

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 2009

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on January 5, 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, 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, Leland Steed, Louise Campbell, Josh Nelson, Marsha Spurlin and several members of the Clay E911 Board and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

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 Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous planning meeting. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with a change on page three (3) to note that Council Member Mike Beale was replaced by Council Member Rebecca G. Boddie. Seconded by Council Member Steed and all votes were unanimous.

Under Informational Items, Mayor Fetner asked that a decision be made on the use of the Library by the Clay Coosa Community Services. It was asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

It was discussed that the City of Ashland along with the City of Lineville might set one date for the Christmas parades for 2009. Mayor Fetner is to speak with Mayor Roy Adamson of Lineville. This item was placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

It was decided that each Council Member and the Mayor would name one person to serve on a Park Board. These names are to be given at the next council meeting. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Marsha Spurlin addressed the Mayor and Council concerning communication problems between the Ashland Fire Department and the E911 dispatching. Fire Chief McMath asked of the Mayor and Council that the fire department be dispatched through the Ashland Police Department. After discussion it was decided that Chief McMath is to contact McCord Communications concerning the restoration of the paging system at the police department and report back before setting a date for the change. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Under committee reports, Council Members Echols, Steed, Thompson, Boddie and Beale did not report. City Clerk Foster, Code Enforcement Officer Raughton and Librarian Tina Nolen did not report.

Police Chief Davis reported on the meeting that he and the Mayor had with representatives of ALDOT. ALDOT has agreed to reduce the speed limits on several on the state highways that intersect the City. More details will be given at a later date.

Chief McMath reported that his department had applied for a grant in early 2008 to purchase new turnouts, handheld radios, etc. but still had not heard if grant was awarded.

Chief McMath asked permission to purchase a new charger and a new pager (which includes a charger) for his department from McCord Communications at an approximate cost of \$517.00. Permission was given for purchase. Purchase will be made from the Fire Department Tax Fund.

Chief McMath also asked permission to purchase two (2) Mercury Quick Attack Monitors for his department, one which is a demo at a cost of \$1800.00 and a new one at a cost of \$2100.00. Permission was given for this purchase. Purchase will be made from the Fire Department Tax Fund.

Chief McMath stated that he would be attending a Building Construction Class at the Hoover Fire Station on January 19-23 and asked permission to use the department's truck for transportation. Permission granted.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$6538.00. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to reschedule the next regular council meeting to January 20, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Only one bid was received for the reroofing project at the Wynn Building. This bid from Hurst Roofing of Talladega was in the amount of \$83,600. A grant has been received in the amount of \$40,550. No decision was made on the awarding of the bid at this time.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve a resolution awarding engineering services contract to Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for a flat fixed fee of \$44,000, contingent on approval from ADECA for CDBG SM-CE-PF-08-010. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to approve a resolution awarding administrative services contract to L.P. Campbell Company for a flat fixed fee of \$16,000 for CDBG SM-CE-PF-08-010. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to approve a resolution adopting new and revised policy governing the CDBG Program with the removal of item number 5. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Echols made a motion to approve a resolution appointing responsible persons for the CDBG Program implementation. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

Attest: _____