

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 19, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on January 19, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy Joe Smith, Gail E. Thompson, Rebecca G. Boddie, and Brad Wolfe. Also present were City Clerk Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Court Clerk/ Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Chaplin Cecil Chappell, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Irving Thompson of East Central Alabama Gas, Bruce Willis, Terry Raughton, Donna Farrow, and Bobbie Fables of Carey Baptist Association, Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Richard East, Gordon Walden of S.S. Nesbit, Tammy Andrews, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

Council Member Bobbie J. Steed was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and Councilman Billy Joe Smith gave the invocation.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the agenda with the additions of Number 9 (approval to purchase 16 lockers at \$120.00 each with 8 lockers going to the Police Department and 8 lockers going to the Maintenance Department), Number 10 (approval to repair struts, mounts, stabilizer bar and align patrol unit 172 2012 Dodge Charger at an estimated costs of \$567.80), Number 11 (Approval to hire John Williams to paint the inside of New City Hall at a rate of \$18.00 per hour). Council Member Smith seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of the previous regular council meeting. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the minutes of the special called meeting held January 06, 2016. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Gordon Walden of S.S. Nesbit addressed the Council about the possibility of the City of Ashland offering individual life insurance policies to city employees through Cincinnati Individual Life Insurance. The program would have no direct costs to the City of Ashland. Mr. Walden advised for payroll deduction the city would need 5 new enrollees. Mayor Fetner

advised Mr. Walden the Council would discuss offering the insurance to employees and give him an answer at a later date.

Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce updated the Council on Chamber news. The Chamber of Commerce has 3 new board members starting in January 2016 Doug Hallman, Jeff Gill, and Debbie Whatley who replaced Stan Gaither, Billy Robertson, and Lisa Runyan. The Chamber is focusing on the annual dinner coming up in February.

Mayor Fetner advised the Council if they want to attend the dinner to let City Clerk Chelsey Wynn know. Mayor Fetner updated the Council on the Highway 9 CDBG grant closeout, there was a public meeting held concerning the closeout, the repayment of grant funds was approved by the council.

Council Member Wolfe stated to Mayor Fetner he did not doubt the money had to be paid but he could not remember hearing about it but he has missed some council meetings. Council Member Wolfe stated he would like to see the list of bills given to the council to be cleaner and have a better layout.

Council Member Thompson stated she has requested monthly financials for years and would like to have someone out of house to do the monthly financials, it makes it much easier to understand how much money the City has and how much money being is paid out.

Mayor Fetner advised the Council of the Annual League Convention in Huntsville on May 13-17, 2016. City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn advised that May 16, 2016 is a Council Meeting and Mayor Fetner, herself, and possibly Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett would be attending the convention, therefore the Council may want to consider rescheduling the Council Meeting for that following Wednesday when everyone is back in town.

Mayor Fetner advised the Council the permit for the industrial park has been issued and is located at City Hall.

Council Member Smith reported Librarian Tina Nolen has discussed the possibility of hiring an individual with disabilities to work 2 hours per week.

Council Member Thompson reported she met with the painter for the new city hall, has advised the maintenance department of what needs to be moved out, and the maintenance department has met with the company who is doing the drive though and they are about ready to start.

Council Member Boddie did not report.

Council Member Wolfe did not report.

Police Chief Stanford discussed his request for a thermal printer, the printers in the vehicles now are not holding up to normal wear and tear, request to declare unit 171 as surplus at a possible asking price of \$3200.00, and repairs needed to unit 172 2012 Dodge Charger.

Fire Chief Thompson advised Williamson Fire tested pumps last week and everything is good, should have a bill for testing on the next agenda.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported the city received an invoice from Ashland Computer Systems for internet service and at this time the City is not using the service therefore Mrs. Wynn requested approval to discontinue the service and all Council Members agreed to discontinue the service if it is not being used. Mrs. Wynn reported she spoke with M2 Connections about moving broadband service to the New City Hall building and they have agreed to move the service and continue the current agreement but will require the City to install a conduit at the intersection of Memorial Drive and 2nd Ave and to pay installation fees of \$1250.00 maximum at the new service location. Mrs. Wynn advised Facs Beta Club has requested donations for a beta convention, and reminded the council of the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development meeting January 21, 2016. Mrs. Wynn advised the council she met with Southern Data about setting up a network at the new city hall building and they are working on a quote.

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$8281.04. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve the purchase of a Brother Pocket Jet thermal printer and head rest mount for Ashland Police Department at a cost of \$567.59. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to declare unit 171 (2006 Chevrolet Impala) as surplus and set the asking price for the vehicle at \$3200.00. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the City to pay \$17,447.80 for Municipal Workers Compensation insurance. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to purchase a dual wheel kit for the John Deer Bush Hog at a cost of \$416.92. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the city to pay Nelson and Nelson \$9,555.30 for engineering fees on the 3rd Ave South culvert project. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the city to pay Webb Utilities & Construction, LLC. \$76,580.00 for work completed on the 3rd Ave South culvert project. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the Ashland City Maintenance to pick up two loads of limbs for the County with the County covering the landfill expense. Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to purchase 16 lockers at a cost of \$120.00 per locker with 8 lockers to be used at Ashland Police Department and 8 lockers to be used at Ashland Maintenance Department. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion approving repairs to Ashland Patrol Unit 172 2012 Dodge Charger (struts, mounts, stabilizer bar and align) at a cost of \$567.80. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to hire John Williams to paint the upper level of the New City Hall at a rate of \$18.00 per hour. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes unanimous with the exception of Council Member Brad Wolfe who voted nay.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving Resolution 01-19-01-2016 Endorsing and supporting the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission of Alabama. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner introduced and read Ordinance Number 2016-01-19-01 Amending Section 5-J of Ordinance Number 2007-10-15-01(City of Ashland’s Policy and Procedure Manual).

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

Mayor _____

Attest _____

