

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 07, 2020

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on December 07, 2020 at 5:30P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim Cain, Annette 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, John and Cindy Roach with Clay County Christian Academy, Frederick Boyd, Luke Ferguson, 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 Bobbie J. Steed gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Informational Item Number 3: Luke Ferguson-Corn Hole, and New Business Item Number 8: Approve of budgeted Maintenance Clothing Allowance up to \$2000.00. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational:

1. Mayor Fetner presented a Proclamation to Coach John Roach and his wife Cindy of Clay County Christian Academy for winning the six-man football state championship.
2. Mayor Fetner advised the City Council of League Advocacy Day on February 9, 2021, and asked everyone to let City Clerk/Administrator Wynn know if they would like to attend.
3. Luke Ferguson and Frederick Boyd discussed the possibility of growing the sport of cornhole in Clay County and requested the City to consider allowing the use of the Wynn Building and the tennis courts for the activity.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner stated from preparation for the parade to Christmas decorations and clean streets following the parade, it shows a lot of pride in the City of Ashland, and it makes him proud to be the Mayor of Ashland. Mayor Fetner commended the City Staff, Maintenance, Police, and Fire Departments for all the hard work completed.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked the Volunteers, Maintenance, City Hall, Police, and Fire Departments for work on decorations for the Christmas season. Council Member Cain also discussed a private parade organized for former Council Member Becky Boddie and Mrs. Elizabeth Moore.

Council Member Gaither thanked everyone for their work on the Christmas Parade and preparation leading up to the parade.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn did not report.

Fire Chief Thompson reported on agenda item number 4 by advising the equipment would be three chainsaws and four blowers. The items will be paid from the Fire Department Tax Fund. Chief Thompson thanked everyone for helping with the Christmas Parade.

Police Chief Stanford reported on agenda item number 6 by advising it has been several years since the department purchased jackets for the employees.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported the sewer portion of CDBG has begun, and preconstruction on the paving portion should be next week. Supervisor Robinson also advised another street sweeper will be available at J.M. Wood Auction and asked permission to utilize the funds previously approved by the City Council should the opportunity to purchase arise. (Everyone agreed the previously approved funds could be utilized). Supervisor Robinson also advised a tree will be cut down by Alabama Power on Tuesday, December 08, 2020 on 2nd Ave North and requested assistance from the Police Department for traffic control.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$18,316.54. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase ammunition from Gulf State Distributors for the Police Department at a total cost of \$1,264.00 (handgun and patrol rifle ammunition). Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the lease agreement with Scotty Parker. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase equipment for the Fire Department from Ag-Pro at a total cost of \$1,406.47 (paid from Fire Department Tax Fund). Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Officer Adam Otwell an evaluation-based raise to Range 14 Step 2 effective December 11, 2020. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to purchase (7) Tact Squad Perfect Storm Jackets from Galls at a total cost of \$1,273.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay Clay County Graphics and estimated \$585.00 for City Employee shirts. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving budgeted Maintenance Clothing Allowance up to \$2,000.00. 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 Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

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