



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Regularly Scheduled Workshop Meeting
March 5, 2024, 6:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor JT Smith

Vice Mayor Gerald Greer

Councilman Tim Adkins

Councilman Chris Kerrigan

Councilman Michael Smith

Councilman Kevin Thompson

Councilman Tony Young

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Greer, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the agenda with changes. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 6, 2024, Workshop Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the February 6, 2024, Workshop Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

REPORTS

2. Attorney

Ms. Noe gave an update on the Senate bill 171 and House Bill 565 that puts a max on raising the property taxes. This will affect future revenue moving forward.

3. Josh Wright was absent.

4. City Recorder

Ms. Molepske gave an update on training progress.

5. Codes Department

Mr. Nicholson gave a codes update.

6. Court Department

Ms. Hollingsworth gave a court update.

7. Finance Department

8. Ms. Bowman emailed the finance report showing revenues versus expenses, fund balance and cash on hand and gave an update on the finance department.

9. Fire Department

Deputy Chief Walker gave a fire update.

10. Human Resources

Ms. Black gave a human resources update.

11. Parks Department

Mr. Clark gave a parks update.

12. Police Department

Chief Ray gave a police update.

13. Public Utilities/Works

Billy gave a public works update.

14. Technology

- Mr. Wheeler was absent.
15. Senior Department
Ms. Batts gave a senior update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

16. Thrive 55+ Generator Discussion- Clark inspected the Generator and found multiple issues. The unit is old and will be difficult to find parts. Many of the repairs can be done by us to save on costs. There was mention of moving the emergency shelter to fire station 2 if there was a need for shelter.
17. Thrive 55+ Building Use for Events- Ms. Batts stated that doors were added to close off one side of the building and it could be locked. Councilman Adkins asked about the fees for the use of the building. Ms. Batts stated that it ranges depending on the activity. Jennifer Noe mentioned making an agreement for the rental of the space. It was stated that there would have to be a city employee present at the events to monitor.
18. Thrive 55+ Policies and Procedures Manual- Manual was approved by the Advisory Board and Jennifer Noe.
19. GNRC Contract – Ms. Batts spoke about the additional \$ 4000.00 available for Non-Traditional programs. This is the amended contract to designate the use of the funds.
20. Ordinance- Rezone parcel for the County – Allen Nicholson explained that this is 4 parcels from the old jail to Oak and Sycamore. Looking over the Zoning Map the County and Mayor agreed we will clean them up and make them Commercial C-1 so they are consistent in the future.
21. APSU Contract – It is 90% complete. Programming systems are updated, and we will look to make additions in 2025-2026.
22. Fiscal year 23-24 Budget Amendment #1- Gayle Bowman gave Council a printed copy of the Report. The items will be Senior center the \$4000.00 extra spending, exercise grant, and the \$8000.00 received already, the parking lot at the senior center, and last will be Public Works to pave the back parking lot. She will have it to the council by Tuesday.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS


EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

OTHER

23. City Planner Discussion- Allen discussed the current City Planner is retiring in June and we will need to find a replacement for him. They have 3 names to reach out to when they need to start looking into filling the role.
24. Request to Bid Shade Structure- Anthony Clark is requesting a shade structure for the playground area at River Bluff Park.
25. Laser Contract – Anthony Clark is requesting to add a Laser light show at Summerfest on Friday night.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Greer, Seconded by Councilman Adkins, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.


MAYOR JT SMITH


CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE