

## REGULAR MEETING ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on September 21, 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, Fire Chief Joel McMath, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Raughton, Librarian Tina Nolen, Clay County Judge of Probate George Ingram, Clay County Commission Chairman Terry Meeks, Chandler McMath, Tina Rollins, Marty Rollins of Alabama 810 Radio and Ray Stansell of the Clay-Times Journal.

Police Chief Benny Davis was absent.

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

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda with the following additions. Under New Business, Item No. 6 - Approval of purchase of new municipal court software and computer at a cost of \$8000.00; Item No. 7 - Approval to purchase four (4) sets of turnouts for the Fire Department; Item No. 8 - Approval to order fire prevention kits for the Fire Department and Item No. 9 – Approval to host 2010 June Walking Tours. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for Nuisance Abatements held on September 8, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the previous planning meeting. Seconded by Council Member Echols and votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

Under informational items, Mayor Larry Fetner briefly spoke on the accomplishments of Clay County Probate Judge George Ingram and his upcoming retirement. Mayor Fetner presented Judge Ingram with a City of Ashland pin and all wished him well.

Sherry Parker of Walgreens was not in attendance.

Everyone was told of a photo that is to be taken at 10:00 A.M. on October 2, 2009 of the officials of the cities and county that will be published in the Clay Times-Journal that will be placed in the cornerstone of the Clay County Courthouse.

Under committee reports Council Members Echols, Steed and Thompson did not report.

Council Member Boddie reported that the maintenance department had done a good job on cleaning the right-of-ways on Alabama Highway 9 North.

Council Member Beale thanked the Mayor for setting up the meeting with the Water Board, Clay County Water Authority and Koch Foods.

Police Chief Davis was absent, but the Mayor reported on the receipt of an \$113,000 grant for the Police Department. This grant is 100% funded with no matching funds.

Fire Chief McMath reported on a software update for his department's difibulator.

Chief McMath also reported that he was working to set up a schedule for getting the Police Department CPR certified.

Chief McMath also spoke briefly on the possibility of the Fire Department members helping the Clay County Rescue Squad with medical calls.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported that he had been in contact with Bill Morris and that Mr. Morris is stilling working on getting the cannons moved and the RTP Projects' bid packet was almost ready to be submitted to ADECA.

Code Enforcement Officer Raughton asked that a meeting be set to go over the drawing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the Streetscape. A meeting was set for Wednesday at 9:00 A.M. at City Hall.

Librarian Tina Nolen reported that her department had received a LSTA Grant for computer updates in the computer lab.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$3704.30. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Under new business and the release of FY 2008-2009 budget appropriations the following died for lack of a motion –

Clay County Rescue Squad	2500.00
Ashland-Lineville Airport	2500.00
TCR Community Action Agency	2000.00
Clay County EMA	2000.00
Project R.O.L.E. Model	1500.00

Council Member Thompson made a motion to release the FY 2008-2009 budget appropriation for the Cheaha Regional Library in the amount of \$2000.00. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to purchase a 40 X 60 X 14 metal building in the amount of \$28,000 for the Water Department. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

The appointment to the Water Works and Sewer Board died for the lack of a motion.

Council Member Beale made a motion to accept a grant in the amount of \$113,000 for the Police Department. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion approving the purchase of new computer software and a computer for the municipal court. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous. This purchase is to be made from municipal court funds.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to purchase four (4) sets of turnouts for the Fire Department at a cost of \$5616.00. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous. This purchase is to be made from the fire department tax fund.

Council Member Beale made a motion to purchase fire prevention kits to be used during fire prevention week at a cost of \$765.00. Council Member Echols seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous. This purchase is to be made from the fire department tax fund.

Council Member Echols made a motion for the City of Ashland to participate in the 2010 June Walking Tours. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale and all votes were unanimous. Council Member Boddie will sign-up the City with the Alabama Tourism Department.

Council Member Echols made a motion to leave the stop sign at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW the way it is. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-09-08-01 levying a privilege, license or excise tax against persons, firms, or corporations storing, using, or otherwise consuming or engaged in the business of selling at retail tangible personal property or conducting places of amusement in the Town of Ashland, Alabama; or within its police jurisdiction; provides for the collection of the said taxes; provides for penalties for the violation of this ordinance; and repeals a prior ordinance levying similar taxes. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols. Upon roll call vote, voting went as follows – Council Member Echols voting yea; Council Member Steed voting yea; Council Member Thompson voting nay; Council Member Boddie voting nay; Council Member Beale voting yea and Mayor Fetner voting yea. Motion passed 4-2. Sales tax collection will begin December 1, 2009 with the first payment of taxes to the State on the twentieth of January 2010.

Council Member Echols made a motion approving a resolution to Abate Nuisance Property in the City of Ashland (Deutsche Bank National Trust Company) located on Alabama Highway 77 North. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to approve a resolution to Abate Nuisance Property in the City of Ashland (Bret Eric Ellison, Betty Gail Treadwell & Union Planters Bank) located at 118 Cragford Road. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

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

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Mayor

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