

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
June 06, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on June 06, 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, Court Clerk/Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett, Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson, Sergeant Tony Hubbard, Officer Franklin Few, Dennis Hightower with Alabama Rehabilitation Services, Morgan McNatt, Edward Waldrop, Freddie Alexander, Ronald Wideman, Corey Robbins, Robert Roberts, Grady Turner, Tammy Andrews, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

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

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

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

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

Informational Items:

Mayor Fetner advised the Council that grant writer Terry Acuff suggested the City consider pursuing a \$30,000 grant to assess the city's sewage. Mr. Acuff stated to Mayor Fetner that having the assessment completed can be beneficial when applying for grants.

Mr. Dennis Hightower with Opportunity Center-Easter Seal addressed the Council regarding services his organization offers. Mr. Hightower thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the organization and for providing a job for Ms. Caitlin Morris.

Mayor Fetner and City Clerk Administrator Chelsey Wynn discussed the need for additional playground equipment for Ashland City Park. City Clerk Administrator Chelsey Wynn presented the Council with specifications and a quote for a new swing set. Mayor Fetner and Council Members requested the equipment specifications and quote be added to the next regular meeting agenda for consideration.

Mayor Fetner informed the Council that New City Hall will need to be added to Superior Pest Control's monthly service of municipal buildings.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Thompson reported on progress and signage for New City Hall. Council Member Thompson advised the Mayor and Council the City does not have to purchase an electronic sign at this time. Council Member Thompson advised she would like the Council to decide on the design for the electronic sign for a future purchase. Council Member Thompson also inquired about simplified financial reports.

Council Member Boddie did not report.

Council Member Wolfe did not report.

Police Chief Joseph Stanford reported dog calls have dropped off. Chief Stanford invited the Mayor and Council to come by the Police Department and witness firearms training using a training simulator.

Fire Chief Brett Thompson advised extrication training went well this past Saturday and all members who attended are now certified through the Alabama Fire College. Chief Thompson discussed purchasing radios and pagers for fire department members. Chief Thompson advised he would like to purchase a few every year to cycle out nonworking equipment.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Nash reported the maintenance department is busy as usual. Supervisor Nash advised 2 trash cans have been installed at Westside Park; trash cans in City Park are being placed on concrete slabs, ballfields continue to be cut and prepped for All Star practice. Supervisor Nash advised there have been some plumbing issues in restrooms and fields some have been fixed and some are waiting on parts. Supervisor Nash advised the City may have to replace plastic parking bumpers around the City square to concrete bumpers due to the plastic bumpers not holding up to daily activities. Supervisor Nash advised flag poles for Cemetery Project have been delivered and SIFAT will begin coming to assist the Maintenance Department starting June 09, 2016 and will continue to come through July. Supervisor Nash discussed grills for Ashland City Park, carpet cleaning at Ashland City Library, and a request for a John Deere mower.

New Business:

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the bills received since the last council meeting in the amount of \$30,364.52. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous

Council Member Wolfe made a motion approving Police Chief Joseph Stanford to attend Chief's conference in Orange Beach, Alabama on July 31, 2016- August 04, 2016 with a registration cost of \$200.00 and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to table a decision on content for Ashland City Flag. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving the Ashland Fire Department to purchase 3 radios and 5 pagers from Allcomm Wireless at a total cost of \$4,720.00. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion approving the purchase of 4 grills for the City Park from Northern Tool at a total cost of \$642.87. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the purchase of carpet for New City Hall from Davis Carpet Service at a total cost of \$11,565.00. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Brad Wolfe who was opposed.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to purchase signage for New City Hall at a total cost of \$16,658.00. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Brad Wolfe who was opposed.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving an alcohol application for Cassinelli's restaurant. Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Item Number 9, under new business: Approval for Mark's cleaning service to clean the carpet at Ashland City Library every six months for \$250.00 per cleaning, died for lack of a motion.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the purchase of John Deere Z290m 60in (lawn mower) from Snead Ag. at a total cost of \$7,218.54 for Ashland City Maintenance Department. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving the city to pay Nelson and Nelson \$3,796.04 for engineering fees on the Industrial Park Project. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving Mayor Fetner to appoint Code Enforcement Officer Cecil Chappell as the "appropriate municipal officer" in regards to the City of Ashland nuisance and abatement Ordinance No. 2005-04-04-01. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion approving the city to pay Webb Utilities & Construction \$43,160.01 for work performed on the Industrial Park project. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Thompson made a motion approving a Proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Council Member Boddie seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Brad Wolfe requested to address the Council and thanked Council Member Gail Thompson for her work on New City Hall renovation. Council Member Wolfe stated he understands how time consuming this task has been and commended Council Member Thompson on her efforts.

Council Member Billy Joe Smith requested to address the Council and advised the Westside Pride Day for this year has been cancelled.

There being no further business Council Member Wolfe moved to adjourn. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

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