



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY**  
**Regularly Scheduled Workshop Meeting**  
**May 05, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Greer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilman Thomppson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote. **Motion Passes**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of April 7, 2026, Regularly Scheduled Workshop Minutes  
A motion was made By Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the April 7, 2026, minutes. All approved by voice vote. **Motion Passes**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**REPORTS**

2. None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2. Ordinance 647: Fire Department - Add additional salaries, benefits, and missing Holiday pay for firefighters.  
Will Duffel (Finance Director) advised this resolution is to amend the 25/26 Budget from items that were not included in the final Budget.
4. Ordinance 648: Amend Title 3 of the Ashland City Municipal Code regarding Municipal Court  
Cynthis Hollingsworth advised this if for the \$ 25.00 dismissal fee.  
Attorney Jennifer Noe added that there were some other small items that needed to be updated to remain in compliance with the code.
5. Resolution 2026-31 - Ratification to Charter Amendment  
Attorney Jennifer Noe advised that this is a resolution to ratify the charter. In the past we used to elect the City Council members at large when voting and now it is stated they are elected by the ward they are running for. The governor has signed the documents to ratify the charter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Bruce's Buddies: Jody Vann  
Jody and Ginger Vann advised that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year to participate in Summerfest. They thanked the city and Councilman Thompson and Councilman Smith for coming and working during the event. They advised they should be a 501C3 by the end of the month and they will be at Summerfest on Thursday June 4, 2026.

7. Budget: Set a date for the first reading  
Mayor Greer advised that the date of the first reading of the Budget will be immediately following the Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. It will be a Special Called City Council Budget Meeting and separate from the regular meeting.
8. Resolution 2026-30: Policy for ACH use for payroll  
Attorney Jennifer Noe advised this is a requirement from the Federal Government under the National Automated Clearing House Association to have fraud monitoring processes and procedures in place. Mr. Duffel has reviewed and approved of it. We are asking you to approve it and we will be in compliance with the federal law.
9. Resolution 2026-29: Permission to apply for the Arts Build Communities Grant  
Mr. Clark (Parks Director) advised this a grant from the TRPA (Tennessee Recs and Park Association) up to \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) with No Match of Funds and if awarded we will use it towards the New Arts Festival that the parks Board would like to put together for next year.
10. Resolution 2026-32: Cheatham County Rail Authority  
Attorney Jennifer Noe advised that we have had members of the Cheatham County Rail Authority and this entitles Ashland City to have 2 members. She believes the Rail Authority was formed between 1986 and 1988. It consists of Ashland City, Cheatham County and Metro. The County attorney wants a formal resolution that we want to be a member even though we have a right to be a member according to the statute. If a separate resolution is required I will have it ready for next week.
11. Mistletoe Trail Discussion  
Councilman Michael Smith advised that this was brought before the Parks Advisory Board last month for the city to take over the operation of the Mistletoe Trail. The Parks Board thinks that it would be the best thing for the city. Valerie Kemp and Melinda Ruffin have built a wonderful event, and we think we can grow it by the city taking over operations.  
Councilman Adkins asked if it will be run like it is now?  
Councilman Smith advised everything will be the same.  
The prizes may have to change because the city is not able to give out the prizes, and Valerie has a 501C3 set up that she works through. We are thinking the city would buy the trees and then sell the trees to get some of that money back. The donations can be collected privately through 501C3. We could do a public/private partnership, and she would still be involved that way. Maybe Attorney Jennifer Noe can advise on how to run it.  
Mayor Greer advised that Valerie and Melinda would be heavily involved for the first year to help train staff in how to run the event.

#### **SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS**

12. None

#### **EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

13. None

#### **OTHER**

Councilman Thompson wished all the mothers in Ashland City a Happy Mother's Day! Mayor Greer agreed to wish a Happy Mother's Day as well.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM

  
MAYOR GERALD GREER

  
CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE