SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

March 14, 2016
9:00 A.M.

The Ashland City Council met for a Special Called Meeting at 9:00 A.M. on March 14, 2016 in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy Joe Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, and Gail E. Thompson. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, and Justin McCullers of the Clay Times Journal.
Council Member Billy Joe Smith was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Thompson gave the invocation.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner stated that the meeting was called to review the alcohol ordinance that City Clerk Wynn, Assistant City Clerk Catrett, and Police Chief Stanford compiled from other city's ordinances. Mayor Fetner advised that the goal was to get this ordinance in front of the council so that they could make their changes, and then send it to John Kelly to review in time to have for a first reading at the next council meeting on March 21, 2016.

City Clerk Wynn read the ordinance aloud and the council members gave their concerns and comments regarding different sections. Council Member Thompson expressed concern regarding special events such as weddings to be held on City property and if alcohol could be served providing proper legal steps were taken such as getting the correct special events license. Also discussed between the council members were the hours to be set for the serving of alcohol. All council members agreed that they would like for the city attorney to look into adding hours for the sale of alcohol. Council Member Thompson questioned public property in relation to buildings on the square such as the theatre. Fire Chief Thompson asked questions concerning the building and fire codes that are included in the zoning ordinance and explained that exit doors may need to be added in buildings selling alcohol.

The council stated that they didn't think that it would be necessary to have an additional application from the City as long as copies of the state's application were held on file. The council agreed that the alcohol review committee included in the ordinance was a good way to do investigations for the council. Council Member Thompson stated that she would like the Chairman of the Industrial

Board on the Committee. Council Member Steed stated that she thought this committee would be a good group of individuals that would be able to work effectively and efficiently. Mayor Fetner stated that for the citizen appointed by the Mayor, he would like the council to assist in appointing that citizen. Also discussed were increasing license fees to the same amount that Lineville is charging and having the city attorney reviewing the increased amounts. Council Member Smith and Council Member Steed stated that penalties for breaking the ordinance should be clearly stated in the ordinance. The council agreed that the section requiring a bond for selling alcohol would need to be reviewed by the city attorney for his opinion. The penalties and punishments were discussed as well as the process for doing so.

There were no committee reports.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to open a position for a co-cop student to work part time at City Hall and to interview on March 21, 2016 at 4:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Council Member Steed, and all votes were unanimous.

City Clerk Wynn advised that a co-op student would be very helpful to assist with some time consuming tasks at City Hall since the work load has increased.

Council member Thompson made a motion to approve the purchase of 8 trees and delivery from Hunter Trees at a cost of $2,310.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith, and all voted were unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion of Council Member Thomson and seconded by Council Member Smith. All votes were unanimous.

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Mayor

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