

REGULAR MEETING ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2, 2009

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on February 2, 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 Randy Hanners, Mary P. Smith, Billy Robertson, Richard Arnold, Jeanette Carroll, Brad Strother and Christi Wellborn all from the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Leland Steed, Chandler McMath and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

A Planning Meeting was not held on this date.

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

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda with additions of Item No. 3 under informational items – Report from the Historical Society concerning the old jail and Item No. 4 under informational items – Mayor to report back to the City of Lineville concerning the dog issue. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Under informational items, Mayor Fetner introduced Mary P. Smith of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Smith distributed handouts to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Smith gave an informative speech concerning many different events that have been planned. Ms. Smith also introduced the Chamber's officers and directors who were also in attendance.

Mayor Fetner reported to the council that City auditors, Edgar & Associates will present the council with the FY 2008 Audit Report at a 4:00 P.M. Planning Meeting on February 16, 2009.

Mayor Fetner reported that he had been contacted by Johnie Sentell of the Clay County Historical Society stating that the Society was not interested in receipt of the old Clay County Jail due to the costs of asbestos and lead paint removal.

Council Member Boddie asked that Mayor Fetner contact the City of Lineville concerning the dog ordinance issue.

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

Council Member Boddie expressed her thanks to the maintenance department for the extra work they did at the cemetery on Friday.

Council Member Beale expressed his thanks to Chief Davis and Chief McMath for their continued work on solving the issue with the Clay County E911 dispatching.

City Clerk Foster discussed the upcoming renewal of a bank CD. It was decided to renew short term. City Clerk Foster is to contact RBC bank for terms and rates.

Police Chief Davis did not report.

Fire Chief McMath asked that he be allowed to attend training to be certified in lead and asbestos. He also discussed the replacement of fire hoses and air bottles at his department.

Maintenance Supervisor Hanners stated that the bathroom(s) were almost complete at the library basement. Permission was given to remove the Bradford pear trees on the west side of the library.

Code Enforcement Officer Raughton also discussed the training for asbestos and lead removal.

Librarian Nolen reported that Don East would be holding a book signing at the courthouse on Friday.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$6578.78. Council Member Steed seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to begin replacing the roofs on the smaller buildings at the park with metal. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

At this time, Council Member Thompson asked that they go into executive session to discuss the good name and character of an employee and that the meeting would reconvene in twenty (20) minutes. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and upon roll call vote, voting went as follows: Council Member Echols, yea; Council Member Steed, yea; Council Member Thompson, yea; Council Member Boddie, yea; Council Member Beale, yea and Mayor Fetner, yea. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to reassign Joseph Stanford temporarily from the police department to the maintenance department at a rate of pay of \$8.21 per hour. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to purchase a set of tires for a police car at the state bid price of \$354.00. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving a proclamation, proclaiming the month of February 2009 as "Alabama Marriage Month" in Ashland. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

An ordinance was introduced for first reading to change speed limits within the City of Ashland and its police jurisdiction.

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

Mayor

Attest:_____