

REGULAR MEETING ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

MAY 18, 2009

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on May 18, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Zeola D. Echols, Bobbie J. Steed, Gail E. Thompson, Rebecca G. Boddie and Mike Beale. Also present was City Clerk Charles E. Foster, Asst. City Clerk Donna J. Bennett, Police Chief Benny Davis, Fire Chief Joel McMath, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Raughton, Librarian Tina Nolen, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Leland Steed and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

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

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the agenda with the following changes. Item No. 1 under Informational Items was discussed during the Planning Meeting and was moved to Item No. 2 under New Business. Motion was seconded by Council Member Beale and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Council Member Echols the motion carried unanimously.

Under committee reports, Council Member Echols reported that the bleachers at Westside Ballfield needed to be repaired or replaced. Maintenance Supervisor Robinson will check on the status of the bleachers.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Thompson reported on the need for storage for "Histories" of the different clubs in Ashland. They are currently being stored at the City Library.

Council Member Boddie asked about the funding needed for the retention of meals at the Senior Center.

Council Member Beale reported on the price of a maintenance building for the Water Board at a cost of approximately \$32,700.00.

Council Member Beale also reported on a meeting that he had attended in Montgomery concerning stimulus funds.

City Clerk Foster did not report.

Chief Davis asked permission to attend a Grant Writing Workshop on May 27th in Anniston at a cost of \$15.00. Permission was granted.

Fire Chief McMath reported that repairs had to be made to the rescue truck which carries all needed equipment for emergency rescues. This repair was made at a cost of \$945.48 and will be paid out of the Fire Department Fund.

Chief McMath also reported that another pager needed to be replaced or repaired at a cost of \$116.00.

Chief McMath asked that his department be able to remove the sofa and loveseat from the department and be allowed to purchase folding tables and chairs. Chief McMath was given permission to get prices for items.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson presented the Mayor and Council with a list of completed items for his department.

Supervisor Robinson also reported that the annuals had been planted at the newly landscaped areas, the backup generator at the Police Department is not working, asked permission for the seasonal employee to work extra hours the week of Memorial Day and the pavilion at Northside Park was also complete, but already had graffiti on it. Permission was given to Mr. Robinson to contact someone concerning the repair of the generator at the Police Department.

Code Enforcement Officer Raughton reported that the batteries had been received for the warning sirens and he would get them installed.

Librarian Nolen also reported on the records kept at the library for the different clubs.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$8135.53. Council Members Steed and Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion giving City Clerk Foster the authority to pursue the purchase of the Adams property located behind High Points at a cost of \$6000.00. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Under old business, Chief Davis did not have an answer on noise in the city at this time.

Council Member Echols made a motion approving a policy on roadblocks on the square. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-18-01-2009 adopting a Sales Tax Holiday in the City of Ashland. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to adopt a Resolution honoring all Alabama Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Boddie moved to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest: _____