

REGULAR MEETING ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

MAY 3, 2010

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on May 3, 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, Gail E. Thompson, Rebecca G. Boddie, and Mike Beale. Also present were City Clerk Charles E. Foster, Asst. City Clerk Donna J. Bennett, Police Chief Benny Davis, Fire Chief Joel McMath, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Raughton, Ray Latham, Beverly Latham, Shemika Vaughan, and Ray Stansell of the Clay-Times Journal.

Librarian Tina Nolen was absent.

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

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the agenda with additions. Add Item No. 2 under Informational Items – Brady Pitts – Autism Special Events Day in Northside Park on May 8; Item No. 2 under New Business, Changing of next meeting date due to League Convention; and Item No. 3 under New Business, Purchase of parts for fire truck. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Under Informational Items, Ms. Shemika Vaughan asked on behalf of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church that they be allowed use of Northside Park on Sunday, May 23 to have their services. Permission granted.

Ms. Vaughan went on to request the use of the facilities at Westside June 27-30 for Vacation Bible School. Ms. Vaughan was directed to discuss this with Stan Gaither of the Ashland Housing Authority since they own this property.

Brady Pitts was not in attendance. Mayor Fetner requested permission from the Council that Mr. Pitts be able to use Northside Park on Saturday, May 8 for Special Autism Events and a Tennis Tournament. Permission was granted.

Council Member Beale stated that the City had been granted the option to purchase the Willis property located next to the Northside Park for a little more than the appraised value. This property is in two parcels and contains 7 acres +/- . It was discussed whether a grant could be obtained for this purchase.

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

Council Member Thompson commended the maintenance department for everything looking good. Ms. Thompson also reported that all comments that had been made to her concerning the Phase I Streetscape Project had been favorable.

Council Member Thompson also asked the status of the offer from the City to purchase property on the south side of the square.

Council Member Boddie reported that the new restroom at the park looked nice.

City Clerk Foster did not report.

Police Chief Davis reported that his department had a busy couple of weeks. The LiveScan fingerprinting was in training mode and will be live on Wednesday.

Fire Chief McMath asked that several items be purchased for the fire trucks. One purchase was a compressor for an air conditioner at an approximate cost of \$1625.00 which will be paid from the Fire Department Tax Fund.

Other purchases requested by Chief McMath were man saver bars at \$625.00 each and three (3) gauges at a cost of \$1407.50.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson requested that Ronald Wideman be hired as full time at the next meeting, reported that the restroom in the park was also complete (still working on water pressure problem), landscaping and an handicap access still need to be completed, and Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 12 with all crews to meet at the park at 8:00 A.M..

Code Officer Raughton reported that he had met with ALDOT concerning the entrance roads into the Industrial Park located on AL Hwy 9 North. Mr. Raughton also asked permission to begin working back on the old jail property and to purchase gravel for the lot. Permission granted.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$30228.58. Council Member Echols seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

All in attendance agreed to change the next regularly scheduled meeting to May 19 at 4:00 P.M. due to members being at the annual Alabama League Convention on the regular date.

Council Member Beale made a motion to purchase requested parts for the fire trucks. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-04-19-01, regarding permits for parades, processions or other public demonstrations in the streets of the City of Ashland, Alabama. This motion was seconded by Council Member Steed and all votes were unanimous. This ordinance will be effective beginning this date.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving a Resolution accepting the recommendation for change orders in the contract between the City of Ashland and J.A. Lett Construction Company resulting in a change in the amount of the contract from \$164,610.00 to a final amount of \$157,705.44 and authorizing Mayor Fetner to approve these change orders. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to approve Resolution No. 05-03-01-2010 adopting a Sales Tax Holiday in the City of Ashland, Alabama. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

Attest:_____