



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting
February 11, 2025, 6:00 PM
Minutes

Mayor: Gerald Greer

Council Members: Tim Adkins, Nicole Binkley, Chris Kerrigan, Michael Smith, Kevin Thompson, Tony Young

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greer called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Prayer was led by Councilman Adkins.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Advertisement for the Rezone Ordinance # 633
A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to close the public hearing. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. January 14, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to approve the January 14, 2025, minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Barney Arntz – I am here to speak about speed bumps. I have lived on Stratton Blvd for 40 years now and have seen it change quite a bit. It seems that 30 MPH has now turned into a Highway speed than a residential speed. People are using it as a cross-through for instances like Skyview. They are going from Highway 12 midtown to Highway 49 or through the fairgrounds to beat the traffic. Stratton Blvd has a lot of children on this street particularly coming out of the white apartments. They walk to the bus in the morning, and they must walk in the street or someone's yard to get to the bus. Then in the afternoon they walk home. Some people using Stratton are respectful and slow down, but others do not. The Police Department has attempted to try to slow them down. The problem is they cannot be there 100% of the time. The next best thing I have seen them work in Nashville is speed bumps. They will launch you and will destroy a car if you hit them too fast. What I request is that you take a hard look at Stratton and see if we can do something about it.

REPORTS

3. ATTORNEY: Jennifer Noe – Stated that she had nothing to add outside the agenda items this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. ORDINANCE 633: Rezone Elizabeth and Willow Street (Amendment) – 2ND Reading
A motion was made by Councilman Adkins, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the rezone on ordinance 633. Voting Yea: Councilman Adkins, Councilman Young, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
5. RESOLUTION 2025-05: Municipal Judge Job Description
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve Resolution 2025-05 for the Judge's job description. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
6. Sign Proposals for city hall: Request cost from the Contingency Funds from USDA
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve option # 2 and using money in the amount of \$ 25,186.43 from the USDA contingency fund for the sign at City Hall. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

NEW BUSINESS

7. Award the Luxury Flooring Bid
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to differ the flooring bid award to March to verify the warranty from each bidder. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
8. RESOLUTION 2025-06: Senior Center Closing April 9, 2025, to host GNRC Conference
A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve Resolution 2025-06 to close Thrive 55 on April 9, 2025, to host the GNRC Conference. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
9. RESOLUTION 2025-11: Request to apply for Project Diabetes - Thrive 55
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve Resolution 2025-11 to apply for project Diabetes. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
10. TCRS hazardous duty Supplemental Retirement Benefit
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the study by TCRS. Chief Ray stated that he would split the cost with Chief Walker to pay the \$ 1500.00 fee. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
11. U.S. Geological Joint Funding Agreement
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the Joint Funding Agreement. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
12. Traffic Court Contract - Defensive Driving Course - Joseph Nick Hunter
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to differ to March workshop for time to explore the option of only having one instructor do both Spanish and English courses. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0
13. Ashland City Fire and New Channel 5 contract
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the Ashland City and news channel 5 contract. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

14. RESOLUTION 2025-07: VFEAT Grant-State Fire Marshal's Office - Firefighter PPE - \$35,160.00

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to approve the VFEAT grant with no match. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

15. RESOLUTION 2025-08: Update Bereavement Leave Policy

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the update to the Policies and Procedure Manual Section III – Bereavement Leave Policy. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

16. RESOLUTION 2025-09: Update Ashland City Dress Code Policy

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to approve the Policies and Procedures Manual – section IX Miscellaneous – Dress Code Policy. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

17. RESOLUTION 2025-10: Update Children in the Workplace Policy

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve Resolution 2025-10 – children in the workplace police. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

18. Drug Free Workplace Program

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to approve the Drug Free Workplace Program. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

19. RESOLUTION 2025-12: Bicentennial Trail Grant Acceptance Letter

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Young, to accept the Multimodal grant award of \$ 618,569.40 for the Bicentennial Park Project. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

20. Firework Bids - Choose award of the bid

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to award the bid to Pyro Shows – option #1 - \$ 17,000.00 with 844 shots. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Kerrigan, Councilwoman Binkley, Councilman Adkins, Mayor Greer. Voting Nay: 0

21. Laser Encore Inc Contract

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

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

NONE

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

NONE

OTHER


Vice Mayor Kerrigan stated that Nashville has a standard to meet to place speed bumps on streets. He stated that we need to have a standard to meet for them in Ashland City as well. Mayor Greer requested the City Recorder Mary Molepske to investigate the standard for

Nashville. Our standards do not have to be quite as detailed but we need something in place to determine when they will be used.

Councilwoman Binkley added that she would like to investigate lowering the speed limit first. The speed limit is 30 MPH right now. Chief Ray can lower the speed limit with the council approval.

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 6:39 p.m.


MAYOR GERALD GREER
CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE