

REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 15, 2010

The Ashland City Council met for a regular meeting on February 15, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Zeola D. Echols, Bobbie J. Steed, Gail E. Thompson, Rebecca G. Boddie and Mike Beale. Also present were City Clerk Charles E. Foster, Asst. City Clerk Donna J. Bennett, Police Chief Benny Davis, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Raughton, Librarian Tina Nolen, Fire Chief Joel McMath, Louise Campbell, Chandler McMath and Ray Stansell of the Clay-Times Journal.

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

Council Member Steed moved to approve the agenda with changes. Add Item No. 1 under Informational Items, Appointment of a committee for rating the engineers for the upcoming CDBG sewer project. Under New Business add hiring of temporary maintenance employee to begin February 16; and Item No. 4. Promotion of Officer David Martin to Investigator. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale and all votes were unanimous.

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

Council Member Beale moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Under informational items, Mayor Fetner appointed Council Member Beale, Council Member Boddie, Water Board Member Dan Worthy and himself to a committee to rate the engineers who have submitted qualifications for the upcoming CDBG sewer project.

Under committee reports, Council Members Echols and Steed did not report.

Council Member Thompson reported that several churches would be holding a community-wide Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 3rd at Northside Park.

Council Member Thompson along with Council Member Beale extended their appreciation to the Chief and the police department for their recent drug busts.

Council Member Boddie along with Council Member Beale thanked the maintenance department for all their hard work even though they are short-handed.

City Clerk Foster did not report.

Police Chief Davis thanked the Mayor and Council for being patient the last few months during the investigations that were going on in Ashland.

Chief Davis reported that the fingerprint system that will be paid for through grant funds has been ordered. He also asked that the opening of bids for the new software program be placed on the next agenda.

Asst. City Clerk Bennett reported that she had been in contact with the family of Mr. Pete Haynes and that they have asked that the Mayor present the Proclamation for Mr. Haynes' 100th birthday at Liberty Baptist Church. A date was set for Sunday, February 28th.

Fire Chief McMath reported that the flow meter had been received and being used. Chief McMath thanked the Council for allowing him to purchase this item.

Chief McMath reported that he had a draft copy of a SOP for his department and wanted the Mayor and Council's approval before printing. He also reported on the proposed painting of the fire hydrants.

Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson reported that the new bleachers had been placed at Westside Ballfield; the repairs of the John Deere 777 had been completed and was less than the estimate; the park restrooms are under construction with a deadline of April 30; his department is continuing to remove litter from the right-of-ways; and the costs for four new state championship signs will be \$312.52 (permission was granted for this purchase).

Code Officer Raughton reported that the application and ordinance on the floodplain had been submitted to FEMA for approval; due to the inclement weather, no work has been done on the canopies; no word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Bishop concerning the purchase of their property on the south side of the square; and a meeting is scheduled with Ryan Nelson for Tuesday at 1:30 at City Hall.

Librarian Nolen reported that a lot of people were using the computers at the library for job searches; three books have been returned that have been due since 1998; and t-shirts will be given to the sixth graders who will be reading during "The Big Read".

Under new business, Council Member Boddie moved to approve the bills received since the last meeting in the amount of \$13217.74. Council Member Beale seconded the motion and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the annual contract with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce and to release the appropriation. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion to hire Ronald Wideman as a 90 day temporary employee at a rate of pay of \$8.00 per hour beginning tomorrow. This motion was seconded by Council Member Beale and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to promote Officer David Martin to Investigator with the Police Department with a rate of pay of Range 19, Step 2. This motion was seconded by Council Member Echols and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion to appropriate \$500.00 to the Northeast Alabama Community Development Corporation for materials to use during their drug classes at the local high schools. For lack of a second to the motion, the motion died.

Council Member Beale made a motion adopting a proclamation, proclaiming February 2010 as "Healthy Marriage Month" in the City of Ashland. This motion was seconded by Council Member Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Boddie made a motion approving a resolution entering into a Service Agreement with L.P. Campbell Company for grant writing at a fee of \$5000.00. This motion was seconded by Council Member Thompson and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Beale made a motion approving a proclamation, proclaiming the months of February and March 2010 as "The Big Read" month in Ashland. This motion was seconded by Council Members Echols and Boddie and all votes were unanimous.

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There being no further business, Council Member Boddie moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Beale.

Mayor

Attest: _____