



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY**  
**Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting-**  
**October 08, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Greer called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE AND PRAYER**

Councilman Adkins led with the Pledge and Prayer

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Advertising for Rezone for the City - 2ND Reading  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to close the public hearing. All approved by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, Seconded by Councilman Young, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. September 10, 2024, Minutes  
A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the September 10, 2024, minutes. All approved by voice vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

NONE

**REPORTS**

4. Attorney - Jennifer Noe – Stated that she does not have anything that is not on the agenda for tonight.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. ORDINANCE: Rezone for the City - 2nd Reading – Recorder Mary Molepske read the ordinance.  
A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the rezone ordinance. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Thompson, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. City Hall Change Order

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, Seconded by Councilwoman Binkley, to move the City Hall Change order to the end of new business to contact Josh Wright. All approved by voice vote.

7. Wage and Salary Discussion (formerly Employee Manual Discussion)  
A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to defer until November Workshop to allow Attorney Noe time to draft the changes to flex time policies for salary employees. All approved by voice vote.
8. Appoint BZA Member  
A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to nominate Sandra Braden as new BZA Board member. All approved by voice vote.
9. ORDINANCE: Budget Amendment #1 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 - Paving - 1st Reading  
A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilwoman Binkley, to approve the Budget amendment for the paving projects. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilman Adkins, Councilman Thompson, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
10. Water/Sewer fee Discussion  
A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, Seconded by Councilman Young, to take the discussion off the table until Budget meetings start. All approved by voice vote.
11. Redd Stewart Historical Marker  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to take the discussion off the table until Budget meetings start. All approved by voice vote.
12. Park Advisory Board Discussion  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the changes to the bylaws for the secretary of the board. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
13. Christmas Parade Discussion – Councilman Smith stated that was just to be informed of the parade going in the opposite direction this year.
14. Amendment 2 of contract 77734-100 - Police Dept  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the amendment to contract 77734-100 for the Police Academy. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Young, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
15. Police Shooting Range Discussion

**Chief Ray** sent out a detailed package of the plans.

**Councilman Thompson** thinks the range is a great idea for our Police Department to have this training available close by. He stated that we could limit the use to certain days each month or even a specific day of each week so that the residents are aware and know why they are hearing gunshots.

**Mayor Greer** agrees that it is needed to train officers but would like more time to look at other locations that would possibly be away from the new sports complex that we are building.

**Vice Mayor Kerrigan** spoke to Josh about this range as well suggested a gate and lead reclamation of the ammunition that would be left behind.

**Allen Nicholson** said the property would have to go to I2 with a special exception from the BZA for that.

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to table the Police Shooting Range Discussion until November Workshop so we get further information on alternate locations. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman

Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Young, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

16. Volunteer State Community College Contract - Fire Department

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the Volunteer State Community College Contract. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Young, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

17. Thrive 55+Tai chi Instructor- Anna Winberg

A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the Anna Winberg Tai Chi Contract. Voting Yea: Councilman Adkins, Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

### **SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS**

NONE

### **EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

18. Ashland City Fire Dept- Equinox Quote

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the contract for the additional 2 warning sirens. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Adkins, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

### **OTHER**

#### **City Hall Change Order Conversation.**

**Chief Walker** spoke with Josh Wright and has the information. He forwarded an email to Attorney Noe a quote from the company Modern Electric that are putting in the security door entrances. Their price was \$ 74, 123.62, which is why Josh stated that the price was at \$81, 807.46 was the contractor cost being added on for the change order. That is the total for the access control and if we wait past tomorrow, we will lose the \$ 20,000.00 credit that we have been offered.

**Attorney Noe** stated that we still do not have a change order.

**Chief Walker** stated that the company that is installing it will not put a change order on paper until the city agrees that they want it first. The company stated that as soon as the council approves, they want the change they will provide a written change order.

**Councilman Smith** suggested we approve the change of \$ 74,000.00 and make it contingent on the Mayor and Jennifer approving the contract once they receive it.

**Vice Mayor Kerrigan** stated that we should approve the full amount in case Josh does not get this done in time. That amount is \$ 81, 807.46.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the change order for \$ 81, 807.46.

**Chief Walker** had to add more to it before the final vote was taken. Cumberland Electric had a policy change since we built station 2. The policy change is the owner of the commercial building pays for everything. In order to get 3 phase electricity to City Hall, we will have to pay for the transformer, the overhead lines across the road, and their labor costs. That will be an additional \$ 39, 982.27. Soloman gave us a credit of \$ 18,000.00 on the fire hall so we saved a little there. That still leaves \$ 21, 982.00.

**Attorney Noe** Was this not part of the planning? She stated that it should have been.

**Chief Walker** stated the price increases on transformers have quadrupled so they are putting that cost back on the owners.

**Attorney Noe** asked if this was part of the bid packet? Why?

**Chief Walker** stated no it was not. He stated that he asked Clinton today from Soloman and he said it is never included and the owners always take care of this cost. The Chief said even if we had asked back then it was different than now. He sent the request over a year ago to set a transformer aside for us as it was hard to get one back then.

**Allen Nicholson** stated that he and the mayor went and met with Josh Gill from Cumberland Electric and there was no negotiating because they tried.

**Attorney Noe** stated that moving forward we need to have a project manager on these large projects to take control of these issues. Her issue is the plans were not correct and the bid packet did not go out correctly.

**Chief Walker** stated that he does know of one more change order that will be coming. He stated that there is a fence that needs to go along the wall that was not in the plans either.

**Attorney Noe** stated that this is required by our codes department and not included in the bid packet.

**Vice Mayor Kerrigan** mentioned other missing pieces and Mayor Greer mentioned no payment window for the courts department also.

**Attorney Noe** stated that there needs to be some responsibility and not always falling back on the city.

**Chief Walker** stated that this should have been a part of the Civil Engineers package. Chief stated that he needs an approval tonight so that Cumberland Electric can start the pole and digging so they are not disturbing things that are completed already.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the expenditures of \$ 81, 807.46 for the access control contingent upon the mayor and Attorney Noe approval. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Adkins, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Young, Councilman Thompson, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the expenditures expenditure for Cumberland Electric for \$ 39, 982.27 for the new city hall. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Adkins, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Young, Councilman Thompson, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Binkley, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

  
MAYOR GERALD GREER

  
CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE