

REGULAR MEETING  
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
May 18, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting at 6:00 P.M. on May 18, 2016 in the Ashland City Hall auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy Joe Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, Rebecca G. Boddie, and Brad Wolfe. Also present were City Clerk Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Court Clerk/Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett, Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Sergeant Tony Hubbard, Tiffany Young of Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Grady Turner, Tammy Andrews, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

Council Member Gail Thompson and Fire Chief Brett Thompson were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and Council Member Rebecca G. Boddie gave the invocation.

Council Member Wolfe moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Informational Item No. 5 Response to Citizen Grady Turners request for records, and the deletion of original New Business agenda Item No. 3 Accept/Reject new Kerr Construction quote for demolition of Southland Building in the amount of \$10,500.00, and the addition of amended agenda Item No. 3 Approval to pay \$263.97 to Steve Smith for reimbursement for repair of window, Item No. 4 Approval to hire Tiffany Higgs as a part time Library co-op student at \$7.25 per hour with start date of May 23, 2016, Item No. 5 Approval/ Denial of alcohol application, Item No. 6 Approval to pay Nelson & Nelson \$426.06 on Industrial Park Project, Item No. 7 Approval for Westside Pride Day to take place on June 18, 2016, Item No. 8 Approval for Clay Service and Electronics to replace transmission in the 2010 Crown Vic. Police patrol unit 177 at an estimated cost of \$2969.77. Council Member Bobbie Steed seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes of the previous regular council meeting. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes for previous special called meeting held on May 10, 2016. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner introduced Tiffany Young of Clay County Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Young thanked the Council for allowing the Chamber to use the Ashland City Park for movie night and for allowing them to change the date due to inclement weather. Mrs. Young advised movie night was a success with nearly 50 participants. Mrs. Young informed the Council the Chambers next movie night will be held at Lineville City Park on June 24, 2016. Mrs. Young also invited the Council to the Chambers grand opening at its current location on June 24, 2016 at 12:00 P.M.

Mayor Fetner discussed complaints regarding the use of jake brakes within the city limits. Mayor Fetner also suggested several citizens who could possibly serve on the Planning Commission. Mayor Fetner reminded the Council the next East Alabama Regional Planning and Development meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 24, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. at Ashland City Hall.

Council Member Billy J. Smith discussed the desire to conduct Westside Pride Day on June 18, 2016.

Mayor Fetner also responded to Citizen Grady Turners request for records. Mayor Fetner advised the request has been turned over to Ashland's City Attorney, John Kelley Johnson, and will be handled in a timely manner.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported he has been researching Playground Equipment to fill two vacant spaces at Ashland City Park. Mayor Fetner advised the Council a bid opening for the Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. project will be held Thursday May 19, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at Ashland City Hall and invited anyone who would like to attend. Mayor Fetner also commended the Ashland Police Department and Investigator David Martin for capturing a sexual predator.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Boddie reported a property that needs to be cleaned. Council Member Boddie advised she would contact the Police Department to inform them of the address.

Council Member Wolfe did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported he will attend Cleep Chief's training on June 2 & 3 at Fort McClellan at no expense to the City. Chief Stanford commended Investigator David Martin for his work in capturing a sexual predator. Chief Stanford advised Law Day at the Farmers Market was great and thanked the Clay County Exchange Club for hosting the event. Chief Stanford also advised the Council his desire to start "coffee with a cop" or "tea with the Chief" once a month or once a week as a part of community policing. Chief Stanford also discussed the need to replace the transmission in the 2010 Crown Vic.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash reported business as usual in the Maintenance Department. Supervisor Nash advised SGA cleanup day was a wonderful success and thanked the Boddies, the Police Department, David Martin, Josh Nelson, Tina Nolen, and everyone involved in the project for making it a success. Supervisor Nash also thanked the Central High School of Clay County SGA group for helping to keep the City clean. Supervisor Nash also reported that a maintenance employee was cutting grass and a piece of debris hit Mr. Steve Smith's truck window, and Mr. Smith had the window repaired. Supervisor Nash requests the City to reimburse Mr. Smith for the damages.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn updated the Council on the cemetery flag project and advised Congressman Rogers donated the American Flag and Senator Gerald Dial Donated the Alabama Flag. City Clerk Wynn advised M2 has completed the conduit and outdoor construction needed for internet access to the New City Hall building. City Clerk Wynn also advised of a citizen complaint regarding no barbecue grills at the Ashland City Park.

Council Member Wolfe moved to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$12,371.52. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to resend Kerr Constructions previous quote for demolition on the Southland Building of \$7,700.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion pay \$263.97 to Mr. Steve Smith for reimbursement for window repair. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to hire Tiffany Higgins as a part time Library co-op student at \$7.25 per hour with a start date of May 23, 2016. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to approve A and I Foodmart's alcohol license application. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to pay Nelson & Nelson \$426.06 for work on the industrial park project. Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving Westside Pride Day to take place on June 18, 2016. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to allow Clay Service and Electronics to replace the transmission in the 2010 Crown Vic at an estimated cost of \$2969.77. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to approve Resolution Number 05-18-01-2016 approving participation in the Sales Tax Holiday on August 5, 2016 to August 7, 2016. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

There being no further business, Council Member Boddie moved to adjourn. Council Member Wolfe seconded, and all votes were unanimous.

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