

## REGULAR MEETING ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 6, 2011

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on June 6, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Others 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, Fire Chief Joel McMath, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Raughton, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Officer Joseph Stanford, Jeremy Nash, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

Police Chief Benny Davis and Librarian Tina Nolen were absent.

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

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item No. 3 under New Business – Opening of position and advertisement of full-time police department dispatcher. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Under informational items, Mayor Fetner reminded everyone of the work orders to be used for city department.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported on the maintenance department's mutual aid after the April 27 tornado in Calhoun County.

Calvin Jones of WXXA Radio was not in attendance.

Mayor Fetner reminded everyone of the June Walking Tours that are set for each Saturday in June at 10:00 A.M. and beginning at High Points. Several persons were mentioned to do the tours.

It was briefly discussed how to go about numbering all the city facilities.

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

Council Members Thompson, Boddie and Beale all expressed their appreciation to the Maintenance Department for their mutual aid to Calhoun County, especially the City of Ohatchee. Also for repairing some pot holes.

Clerk Foster did not report.

Mayor Fetner reported on behalf of Chief Davis – DOJ Grant has been rescheduled to end December 31, 2011, COPS grant application has been completed and submitted, 2004 Ford Crown Victoria needed repairs over \$900.00 and Mayor Fetner approved the repairs, the Chief is working to get the new Dodge patrol car outfitted and on the road, the department had a successful Click it or Ticket, wants to discuss the funds submitted to the county jail for prisoners, will be attending training in Jacksonville and asked permission to attend a Chief's conference in August. No decision was made on the conference at this time.

Chief McMath reported on the letter received from the State Fire Marshal's office concerning tall buildings, asked permission of the Council to look into the possible purchase of a brush/rescue truck for his department. Permission granted.

Supervisor Robinson reported that Coach Weems had began working, the scout building's roof is complete, spoke with Mr. Daniels about purchase of pine straw, limb truck broken for the second time, sidewalks marked with blue x's will be cut out and repaired.

Code Officer Raughton reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Project was coming in under budget, final inspection on the project will be Tuesday, June 14 @ 9:00 A.M., Wynn Building roof project is on hold due to not receiving bids from qualified contractors, closing of road to high school ballfield due to repairs, damaged awning and posts repairs, possible energy grants, possible grant for storm shelter, waiting on CenturyLink to move line before temporary access road can be completed and his department has asked the Police Department to start writing citations for loose dogs.

Council Member Steed moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$15420.08. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

It was decided last year that the Christmas parade will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of December each year. This year it will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Suggestions were made for returning soldiers to be the Grand Marshal(s).

Council Member Boddie made a motion to open and advertise for the Police Department dispatcher. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

There being no further business, 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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