



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Special Called City Council Meeting
July 01, 2025, 6:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greer called the meeting to order at 6:21 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Newspaper Advertisement for the First reading of the Budget

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to close the public hearing. All approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **ORDINANCE 641: 2025-2026 Budget - 1st Reading – KELLIE REED – ORDINANCE 641 – 2025-2026 BUDGET** – This is the 1st reading from the changes from the Budget Workshop sessions that we held. This is everything that we discussed and all the changes you requested for me to make. If you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss them.

MAYOR GREER - Does anyone see anything in the budget that you are concerned with, or would you like to be changed? Is there any further discussion?

COUNCILMAN ADKINS – These calls for a .10 (ten cent) raise in property taxes?

KELLIE REED – Clarified it is a .10 (ten cent) increase they requested. It was .3648 and is going to .4648 tax.

COUNCILWOMAN BINKLEY - Will this get us in the black?

KELLIE REED – No, we will monitor it through the year, and I can't guarantee but it will put you in the right direction. It includes a 2% COLA, the bucket truck, it is a 75-split in the General Fund and the 25% in the Water and Sewer Fund and adding the .10 (ten) cent property tax increase. There is no increase in the Water/Sewer rates and includes the utility study in the water and sewer fund. As soon as the budget is passed, the study can be started. This is the 1st official reading tonight. If it passes tonight, we will immediately publish it in the newspaper and schedule 2nd reading.

COUNCILMAN THOMPSON – What are you showing as the deficit with the .10 cent increase in property tax?

KELLIE REED – We are at somewhere in the 300 (three hundred) range, between 280 (two hundred eighty and three hundred) range. Once we really investigate the revenues and get that down better, next year I think it will be a little tighter than what we are projecting.

MAYOR GREER – Suggested getting monthly reports of exactly where we are financially. If we need to adjust, we can do that instead of finding out in January or February.

KELLIE REED – I will start working on those monthly reports once the budget is passed and we are moving forward.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilwoman Binkley, to approve the 2025-2026 budget – 1st Reading. Voting Yea, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Thompson. Councilman Young, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Kerrigan, and Councilman Adkins

MAYOR GREER - Before we adjourn, we need to set a date for the 2nd reading. The date was set for July 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the new city hall located at 405 N. Main Street. This is our last meeting at the senior center so the regularly scheduled city council meeting on Tuesday July 8, 2025, will also be moving to 405 N. Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

MAYOR GERALD GREER

CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE