

REGULAR MEETING ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 5, 2010

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on April 5, 2010 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, Rebecca G. Boddie, Gail E. Thompson and Mike Beale. Also present were City Clerk Charles E. Foster, Asst. City Clerk Donna J. Bennett, Police Chief Benny Davis, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Brad Robertson and Ray Stansell of the Clay-Times Journal.

Fire Chief Joel McMath, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Raughton and Librarian Tina Nolen were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda with additions. Add Item No. 1 under Resolutions – Approval of a Resolution awarding an administrative service contract for CDBG SM-ED-PF-09-003 for the Sewer Extension Project and authorizing the Mayor to sign any and all contract documents and Item No. 2 – Approval of a Resolution awarding an engineering contract for CDBG SM-ED-PF-09-003 for the Sewer Extension Project and authorizing the Mayor to sign any and all contract documents. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the minutes of the previous planning meeting. Council Member Steed seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

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

Brad Robertson, of Clay Community Church asked permission of the Mayor and Council to use a section of Northside Park on Friday nights to show movies to the public. After discussion, it was decided that this could begin after April 16th. Permission was granted and it was decided that if any major complaints came in, then the issue will be readdressed.

An update was given on the damage to the watersheds property. Mayor Fetner stated that he had been in contact with City of Lineville Mayor Roy Adamson and was asked that the City of Ashland pursue any process needed to recoup expenses for the damages.

After discussion, permission was given for Brad Wolfe to begin working on the birding trail at the watersheds. Council Member Beale emphasized that laborers would not be paid with appropriate paperwork submission. Funds will be used from the Nature Trail Funds.

Under committee reports, Council Members Echols asked what days could they hold Pride Day Cleanup in Westside. After discussion, it was decided that cleanup would be held the week of May 10-14. These dates coincide with the date scheduled to cleanup up the streets with the Clay County High SGA. Maintenance Supervisor Robinson stated that this would assist his department in only having one pickup.

Council Member Steed and Thompson did not report.

Council Member Boddie reported that the maintenance department was working hard and that everything, especially the city cemetery, was looking good.

Council Member Boddie also briefly reported on the 2010 Smalltown/Downtown project.

Council Member Beale reported on some happenings at the watershed property.

City Clerk Foster did not report.

Chief Davis reported that Officers Pitts and Smith had graduated from the academy and were back at work, the local auto dealership had been contacted and was not able to assist in the purchase of a new police car, an order had been placed for a police car on the state bid, the voice recorder has been installed, still waiting on the arrival of the fingerprint live scan, a contract has been signed for the software update and Representative Laird had furnished the office for Investigator Martin.

Supervisor Robinson reported that the area for the restroom at Northside Park was ready for the building to be delivered, campaign signs have been removed from the city right-of-ways and could be picked up at the maintenance building, the sump pump has been installed in the basement of the library and several windows in the old Westside pool building had been knocked out.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the payment of bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$56055.20. Council Member Echols seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to accept the resignation of Johnny Hamlin from the police department effective April 16, 2010. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to open the position of police officer and allow the advertisement for two weeks. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale moved to approve a Resolution awarding the administrative services contract for CDBG SM-ED-PF-09-003 for the Sewer Extension Project to L.P. Campbell Company in the amount of \$25,000 and authorizing the Mayor to sign any and all contract documents. This motion was seconded by Council Members Echols and Boddie. Upon call all votes were yea, except Council Member Thompson who abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to approve a Resolution awarding the engineering services contract for CDBG SM-ED-PF-09-003 for the Sewer Extension Project to Nelson & Company in the amount of \$106,000 and authorizing the Mayor to sign any and all contract documents. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale. Upon call all votes were yea, except Council Member Thompson who abstained from voting. Motion passed.

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

Mayor

Attest:_____