



# TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

## Budget Meeting

### March 19, 2024, 6:00 PM

### Minutes

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#### 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

Committee Chairman Tim Adkins

Committee Member Chris Kerrigan

Committee Member Michael Smith

Committee Member Kevin Thompson

Committee Member Tony Young

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Committee Member Thompson, seconded by Committee Member Kerrigan, to approve the agenda with changes (move streets and water/sewer to the beginning). All approved by voice vote.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 25, 2023, Budget Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Member Thompson, seconded by Committee Member Smith, to approve the April 25, 2023, Budget Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. *Procedure for Speaking Before the Council*

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

3. Codes Budget

Director Nicholson discussed the changes to the Building & Codes budget, including the need for 2 new line items for ADA and Safety. One additional vehicle has been requested. He also gave an overview of revenue for the previous 2 years and the progress that has been made by the department.

4. Court Budget

Court Clerk Hollingsworth discussed the bi-lingual traffic school classes that will be offered in the next budget year. Ms. Bowman discussed a decrease in the budget due to the elimination of the General Sessions court.

5. Streets Budget

Director Biggers discussed the need for a new lawnmower and brush truck. He also discussed the need for a side-by-side which streets budget would only pay 50% of the cost. Council asked Assistant Director Harris to work with Amanda Bell and a landscape architect on the beautification project and to determine pricing for signs. Estimated cost should be presented at the April 30<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.

## 6. Water/Sewer Budget

Finance Director Bowman discussed imposing only the yearly 3% rate increase this next fiscal year. Director Biggers discussed an increase due to a pump replacement on Hill Road and the ARPA grant in the water budget. He discussed the need for one additional employee in the sewer budget. Also, the water/sewer will pay 50% of the side-by-side cost.

### **OTHER**

Finance Director Bowman discussed all items in the budget binder given to council including letters from comptroller, town information, strategic plan, projects/loans, donation request, revenue and expense notes and the normal invoice estimations for each department.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Committee Member Kerrigan, seconded by Committee Member Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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MAYOR JT SMITH

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FINANCE DIRECTOR GAYLE BOWMAN