



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting

February 10, 2026, 6:00 PM

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerald Greer
Councilman Tim Adkins
Councilwoman: Nicole Binkley
Vice Mayor Chris Kerrigan
Councilman Michael Smith
Councilman Kevin Thompson
Councilman Tony Young

PLEDGE AND PRAYER

1. Pastor Allison Gilliam - Ashland City United Methodist Church

Pastor Allison Gilliam of the Ashland City United Methodist Church delivered the prayer for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Young, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the January 13, Regularly Scheduled City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the January 13, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

REPORTS

3. Attorney: Jennifer Noe – **ABSENT**

Mayor Greer added that he spoke with her and the Chief of Staff Allen Nicolson about Robert's Rules of order. He read a statement regarding Robert's Rules of order.

At our last regular meeting, our City Attorney noted that we could improve our adherence to Robert's Rules of Order. I would like to briefly explain why we use them and how they guide our work together.

Robert's Rules are not meant to make meetings unnecessarily formal. They exist to ensure fairness, structure, and respect so every council member has an equal opportunity to participate. Local government works best when discussions are orderly, decisions are transparent, and the public can clearly follow the process.

A key requirement is that members must be recognized by the Chair before speaking and that only one member speaks at a time. This ensures fairness, prevents interruptions, and allows ideas to be heard clearly and respectfully.

Motions, seconds, debate, amendments, and votes each serve an important purpose. A motion brings an idea forward, a second shows it is worth discussing, debate allows us to weigh its merits, amendments refine it, and a vote brings the matter to a clear decision.

By following this process, we create meetings that are respectful, organized, and accountable to both one another and the community we serve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Ordinance 644: Budget Amendment – 2ND Reading

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Binkley, to approve Ordinance 644: Budget Amendment. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilman Thompson, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

NEW BUSINESS

5. Resolution 2026-07: Amendment to the Water Bill Application

A motion was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve Resolution 2026-07: to amend the water bill application. Voting Yea: Councilman Young, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

6. Award of the mowing bid - Opening /delayed due to weather closure

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to open the floor for discussion. All Approved by voice vote.

Mayor Greer began by telling the council if they are going to choose anyone other than the lowest bidder they must include why in the motion.

Allen Nicholson advised the council that the bid packet was well prepared and thanked all employees who participated in the walk-through.

Mary Molepske reported that eight bidders attended the mandatory walk-through on January 12, but only three submitted bids. She explained that Rotolo Consultants had a representative attending the walk-through who later left the company. A new contact person completed the bid packet. Mary stated that she communicated to all bidders, copying Allen, AC, Chief Walker, and Chief Noe, that the berm had been removed from the scope of work. However, Rotolo's bid still included the berm, as the new contact was unaware of the change. The discrepancy was discovered after the bid opening while calculating the cost per mow. Mary consulted with Allen, who advised her to be transparent with the council. Once the berm cost was removed, Rotolo Consultants became the lowest bidder. She also noted that a company representative was present but was not the individual who attended the walk-through or prepared the bid.

Chief Noe confirmed the issue was identified after the meeting and clarified that while the company had a representative at the walk-through, the submitted bid did not reflect the correct service locations.

Allen Nicholson added that no notes were transferred when the original representative left the company, which resulted in the bid error. He also stated that Attorney Jennifer Noe had reviewed the matter and advised that if the council chooses a bid other than the lowest, the reason must be stated in the motion to comply with purchasing policy.

Council members discussed whether to proceed, rebid, or delay the contract. Mary advised that rebidding would cause a delay, as mowing begins in March, but it could potentially be completed by the March 3 workshop. Allen noted that the Parks Director preferred to remain with LCJW Lawn Services. Mary confirmed the contract term is an initial two years with two optional one-year renewals, for a possible total of four years.

Councilman Thompson: Feels we should make concessions. The bid packet went out, and everybody received it and if the employee is no longer with the company, we should not re-bid just because this company lost an employee. We must adhere to what was in the packet and what the rules were. The berm is not his concern; the concern is that the person that did the walk

through is not the same person that submitted the packet and so that bid should be null and void. This would be unfair to the other companies that followed the rules.

Councilman Young expressed the opinion that the project should be rebid. Other members raised concerns about timing and potential complaints from the lowest bidder.

Mary reiterated that all questions and updates during the bid process were communicated to all bidders equally, with appropriate staff copied to ensure transparency.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to award the mowing bid to LCJW Lawn Services, citing satisfaction with their prior work and a desire to retain the same company. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

7. Contract: Laser Light Contract for Summerfest

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the Laser Light Contract for Summerfest. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

8. Resolution 2026-08: Grant Amendment #5: Contract number 77833-26 - Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve Resolution 2026-08 – Grant Amendment (77833-26 for the Police Department). Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

9. Resolution 2026-09: Department of Disability and aging Grant # 34401-99566-116 - Thrive 55+ Center

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve Resolution 2026-09 (34401-99566-116 – Thrive 55 Senior Center Grant). Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

10. Resolution 2026-13: Estimates for work at Thrive 55+ Center

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve Resolution 2026-13 for the work estimates for the new doors. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

11. Resolution 2026-10: Adopt and recognize City Streets

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilwoman Binkley, to approve Resolution 2026-10 to formally adopt and recognize city streets and to keep accurate records. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilwoman Binkley, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

12. Resolution 2026-11: Adopt a speed limit on S. Poole Street

A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve Resolution 2026-11: To adopt a speed limit on S. Poole Street of 15 MPH. Voting Yea: Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

13. Resolution 2026-14: VFEAT Grant award - \$ 35,130.00 - No Match

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Young, to approve Resolution 2026-14 to accept the grant award of \$ 35,130.00 (Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars) (VFEAT Grant (Volunteer Firefighters Equipment and Training Grant)– No Match). Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

14. None

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

15. None

OTHER

16. Change Order #5 - WWTP Construction -Payments

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the change order #5 – WWTP Construction payments). Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.


MAYOR GERALD GREER


CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE