

REGULAR MEETING  
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 15, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on February 15, 2016, 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, Gail E. Thompson, and Rebecca G. Boddie. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Patrol Sergeant Tony Hubbard, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash, Tina Nolen, Terry Acuff, Irving Thompson, Chris Gay, Stan Nelson, Paul Wellborn, Tammy Andrews and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

Council Member Brad Wolfe was absent.

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

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Council Member Steed, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous council meeting. Council Member Boddie seconded this motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous special called meeting. Council Member Thompson seconded this motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Under informational items, the Council set the date of March 7, 2016 at 3:00PM to interview for the current part time maintenance position that is open and will close out February 26, 2016. Also discussed were the closing out of brick sales.

Under Committee Reports, Mayor Fetner and Council Member Boddie informed everyone that they were working with the Maintenance Department to put a flag up in our City cemetery. Police Chief Stanford reported that they have been working on different things such as plans for their department at the New City Hall and are just trying to stay ahead. Fire Chief Thompson gave an update of recent fires that have taken place in the City and explained the Flow Tester that is on the agenda to be purchased. He also reported that ADEM is now going to require permits to burn houses which is the main way that our volunteer fire fighters are

now trained. Also discussed was the possibility of placing AED's in some of the City buildings.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported that there will be a meeting Thursday with the East Alabama Planning and Development Commission and that the Council and Mayor are encouraged to come. Also, Mrs. Wynn advised the Council that they needed to be thinking of some good individuals in the City to serve on the planning commission. Mrs. Wynn explained to the Council that on the agenda, City Hall Staff is requesting purchasing a fax machine because the current one has stopped working. Also, Mrs. Wynn informed the Council that City Hall Staff is requesting The Glass Doctor to install framed glass where the Court Office will be in the New City Hall and that it can be paid out of the Municipal Court account.

Mayor Fetner commended Maintenance Supervisor Nash on all of the hard work that he has done with FEMA on the city's roads that were affected by recent storms. Maintenance Supervisor Nash reported that the Maintenance Department has been working with the change in weather to accomplish different tasks such as working on the ball fields. Mr. Nash reported that a few of the city's Coca-Cola machines in the concession stands are currently being serviced by Coca-Cola. The Maintenance Department has installed the Water Department column and replaced the roof on the t-ball field concession stand. Also, the Scout Building is ready for the Boy Scouts to move in. Mr. Nash also advised that he has done a light check all over town and has notified Alabama Power on the lights that are out. Mr. Nash reported that the Maintenance Department has been working diligently at New City Hall, patching pot holes, and have fixed road signs that have been down from storms. Mr. Nash also reported that they have replaced the bulbs in the candle box lights on the square with LED bulbs. Also, Mr. Nash reported that the Maintenance men are currently edging the sidewalks and will continue until they are finished. Mr. Nash also advised the Council and Fire Chief that he would like to have a controlled burn at the Bird Trail.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$15,030.80. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to hire Caitlin Morris as a Part Time Library Aide at the rate of \$7.25 per hour for approximately 2 hours per week with a start date of February 16, 2016. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve Court Clerk Robin Catrett to attend a regional seminar to maintain certification on March 31, 2016 to April 1, 2016 at \$185.00 and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve having a glass window and frame installed by The Glass Doctor for the Court office at the New

City Hall in the amount of \$2,185.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to pay engineering fees of \$611.05 to Nelson and Nelson on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South Project. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to purchase a Hydrant Pro Flow Tester at a cost of \$429 from Southern Pipe for the Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to purchase Brother IntelliFAX 4100e Business Class Laser Fax Machine at a cost of \$284.99. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-15-01-2016 to apply for a CDBG Grant. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

There being no further business, Council Member Thompson moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

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