on right of way work, bridge repairs at the city park, sod, and electrical/plumbing for the splash pad. Supervisor Stinson advised they were misinformed about the amount of power needed; therefore, they will need to have a new service put in for the splashpad. Supervisor Stinson advised he is contacting Alabama Power tomorrow about running underground power.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$16,380.92. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Municipal Workers Compensation Fund \$3,143.72 for final audit billing for workers compensation insurance. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase an ice machine for Ashland Senior Center from KaTom Restaurant Supply in the amount of \$3,517.40. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to purchase a Foam Daddy at request of Ashland Police Department at a cost of \$2,750.00 to be used for community outreach. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Southeast Management Services, LLC and estimated \$2,307.50 for hose and ladder testing for Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Cheaha Regional Library appropriation in the amount of \$2,000.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Fincher Fence quote in the amount of \$9,135.30 for city park. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to amend library hours at the request of the library board. (close on Sunday's, open at 8am on Monday and Wednesday) Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to accept the resignation from Fire Chief James Lee effective June 25, 2025. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to appoint Dennis Joshua Nelson as Acting Fire Chief for the Ashland Fire Department effective June 25, 2025. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to purchase playground boarder from RubberMulch.com at a total cost of \$2,205.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Certificate of Election and Resolution No. 07-07-01-2025: District 4 without Opposition (Annette F. Gaither)

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve Certificate of Election and Resolution No. 07-07-01-2025: District 4 without Opposition. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

2. Resolution No. 07-07-02-2025: Line of Credit Renewal

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving Resolution No. 07-07-02-2025: Line of Credit Renewal. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

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