



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Regularly Scheduled Workshop Meeting
July 01, 2025, 6:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the agenda with changes. Removing the Department Head Reports and removing line # 20 because it duplicated line 18. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of June 3, 2025, Regularly Scheduled Workshop Minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Kerrigan, to approve the June 3, 2025, minutes. All approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

NONE

REPORTS

Removed from Agenda

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

13. TCRS - Buy Back Discussion VIOLET BLACK – Explained that there was an older employee that used to work with the city but is no longer employed with us. He is interested in finding out if we would participate in the buy back program through TCRS. There was a Resolution passed in August of 2013. It stated that once you started employment you would automatically be enrolled in TCRS. Prior to that there was a 6-month probation period. If we decide to participate, we will need to hire an actuary. They would have to do the financing for the program, and we will have to include every employee that was hired prior to 2013 to buy back their 6-months' probation period. The city would have to pay whatever the percentage of the TCRS at the time of employment and their salary.

Vice Mayor Kerrigan – stated that it sounds like a very large amount of money.

Mayor Greer – asked if there was an estimate of what that would cost for the city.

Violet Black – advised that we do not have an estimate at this time because it is all employees prior to 2013.

14. PEP - Liability Insurance - Property Renewal – **VIOLET BLACK** – This is our General Liability Insurance that went in effect as of today through June 30, 2026. The amount is \$ 167,469.00 (one hundred sixty-seven thousand four hundred sixty-nine dollars). I have spoken to Jennifer

and Mayor Greer we will try to put a bid out on this out next year because we have had PEP for a long period and we would like to see some different rates.

15. IROL AGREEMENT: Service Level Agreement - Fire Department – **CHIEF NOE** – This is a third-party company that helps with our Fire Inspections. There are several communities around us that use them. They are Dickson, Nashville, Franklin, and Brentwood. They add a charge to the people who are doing the inspections on the sprinklers, hood inspections, and extinguishers. It goes into their system, and they keep up with those inspections and where and how it would benefit us. It is no charge to the city and is funded by the people that will be doing the work. There is a sprinkler contractor for Middle Tennessee. I have reached out to a couple of them as well as Dickson and asked if this would be something that is passed on to the commercial business and the majority of the contractors already have this built into their pricing so when they do business in Ashland City, they do not lower their prices by \$19.00 (nineteen dollars). The purpose is if a sprinkler system got yellow tagged it would be entered into their system, and they would go back to that sprinkler contractor and/or the owner and coordinate the repairs. Right now, we may not know that information until we do the next inspection. If the next inspection is 12 or 18 months out, we would possibly have a deficiency for that period of time. They would complete all the follow-ups and leg work for us. It would be a time and money saver for the city.
16. Office Machine Service Agreement -**Justin Wheeler** – stated this is for the 2 new printers installed at City Hall. It is a small agreement and would be \$ 40.00 (forty dollars) a month for each printer. It would cover any issues that arise with those 2 printers for the entire time that we are using them.
17. Permission to apply for Senior Center Grant – **TAMMANY CARTER** - This is another Senior Grant that ranges between \$ 10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) and \$ 50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) and it is a reimbursable grant so we would pay, and they would reimburse with receipts monthly on money spent. It is similar to the grant we used for the painting and flooring. I have some ideas on how to use the money and look for the opportunity to apply for the grant and move forward with some of my ideas.
18. National Guard Armory Contract - Thrive 55 Center - Health and Wellness Expo – **TAMMANY CARTER** - Health and Wellness Expo is normally held outdoors and last year we had to cancel for weather related reasons. We had a backup day planned, and it was also cancelled for weather issues. It was a lot of work to get the money back to vendors, so I searched for a place to have it indoors this year and avoid weather issues. The National Guard Armory is willing to let us use the space for the day and time and I sent the contract to Mary for Jennifer's approval. It is free of charge to use the space. The date is September 12, 2025.
19. RESOLUTION 2025-24: Budget Statement - CDBG Sewer Pump Installation Project – **BILLY HARRIS** – This is the addition of money to help pay the cost of the sewer pump project located on Ashland Drive. The additional cost is \$ 21,300.00 (twenty-one thousand three hundred dollars).
20. RESOLUTION 2025-25 - Court Costs – **CYNTHIA HOLLINGSWORTH** – MTAS increased their cost by \$ 1.00 (one dollar) and they asked us to increase our court fines by \$ 1.00 (one dollar) to offset the increase.
21. RESOLUTION 2025-26: CDBG - Pump Station Project – Item Removed from the agenda as it is a duplicate of line 19.
22. Permission to apply for the BlueCross/BlueShield Playground Grant – **ANTHONY CLARK** – I am asking for permission to apply for this grant as I have done for the past 4 years. It is a \$ 750,000.00 (seven hundred fifty thousand dollar) playground grant. It opens on August 1st and I would like to apply for it again.

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS

EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

OTHER

23. Tornado Siren's Power Source – **CHIEF WALKER** – The last 2 sirens we have to install, there was money budgeted to hook up the electrical. That is the city's responsibility. We found out from the company that they have a solar option available. If we went to the solar option, it would be \$ 8, 904.00 (eight thousand nine hundred and four dollars) and we would save roughly \$ 9,000.00 (nine thousand dollars) on the installation and we would not have an electric fee to hook up or a monthly electric bill for them. I think it is a good choice for the city.

COUNCILWOMAN BINKLEY – Would it be as reliable as the electric options?

CHIEF WALKER – They have progressed a long way with the solar options. It is a 24 (twenty-four) volt system. It is not a regular little solar panel; they are much larger and a little more expensive. We have 2 sites on Highway 12 to place them. He gave the price per unit of \$ 4,452.00 per unit in case we wanted to use this option at some of our other sites.

24. Change Order #5 - WWTP – **BILLY HARRIS** – We received this yesterday from our engineers. It is a change order for the belt press, a fence deduction, a chemical tank vents, wall painting, a sod deduction and gutter drains. Total is \$ 18,310.34 (eighteen thousand three hundred ten dollars and 34 cents) that is our cost. We are still at our original contract price.

MAYOR GREER – He congratulated the Ashland City Fourteen U: All Star Team for winning a spot in the Dixie Youth World Series. We are certainly Proud of them. We will be cheering them on and maybe we can do something special for them when they get back next month.

COUNCILMAN THOMPSON - Congratulations to the Ashland City Fire Department for winning the 2025 Patriotic Employee Award.

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 6:16 p.m.

MAYOR GERALD GREER

CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE