PLANNING MEETING ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 04, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Planning Meeting on November 04, 2019 at 5:30 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, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

Items discussed included the Veteran's Day program scheduled for November 08, 2019 at 10 A.M. at Central High School of Clay County, Trunk or Treat, the Christmas Parade, office space rentals at the Wynn Building, storm shelter funding, upcoming Winter weather exercise, the Employee Christmas Dinner to be held December 13, 2019 at 6 P.M. at the Wynn Building, BCBS health insurance rate increase, and regular meeting agenda items.

Fire Chief Thompson, Police Chief Stanford, and Council Members discussed the possibility of allowing all terrain vehicles and golf carts to participate in the Christmas Parade. Fire Chief Thompson and Police Chief Stanford both expressed safety concerns associated with those vehicles.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson discussed the request to purchase a 2020 John Deere 310Sl Backhoe Loader-4WD. Supervisor Robinson explained the backhoe currently in use has been a great machine, but needs to be upgraded. Supervisor Robinson also explained the backhoe requested for purchase would include a cab that would keep the operator safe from the weather, and the quoted price for the backhoe is through the Sourcewell program which brought the price on the backhoe down.

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There was no business conducted at this meeting.