

## REGULAR MEETING ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

MAY 7, 2012

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on May 7, 2012 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 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, Librarian Tina Nolen, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

Council Member Bobbie J. Steed was 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 following additions. Under new business, Item No. 6 - Hiring of seasonal employee for the maintenance department, Item No. 7 – Purchase of lawn mower for the maintenance department, Item No. 8 – Purchase of 13 pagers for the fire department at a cost of \$5005.00 and, Item No. 9 – Approval for service on cascade system and air tanks for fire department. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Under informational items, the writing of an ordinance for Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday was discussed.

Council Members Echols did not report.

Council Member Thompson reported on the cleanup day with students from Clay County High and FACS.

Council Member Thompson also asked about the status or completion of the funeral home that was to be built on Alabama Hwy 77. Mayor Fetner is to contact members of the industrial/zoning board concerning this.

Council Member Boddie reported on the cleanup day throughout the city and cemetery.

Council Member Beale reported that Jeff Williams of Williams Fire Equipment had contacted him with thanks to the mayor and city for the purchase of the new fire truck.

City Clerk Foster did not report.

Chief Davis reported that cleanup day photos were on his department's Facebook page, two cars had been in the shop with cost to exceed \$250.00, 2012 Dodge now in service, Officer House out due to injury, and removal of items from Clay County High.

Chief McMath reported that the month of April had been busy for his department, large house fire, fire hydrant painting and regulations for burning in the City of Ashland.

Supervisor Robinson reported that the Streetscape Project was continuing but going very slow, cleanup of overhead lines behind the west side of the square, cost of \$4000.00 to move pole across street, losing free full time employee in two weeks, maintenance of high school football field to be costly, and the completion of the RC&D Grant erosion project at Watershed #3 by July.

Code Officer Raughton reported that the Streetscape Project had been reviewed by the state and some wording had to be changed, sewer line project going well and the Wynn Building roof project should be completed in 2 to 3 weeks.

Librarian Nolen reported that the Extension Office would be carrying individuals out to the different Birding Trails, Leadership Clay County (appreciative of allowing her to attend), and her being named as Chairman for the District IV Rural Computer Committee.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$22767.01. Council Member Echols seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to hire Beth Wheat as a call-in library aide at a rate of minimum wage effective immediately. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion that the City of Ashland accept the "Petition to Vacate Clay Avenue" presented by abutting landowners. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous. This acceptance will allow for a public hearing to be held at a later date.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving City Attorney John K. Johnson to produce and submit any and all documents needed to proceed with the vacation of Clay Avenue. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving City Attorney John K. Johnson to commence litigation against an individual that appears to have trespassed and damaged property belonging to the Cities of Ashland and Lineville, better known as Watershed #3. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to hire Jerry Weems as a seasonal employee to begin employ June 1 and end September 30, 2012. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to purchase a lawn mower for the maintenance department at a cost of \$9450.00. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to purchase 13 Motorola pagers from Sullivan Communications at a cost of \$5005.00. This price will include programming. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the service on the fire department's cascade system and air tanks from Sunbelt. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 05-07-01-2012 adopting a sales tax holiday August 3-5, 2012 in the City of Ashland. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2012-05-07-01. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale. Upon roll call vote all votes were yea, including the mayor and the motion was passed unanimously.

Council Member Beale made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2012-05-07-01 to dispose of certain real property of the City of Ashland, Alabama by conveyance to the Clay County Economic Development Council pursuant to the authority of Section 11-47-20, Code of Alabama, 1975. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson. Upon roll call vote all votes were yea, including the may and the motion was passed unanimously.

Council Member Echols made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Ms. Echols stated that the session would last 5 to 10 minutes. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to go back into regular session. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

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

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Mayor

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