



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

Budget Meeting

March 19, 2024, 6:00 PM

Minutes

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

Committee Chairman Tim Adkins

Committee Member Chris Kerrigan

Committee Member Michael Smith

Committee Member Kevin Thompson

Committee Member Tony Young

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Committee Member Thompson, seconded by Committee Member Kerrigan, to approve the agenda with changes (move streets and water/sewer to the beginning). All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 25, 2023, Budget Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Member Thompson, seconded by Committee Member Smith, to approve the April 25, 2023, Budget Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. *Procedure for Speaking Before the Council*

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Codes Budget

Director Nicholson discussed the changes to the Building & Codes budget, including the need for 2 new line items for ADA and Safety. One additional vehicle has been requested. He also gave an overview of revenue for the previous 2 years and the progress that has been made by the department.

4. Court Budget

Court Clerk Hollingsworth discussed the bi-lingual traffic school classes that will be offered in the next budget year. Ms. Bowman discussed a decrease in the budget due to the elimination of the General Sessions court.

5. Streets Budget

Director Biggers discussed the need for a new lawnmower and brush truck. He also discussed the need for a side-by-side which streets budget would only pay 50% of the cost. Council asked Assistant Director Harris to work with Amanda Bell and a landscape architect on the beautification project and to determine pricing for signs. Estimated cost should be presented at the April 30th budget meeting.

6. Water/Sewer Budget

Finance Director Bowman discussed imposing only the yearly 3% rate increase this next fiscal year. Director Biggers discussed an increase due to a pump replacement on Hill Road and the ARPA grant in the water budget. He discussed the need for one additional employee in the sewer budget. Also, the water/sewer will pay 50% of the side-by-side cost.

OTHER

Finance Director Bowman discussed all items in the budget binder given to council including letters from comptroller, town information, strategic plan, projects/loans, donation request, revenue and expense notes and the normal invoice estimations for each department.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Committee Member Kerrigan, seconded by Committee Member Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MAYOR JT SMITH

FINANCE DIRECTOR GAYLE BOWMAN