



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Special Called City Council Meeting
February 02, 2026, 6:00 PM
Agenda

Mayor: Gerald Greer

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC HEARING

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC FORUM

NEW BUSINESS

- [1.](#) Charter Change; Elections

ADJOURNMENT

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Resolution 2026-06

A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City to amend their current Charter which was last amended in 2023 by the Private Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee and ratified by Resolution 2023-21 on the 9th day of May, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Legislature amended Tennessee Code Annotated 6-53-110 which become effective January 1, 2024 whereas an individual who has to be qualified to run in a specific district may not be elected at large.

WHEREAS, the Town's Charter provides under Section 4 that the City shall be divided into three wards.

WHEREAS Section 8 (a) of the Charter it provides that an election shall be conducted to elect a Mayor and six (6) councilmen including two (2) Councilmen from each of the three (3) wards of the Town, all by electors from the Town at large.

WHEREAS Section 8 of the Charter provides that elections shall be held every even-numbered year on the first Thursday in August. At the election held in August, 2024, and every other even-numbered year thereafter, one (1) Councilman for each ward and the Mayor shall be elected. At the election held in August 2026, and every other even-numbered year thereafter, one (1) Councilman shall be elected for each ward. The terms of the Mayor and Councilman shall begin at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Council in September next following their election, and they shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

WHEREAS Section 4 and Section 8 of the Charter are not in compliance with the modification in the law pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 6-53-110 that took effect January 1, 2024.

WHEREAS the City Mayor and the City Council for the Town of Ashland City, Tennessee desire to modify the current Charter to address the change in the law and to abolish wards in the Town of Ashland City and have all councilmen qualified to run at large and be elected at large.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council request the General Assembly to amend their current Charter with the proposed changes. The following changes are set out as follows:

Section 4 of the Charter shall be deleted in its entirety.

Section 8 (a through d) of the Charter shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

- (a) Any elector who has been a resident of the Town for at least two (2) years may be qualified as a candidate by submitting a nominating petition to the county election commission in accordance with state law.
- (b) The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated shall govern the filing of a nominating petition, the withdrawal of a candidate, and the placement of the candidate's name on the ballot.
- (c) Elections shall be nonpartisan. Beginning January 1, 2026, the election of the candidate for Mayor receiving the highest number of votes for the office shall be elected and there shall be six Councilman to be elected receiving the highest number of votes. In the event of any tie vote for two (2) or more candidates for the office of Mayor, then the duly elected Councilmen, by a majority vote, shall elect one (1) of the candidates for Mayor, who shall serve until the next election. If more than two (2) candidates for the office of Councilman receive the same number of votes, then the duly elected Town Council members shall, by a majority vote, shall elect one (1) of the candidates for Councilman. The office of councilman shall be staggered with councilman serving a term of four (4) years. The office of the Mayor shall also be elected for four (4) years. Currently, the Mayor and three of the council positions are not up for election until August 2028. Three vacancies on the board will be available August 2026. All elections shall be the first Thursday in August in even years.
- (d) The terms of the Mayor and Councilmen shall begin at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Council in September following their election, and they shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. All elections shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of this Charter and the election laws of the State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of Ashland City, Tennessee that the revised Charter, as set out above, is hereby approved to be presented to the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee for adoption.

Adopted this the 13th day of January, 2026.

Mayor

City Recorder

Votes:

Yes _____

No _____

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WHEREAS Section 8 of the Charter is not in compliance with the modification in the law pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 6-53-110 that took effect January 1, 2024.

WHEREAS the City Mayor and the City Council for the Town of Ashland City, Tennessee desire to modify the current Charter to address the change in the law and to continue with wards as set out in Section 4. However, only the voters in the said wards may vote for the candidates of their ward and there shall be no votes at large.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council request the General Assembly to amend their current Charter with the proposed changes. The following changes are set out as follows:

Section 8 (a through d) of the Charter shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

- (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, there shall be elected a Mayor and six (6) Councilman, including two (2) Councilmen from each of the three (3) wards of the Town. The position of Mayor shall be voted on by all electors from the Town at large. The position of Councilmen shall be voted on by electors in their ward. Any elector who has been a resident of the Town for at least two (2) years may be qualified as a candidate by submitting a nominating petition to the county election commission in accordance with state law.
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- (d) The terms of the Mayor and Councilmen shall begin at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Council in September following their election, and they shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. All elections shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of this Charter and the election laws of the State.

Section 13 shall of the Charter shall be amended to delete the first sentence only and replace with the following:

A vacancy shall exist if the Mayor or a Councilman resigns, dies, or moves his/her residence from their ward; is convicted of malfeasance or misfeasance in office, a felony, a violation of this Charter, the election laws of the state, or a crime involving

moral turpitude; or fails to attend any meetings of the Council for a period of (90) consecutive days with no extenuating circumstances.

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