

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on March 21, 2016 in the Ashland City Hall auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy Joe Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, Gail E. Thompson, Rebecca G. Boddie, and Brad Wolfe. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor Jody Brown, Grady Turner, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times Journal arrived at 6:05 P.M.

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

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the insurance renewal with S.S. Nesbitt as item number 10, and Council Member Boddie seconded the motion. All votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes, and Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to approve the previous regular meeting minutes, and Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. All votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting minutes (3/8/2016), and Council Member Boddie seconded the motion. All votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the previous special called meeting minutes (3/14/2016), and Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All votes were unanimous.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn gave an update on the alcohol ordinance and stated that the city attorney currently has the ordinance but is out of town. Grady Turner addressed the Mayor and Council regarding business licenses. Turner stated that the City has hired businesses to do work and has not required them to purchase a business license. Mayor Fetner advised that it was an oversight due to a job vacancy and that measures are being taken to correct the current problem and future problems of the same matter. Council Member Wolfe stated that this issue should not fall solely on the Mayor, but the Council as well. Council Member Thompson also stated that she felt partially responsible.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Thompson reported progress on the New City Hall building regarding countertops, glass for court office, fixtures needing replacing in the bathrooms, and an estimate to be given at the next meeting regarding re-keying the locks. Council Member Thompson thanked the maintenance department for getting the lights put in for the flag at New City Hall.

Council Member Boddie did not report.

Council Member Wolfe reported that we do need to look into purchasing new playground equipment. He also advised the Mayor and Council that quality playground equipment is expensive.

Chief Stanford advised the council that he has been working on finding a good vehicle that fits into the amount budgeted in. Chief Stanford advised that he would try to have all of the information together on the vehicle for the next council meeting. Chief Stanford reported that he has another Impala that needed minor repairs. Chief Stanford also reported that the Police Department is working things as they come up and is staying busy with calls.

Chief Thompson reported on recent calls that they have received including two fire calls and a wreck call that have occurred within the last week. Chief Thompson also reported that he met with the Red Cross and is getting 50 smoke detectors to put in houses in the City that need them for prevention of fire injuries and fatalities. Chief Thompson advised that some items have come up missing in the fire department, and that the members want to put up a basic video camera system to be paid out of the fire department fund. Chief Thompson also reported that there would be a walk-through at Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. with the Ashland, Lineville, Shiloh, and High Pine Fire Departments to be proactive in case a fire ever comes up at Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn reported that she had spoken with Edgar and Associates regarding monthly financials and has received a quote of \$200 per month. City Clerk/Administrator also reported that item 8 on the agenda is quoted for the worse case scenario and that it includes constructing the conduit as well as setup. City Clerk/Administrator advised that the Council and Mayor needed to be coming up with names of citizens to serve on the planning commission. City Clerk/Administrator reported that item 9 on the agenda regarding a co-op student for City Hall would likely not work a full 29 hours per week.

Maintenance Supervisor Nash reported that the maintenance department has gotten a lot done in the past two weeks including mowing, weed eating, and other tasks. Maintenance Supervisor Nash reported that there was an event at the park with the Ashland Head Start headed up by Jody Brown teaching the kids about litter. Mayor

Fetner complemented the Maintenance Department for all their hard work making the New City Hall lawn look great.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$20,567.94. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to table the setting of salary, hours, and department for the Code Enforcement, Animal Control, and Safety Officer position. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to purchase the Delta Sales Tax software at a cost of \$1,190.00 with an annual use and support fee of \$510.00 to ensure the City is prepared to accept alcohol tax payments. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to approve Mayor Larry J. Fetner to serve as the City of Ashland's voting delegate at the Annual League of Municipalities Conference. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve a 6 month one step merit raise to R22 S7 (\$20.91) for City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve the Clay County Chamber of Commerce to use the Ashland City Park for movie night in the park on April 22, 2016. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to approve paying Municipal Worker Compensation Insurance (adjustment after audit) in the amount of \$1,072.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wolfe, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve M2 Connections to construct conduit for New City Hall and install everything needed to continue contract for internet at a cost of \$3,696.19. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, all votes were unanimous with the exception

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve hiring Sarah McKemie as a co-op part time (less than 29 hours per week) student worker for City Hall at \$7.25/hour with a start date of March 23, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to renew the City's insurance premium with S.S. Nesbitt in the amount of \$45,988. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Under old business, Council Member Thompson made a motion to table opening the position for Code Enforcement, Animal Control, and Safety Officer and advertising. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to approve a resolution honoring FACS Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve a resolution honoring FACS Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve a resolution honoring FACS Varsity Girls Basketball Team. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-03-07-01 to set Absentee Voting Site as New City Hall. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

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

Mayor

Attest: _____