

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 01, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on February 01, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Bobbie J. Steed, Gail E. Thompson, Rebecca G. Boddie, and Brad Wolfe. Also present were City Clerk Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Court Clerk/ Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett, Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Officer Franklin Few, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Irving Thompson of East Central Alabama Gas, Steve Haynes, Steve Corely, and Mike Corely of ALDOT, Chris Gay with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc., Tammy Andrews, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

Council Member Billy J. Smith was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and Council Member Gail E. Thompson gave the invocation.

Council Member Wolfe moved to approve the agenda with the additions of Number 12 the approval to advertise and hire a part time maintenance employee with a starting date of March 15 2016 and ending on October 31 2016, Number 13 approval for the maintenance department to repair the roof and paint the concession stand at the T-Ball field at an estimated cost of \$304.14, Number 14 approval for Safe Guard to come and inspect all fire extinguishers in City buildings and vehicles, Number 15 approval for Mayor Fetner to sign an Agreement letter with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. in reference to the relocation of utilities in conflict with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. expansion plans and for the City to apply for a CDBG Grant to aide in the cost of relocating utilities on Hwy 77 in conflict with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. expansion plans, Number 16 approval to repair the fuel pump on patrol unit 172 2012 Dodge Charger at estimated costs of \$385.00. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the special called meeting held January 26, 2016. Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor Fetner advised the Council that a public hearing on a CDBG Grant to aide in the relocation of utilities in conflict with expansion plans of Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. will be held on February 15, 2016. Mayor Fetner invited the Council to be his guest at the annual Chamber dinner which will be held on February 11, 2016 at Central High School of Clay County.

Steven Haynes from ALDOT addressed the Council in reference to an Industrial Access Grant. Mr. Haynes requested the City to submit an application for the grant so the State will release funds to ALDOT to complete the relocation of Hwy 77 near Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. Mr. Haynes advised the City can withdraw the application at any time and DOT will handle the road construction.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Thompson reported progress on the New City Hall building.

Council Member Boddie did not report.

Council Member Wolfe reported everyone is aware he did not support the purchase of the New City Hall building and expressed concerns about the costs of renovations at the building. Council Member Wolfe advised he would like to an estimate on how much the renovations are going to be total. Council Member Wolfe also asked about when the renovations in the basement would begin and when the Police Department would be relocated.

Police Chief Stanford discussed a request to allow himself and Records Manager to attend training February 03, 2016 on Maintaining Police Records in Alabama.

Fire Chief Thompson commended the fire department members on a job well done this past Saturday; there was a brush fire which was extinguished before it reached the house of the property owner.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported she has received absentee election material in reference to the wet/dry vote in March 2016.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash reported there are lots of pot holes around town and the department has ran out of coal mix to patch the pot holes. Supervisor Nash also reported the department has been busy edging Hwy 77 South and curbing around town, they have completed a street light check, and the limb route is going to pick up in the next few weeks. Supervisor Nash advised the Council he met with the EMA last week on possible FEMA grants, City will need approval from the Council to register for those grants, once the City is registered there will be a kickoff meeting to address each damage location. Supervisor Nash

also reported on the T-Ball field concession stand that is in need of repair, his request to rehire Gerald Weems as a seasonal maintenance employee and an appointment with Safe Guard to get all City fire extinguisher's recertified.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$3973.78. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving the City of Ashland to apply and submit an Industrial Access Grant Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to reschedule the Regular Council Meeting set for May 16, 2016 to May 18, 2016 due to conflicts with the Annual League Convention. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving Mayor Fetner, City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn, and Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett to attend the Annual League Convention on May 13-17, 2016 in Huntsville, Alabama and to reimburse them for travel expenses. Council Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving a dispatcher to open and answer phones at City Hall on May 13,16, and 17 2016 to while City Clerk/ Administrator and Assistant City Clerk attend the Annual League Convention . Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion approving Police Chief Joseph Stanford and Records Manager Linda Parkhill to attend training on records management in Vestavia Hills on February 03, 2016 at a total cost of \$390.00 and reimburse them for travel expenses. . Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving the repair of the electrical system, blower motor, and water pump on the 2005 Police Chevy Tahoe at an estimated cost of \$600.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving the purchase of 8 tons of coal mix for the Maintenance Department to repair pot holes at a cost of \$864.00. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the City of Ashland to register and pursue FEMA grants for damage from recent flooding. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to hire Gerald Weems as Seasonal/ Part Time Maintenance effective March 15, 2016- October 31, 2016 at a rate of \$9.50 per hour. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving the lease agreement on the Industrial Park between the City of Ashland and Gary Martin for agricultural purposes. Council Member Steed seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 2016-01-19-01: Amending Section 5-J of Ordinance No 2007-10-15-01 (City of Ashland’s Policy and Procedure Manual). Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules of the first reading on Ordinance No 2016-02-01-01: Establishing the use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices. Council Member Wolfe Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote	Council Member Steed	-	Yay
	Council Member Thompson	-	Yay
	Council Member Bobbie	-	Yay
	Council Member Wolfe	-	Yay

Council Member Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 2016-02-01-01: Establishing the use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules of the first reading on Ordinance No 2016-02-01-02: Establishing voting site for absentee voting within the city limits of Ashland, Alabama. Council Member Boddie Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote	Council Member Steed	-	Yay
	Council Member Thompson	-	Yay
	Council Member Bobbie	-	Yay
	Council Member Wolfe	-	Yay

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 2016-02-01-02: Establishing voting site for absentee voting within the city limits of Ashland, Alabama. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to adopt Resolution No 02-01-01-2016: Appointing election officers (Poll Workers) for Municipal Option Election. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and, all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No 02-01-02-2016: Setting poll hours for Municipal Option Election. Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor _____

Attest _____