

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 07, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on March 7, 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, Bobbie J. Steed, and Rebecca G. Boddie. Also present were City Clerk Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Court Clerk/ Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett, Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Officer Corey Dickinson, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

Council Members Gail E. Thompson and Brad Wolfe were absent.

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

Council Member Smith moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Number 11 to declare heavy equipment trailer as surplus and set selling price of \$7000.00, and the removal of Number 2 Reappointment of Johnie Sentel as President of the Industrial Development Commission and the appointment of Mike Coleman as a member to the Industrial Development Commission. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and Council Member Boddie abstained from voting.

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

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

Tiffany Young from Clay County Chamber of Commerce updated the Council on Chamber News. Mrs. Young advised the annual dinner was a success, and the Chamber would like to do another movie night at Ashland City Park on April 22. Mrs. Young also advised the Council the Chamber will be moving into the old Cheaha Cabinets building and will be located there for a maybe a year, the Chamber then plans to move into the new building that will be located in the Ashland Industrial Park.

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed reported the Gator should be voted on tonight.

Council Member Boddie reported she would like to wait until all Council Members are present to vote on high price items and asked about members who serve on the Planning Commission living in the city limits of Ashland. Mayor Fetner advised the City is researching this matter. Council Member Boddie also reported Owens Road is heavily littered.

Police Chief Stanford reported to the Council that the 2006 Impala previously declared surplus sold for \$2500.00. Chief Stanford is currently working on getting quotes for a new patrol unit for the Police Department. Chief Stanford advised he would like to get something that will benefit the City. Chief Stanford also reported the Police Department is working on plans for the basement of New City Hall that will house the Police Department in the future; he would like to have a good plan in place when it is time to start the renovations. Chief Stanford also reported the Police Department statistics are up for the past few months Chief Stanford commended Officer Few for great community involvement over the weekend, due to a report from a citizen who praised Officer Few playing basketball with children at the old primary school building. Chief Stanford advised the Police Department worked hard on Super Tuesday to ensure everything went smooth.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn reminded the council of a Special Called meeting on March 8, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. to canvass votes from the Wet/ Dry referendum, and the importance of item Number 3 (server for City Hall). Mrs. Wynn also advised Chief Stanford, Robin Catrett, and herself have been working on getting an alcohol ordinance to present to the Council and the city attorney. Mrs. Wynn advised the council the ABC Board will be here later this week to answer questions and she will let the council know what day that will be.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash reported the Maintenance Department has been very busy the past few weeks and commended the guys for their hard work. Mr. Nash advised the council of electrical work that was done at New City Hall while installing the drive through for the water department. Mr. Nash advised the council he has had to mark several grave sites in the cemetery over the past few weeks. Mr. Nash reported he would like to look into maybe contracting with someone to blade off the shoulder around the City because it is very time consuming, the department has also been working to keep gutters and drains clean to ensure rain will drain properly. Mr. Nash reported the department has been working in city ballfields to ensure they are ready for the upcoming season, and also the tornado siren at Eastside Apartments has malfunctioned again after being inspected. Mr. Nash also reported that he is coordinating with Central High School for "Clean-up Day".

Council Member Boddie moved to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$14,736.60. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving the City of Ashland to pay Turner Surveying LLC. \$300.00 to establish land lines at the Industrial Park. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving Southern Data to install a server and all necessary equipment and software for City Hall at a cost of \$8,754.25 plus an additional \$85-\$125.00 per hour to transfer data and software from old computers. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to hire Corey Robbins as part time/ seasonal maintenance employee with a start date of March 15, 2016 and an end date of October 31, 2016 at \$7.25 per hour. Council Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving repairs to Patrol Unit 174 2007 Chevrolet Impala; oil coolant lines, and oil leaks at an estimated cost of \$875.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving the City to pay Williams Fire Apparatus \$525.00 for hose testing for Ashland Fire Department. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving the job description only for Code Enforcement, Animal Control, and Safety Officer. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion approving to table advertising the position of Code Enforcement, Animal Control and Safety Officer. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to purchase a 2016 John Deere XUV (Gator) from Snead Ag at a cost of \$10,061.12. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, Council Member Boddie Abstained and Mayor Fetner Voted Yes to purchasing the 2016 John Deere XUV.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving Mark's Cleaning Service to strip, wax, and seal tile floors at the Wynn Building at an estimated cost of \$700.00. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to declare heavy equipment trailer at the Maintenance Department as surplus with a starting price of \$7000.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes unanimous.

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Mayor Fetner completed the First Reading of Ordinance Number 2016-03-07-01
Establishing Absentee Voting Site for all Municipal General Elections.

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

Mayor _____

Attest _____