



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY**  
**Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting**  
**May 14, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mayor JT Smith

Vice Mayor Gerald Greer

Councilman Chris Kerrigan

Councilman Michael Smith

Councilman Kevin Thompson

Councilman Tony Young

**ABSENT**

Councilman Tim Adkins

**PLEDGE AND PRAYER**

Councilman Thompson led with the Pledge and Prayer

**PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the Agenda with Changes. All approved by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. April 9, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the April 9, 2024, minutes. All approved by voice vote.

2. April 16, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the April 9, 2024, minutes. All approved by voice vote.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION**

3. Proclamation for Alzheimer's

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Greer, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the proclamation OF Alzheimer's. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins, ABSENT

**PUBLIC FORUM**

NONE

**REPORTS**

5. Attorney - Jennifer Noe advised she would like to call a Client and Attorney meeting at the end of the agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. Ordinance - Amend Municipal Code Title 1 Elected Official Salaries 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the ordinance. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Voting Nay: Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Adkins ABSENT

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Ordinance - Water Rates fy2025

- A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the ordinance. Voting Yea: Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
8. Ordinance: Budget Amendment # 2  
Due to the paving company having billing issues the previous year paving did not get billed and paid until this year, so Ms. Bowman was asking the board to amend the budget to pay the paving for last year and this year out of this year's budget.  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to approve the ordinance. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  9. Award Bank Bid  
A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the Bank bid and move all accounts to Pinnacle. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  10. Budget Discussion  
Lisa Walker spoke on the Historical Society getting into the old family dollar store in Ashland City and is requesting a donation. She advised that they are grateful for any amount they would receive as they have not been able to gage the costs at the new building yet.  
Ms. Bowman asked if the Council wanted to assign an amount to the park complex. They decided on \$ 750,000.00.  
A motion was made by Seconded by Vice Mayor Greer, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the budget. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  11. City Hall COR Funding - Loan Resolution  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the resolution. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Vice Mayor Greer, and Mayor Smith. Voting Nay: Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  12. GNRC- Ashland City Municipal Government-On-Call-Grant Assistance Contract  
A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Vice mayor Greer to vote on number 12, 13, and 14 at the same time. All approved by voice Vote.  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the contract. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  13. CDBG- Task Order 1  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the contract. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  14. CDBG -Task Order 2  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the contract. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  15. Proposal - Streetscape Improvements  
A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the proposal. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  16. Ordinance: Rezone Parcel for County - Amendment for Ordinance # 619  
A motion was made by Vice Mayor Greer Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the ordinance. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  17. Ordinance - Amend Sign Ordinance # 501/Section 20-105.1(b)(2): Wall signs.  
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the ordinance. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT
  18. City Planner Contract Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Greer, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the city planner contract. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilman Kerrigan, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

19. Town of Ashland City Public Safety Pay Table – Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Greer, Seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the pay table discussion. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Kerrigan, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

20. License Agreement to install and operate fixed Automated License plate recognition cameras  
A motion was made by Councilman Kerrigan, Seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the license plate recognition cameras. Voting Yea: Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

21. Fall Conference for City Recorder Discussion

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Greer, to approve the approval letter. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

22. Thrive 55+ Center Rental Agreement Discussion

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Greer, to Defer the rental agreement to June workshop and City Council meeting. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, Councilman Kerrigan, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

23. Resolution - to approve contracts for entertainment for Summerfest and booth rentals.

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the resolution. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Kerrigan, Councilman Adkins ABSENT

24. Kimley Horn Agreement Amendment

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the amendment. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Smith, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

25. Discussion of Employee Insurance

We had several employees attend and speak at the meeting with their concerns. Vice Mayor Greer thought we could have asked more questions and gotten more details on the survey. Vice Mayor Greer stated that getting the committee back together will allow participation for the employees and help the council make more informed decisions. Councilman Kerrigan thinks we should keep the BCBS this year and get the Insurance committee back so that the council has better answers and more information to make a more educated decision moving forward.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the insurance keep BCBS. Voting Yea: Councilman Smith, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

## **SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATIONS**

NONE

## **EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

NONE

## **OTHER**

26. TDOT-2024 Multimodal grant support letter

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Kerrigan, to approve the grant letter. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Young, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

27. Resolution - Proclaim June 15, 2024, as 615 Day

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to approve 615 Day. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, Councilman Kerrigan, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

28. CEC- Ricky Oakley and Steve Casey came to speak. Mr. Casey spoke first- He stated they are reviewing the contractor's work order request associated with the Wastewater Treatment plant. Ricky Oakley passed out a summary Table. What they are trying to explain is that they want to take responsibility for what the city has incurred as well as the contractor. They are asking Rural Development to deobligate funds currently in their professional services contract with the city and reallocate the funds to the construction contract that the city has with Reeves young. They are asking the city to pay for the rigid conduit to be hung under that slab at the increased cost instead of the original cost that was in the contract to put the conduit inside of the slab. They do not have the cost of the materials, or the costs associated to the original conduit. They are asking for the approval of the change order to move the contracts forward on schedule. Councilman Thompson asked if they are asking the city to pay \$162,000.00 for their mistake. Mr. Casey replied "No". Councilman Thompson questioned why the city is going to incur \$ 162,000.00 and they are only going to incur \$ 24,000.00. The delay charges. Reeves Young is asking for in the amount of \$ 170,000.00 is not included in the figures that we are looking at right now. Mr. Oakley stated that they are going to absorb a portion of the delay charge that will increase their portion and decrease the city portion. Councilman Thompson questioned why the city should be responsible for any of the delay charges for their mistake. Mr. Oakley stated that if the design was properly coordinated between the electrical and Structural on bid day it would have cost the city more than the original bid. Mayor stated: that These are 2 things the city did not have anything to do with either. Mr. Oakey tried to explain, That they are going to deduct the conduit that we have already paid for and not going to use from the cost of the new conduit that we are going to use, and we would only pay the difference, but again, said he does not have the amount at this time because the contractor has not answered them on the prices of each. Councilman Thompson stated that before the council makes any decisions they need to get the numbers and come back. Mayor asked why they did not design it the better way in the first place. They explained that they are still under the budget that was awarded a year ago. They do not know if the contractor has approved any of these changes either. After further questioning from Jennifer Noe the attorney the council has made a final decision not to approve anything until they come back with the exact numbers. Jennifer Noe asked to have them by next Tuesday and they could not promise that date. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Young, to deny approving the change of contract without numbers. Voting Yea: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Young, Councilman Kerrigan, Vice Mayor Greer, Councilman Smith, and Mayor Smith. Councilman Adkins ABSENT

#### **CLIENT AND ATTORNEY MEETING**

**Mayor recessed at 7:23 pm for the attorney meeting.**

**Council, Mayor, and Attorney returned from recess at 7:36 pm**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Greer, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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MAYOR JT SMITH

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CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE