

PLANNING MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 01, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a Planning Meeting at 5:30 P.M. on February 01, 2016 in the Ashland City Hall auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Bobbie J. Steed, Gail Thompson, Rebecca G. Boddie, and Brad Wolfe (arrived at 5:53P.M.). 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 Thomson of East Central Alabama Gas, Steve Haynes, Mike Corley, and Steven Corley of ALDOT, Chis Gay of Wellborn Cabinet, Inc., Tammy Andrews (arrived at 5:54), and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times-Journal.

Council Member Billy J. Smith was absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order.

Items discussed included possible additions to the regular meeting agenda, CDBG Grant for relocation of utilities, and the Industrial Access Grant for the relocation of Hwy 77 in reference to Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. expansion. Mayor Fetner advised the Council he had spoken with City Attorney John Kelley Johnson about a CDBG Grant and Agreement Letter between Wellborn Cabinet, Inc., East Central Gas, and the Ashland Wastewater and Sewer Board. Attorney Johnson advised Mayor Fetner that it is fine to sign the agreement and apply for the CDBG Grant, but Attorney Johnson wanted the Council to be aware that if the amount of jobs were not realized, even though there would be an agreement with Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. stating Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. would be responsible for paying any monies owed as payback if jobs were not filled, ADECA would hold the City of Ashland responsible for payback. Chris Gay advised the Council Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. would have 3 years to fill those jobs. Council Members expressed concerns about whether ALDOT would force utilities to be relocated if no or insufficient grant funds were received. ALDOT's Steve Haynes advised the Council in order for ALDOT to do the project there will have to be a utility certificate signed that states the utilities have either been taken care of or are clear. The project will never be authorized unless the utilities are out of the way or there is an agreement that they will be relocated. ALDOT, Chris Gay, Irving Thompson and the Council also discussed the amounts of each grant, the amount of matching funds that each grant would require, the cost to complete each project, and the options to cancel the projects if grant funds are not received to pay for the relocation of utilities.

There was no business conducted at this meeting.

Mayor: _____

Attest: _____