



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY

Budget Meeting

March 26, 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 Vice Mayor Greer, seconded by Committee Member Thompson, to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 19, 2024, Budget Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Member Thompson, seconded by Committee Member Kerrigan, to approve the March 19, 2024, Budget Meeting Minutes. All approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. *Procedure for Speaking Before the Council*

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Fire Budget

Chief Walker discussed the need to add 3 additional fire fighters. One employee's job responsibility has changed and there is a need to rewrite the job description and change the grade level. He is removing the volunteer incentive pay as they will now be considered part-time employees and paid. He is requesting a one-ton truck (service bed, tank/pump skid unit, lettering and wrap and a battery operating extrications tool in his capital line.

3. Police Budget

Chief Ray discussed the need to add 2 additional officers. His employees gave a presentation as to the need to increase the police salaries across the board. The discussion of a pay study will be added to the next workshop meeting. We are requesting active shooter kits since the grant will not cover the cost. There is the expense of a grant in the budget for sign on bonus and training cost that will be refunded as it is expensed. He is requesting 4 cars in the capital line item, 2 as normal rotation and 2 for the new staffing.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Committee Member Kerrigan, seconded by Committee Member Smith, to adjourn the meeting. All approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

MAYOR JT SMITH

CITY RECORDER MARY MOLEPSKE