

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 04, 2016

The Ashland City Council met for a Special Called Meeting to discuss the Ashland Alcohol Ordinance, hiring of Animal Control, Safety Officer, and Code Enforcement and to discuss an easement at Ashland Cemetery for a flag project at 3:00 P.M. on April 04, 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 (arrived at 3:15 P.M. Also present were City Attorney John Kelley Johnson, City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn, Assistant City Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief Brett Thompson (arrived 3:21 P.M.), Police Chaplin/ Patrolman Cecil Chappell (arrived at 5:10 P.M.), local business owners Robert Roberts and Billy Campbell, Jerry Boddie (arrived at 4:47 P.M.), Tammy Andrews, and Ray Stansell of the Clay Times Journal.

It was deemed that a quorum was present and Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order. Mayor Fetner gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Fetner, Council Members, City Attorney John Kelley Johnson, and others present discussed the Ashland Alcohol Ordinance in depth. It was decided that the costs of all alcohol license will be fifty percent (50%) of the State of Alabama's alcohol license fees. It was decided unauthorized hours for alcohol sales will be between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of any week, or between the hours of 2:00 A.M. on Sunday of any week and 6:00 A.M. of the following Monday. It was decided that there will be no stipulations of distance in relation to churches and alcohol sales locations. It was decided that the Ashland Alcohol Ordinance shall be deemed cumulative with and supplemental to any and all statutes of the State of Alabama regarding the licensing, sales and distribution of alcohol. Mayor Fetner and Council Members decided to introduce the ordinance in the regular Council Meeting scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on April 04, 2016.

Mayor Fetner, Council Members, and City Attorney John Kelley Johnson also discussed the positions of Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Safety Officer in depth. Council Member Smith advised Chaplin/ Patrolman Cecil Chappell may be interested in filling the positions. Council Members expressed concerns over these positions being full time or part time, salary, hourly or supplemental, and the departments these positions would fall under. Chief Stanford advised if Chaplin/ Patrolman Cecil Chappell was offered and took the position as full time, the police department would need to hire another patrol officer for fill Chaplin/ Patrolman Chappell's position.

Mayor Fetner, Council Members, and City Attorney John Kelley Johnson also discussed an easement at the Ashland City Cemetery. There were questions as to if the City owns a twelve foot section that the City would like to do a flag project on. Attorney John Kelley Johnson advised if there is no deed and no citizen has claimed ownership

then the City owns that section and the City could do the project. Attorney John Kelley Johnson also advised the Council if someone contests the City at a later date that person would need to show proof of ownership and the City would then have to remove the items placed on that section.

Mayor Fetner, Council Memebbers, and Attorney John Kelley Johnson also discussed the Southland Property. Attorney John Kelley Johnson advised the Council the City still only owns a portion to the property. Council Members asked Attorney John Kelley Johnson if the City could demolish the building. Attorney John Kelley Johnson advised the Council the City could demolish the building because it would be an improvement, and if an heir came in the future they would need to show where the heir was damaged from the improvement.

The being no further business Council Member Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest: _____