



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY Budget Meeting May 04, 2021 5:00 PM Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Mayor Steve Allen
Vice Chairman Roger Jackson
Committee Member Tim Adkins
Committee Member Daniel Anderson
Committee Member Gerald Greer
Committee Member Chris Kerrigan
Committee Member JT Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Committee Member Smith, seconded by Committee Member Kerrigan, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 23, 2021 Special Called Budget Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Member Smith, seconded by Committee Member Anderson, to approve the March 23, 2021 Special Called Budget Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Departmental Expense Budgets: Parks, Police, Streets, Water, Sewer, and Finance
Ms. Bowman reviewed the expense budgets for Parks, Police, Streets, Water, Sewer, and Finance. Councilman Adkins questioned a master plan for the parks. Mr. Scott Sampson responded he has money in engineering expense for a master plan for the property along the river. He further stated there will be community involvement meetings. Ms. Bowman explained the separation of the water and sewer budget. She further went over proposed capital expenses and proposed additions to the departmental budgets. New proposed positions include a seasonal parks employee, two (2) new police officer positions, and Mayor's Administrative Assistant.
3. Overall Budget Review Discussion
Ms. Bowman reviewed the new additions in the entire budget and reviewed all capital projects and additions to the budget. She reviewed the health insurance and the requests from the insurance committee to keep the deductions the same for employees. Ms. Reed explained this will be about an eight (8%) increase. Ms. Bowman stated the lowest paid employee would pay approximately twenty-one percent (21%) of his paycheck toward insurance. Ms. Bowman questioned what exactly the committee wants so that at the next council meeting she can have a budget prepared that will be ready for first reading. The committee discussed the health insurance increases and advised to keep the same deductions for employees, but not to cut the cost of the coverage. After much discussion the committee advised Ms. Bowman to The committee advised her to keep all new positions, capital projects, leave the property tax rate at

fifty-three cents (\$0.53), and to prepare the ordinance and advertisement for the council meeting.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Committee Member Anderson, seconded by Committee Member Smith, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

MAYOR STEVE ALLEN

CITY RECORDER KELLIE REED, CMFO, CMC