

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 11, 2026

The Ashland Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Chambers on the 3rd floor of the Ashland City Building, 1700 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Those present were Commissioners: Marty Gute, Richard "Sonny" Martin, Tim Renfroe, David J. (D.J.) Rymer, II, and Mayor Chuck D. Charles, who presided. Also present: Tony D. Grubb, City Manager; Andrew K. Wheeler, Corporation Counsel; Susan W. Maddix, City Clerk; Todd Kelley, Chief of Police; Erika Bonner, Public Information Officer; Will McKenzie, Deputy Fire Chief; Barry Adkins, Director of Engineering; Mark Hall, Director of Utilities; Michelle Veach, Assistant Chief Financial Officer; and Reporters.

AGENDA

City Manager Grubb presented the agenda of June 11, 2026. Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to receive & file the agenda. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

MINUTES

Recessed Meeting 05/20/2026 – Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Martin, to dispense with reading and approve the minutes of the Recessed Meeting held on May 20, 2026. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

HEARINGS AND REPORTS

Mayor and Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Rymer welcomed those in attendance and wanted to touch on the record turnout at Dawson pool since the season started. This is the second season after the complete renovations. He talked about the cost of admission.

Commissioner Renfroe stated that he had just left the housing authority meeting at Scope Towers and they currently have 98% occupancy with 303 people on the waiting list at Scope Towers and 111 people on the waiting list at Debord Hill. He also mentioned the seemingly record attendance at First Friday, over 150 cars in the car show and the impressive live music.

Commissioner Martin welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioner Gute welcomed everyone in attendance. He stated he wanted to recognize the two newest businesses in Ashland, Alfa Piatto and Kinley Donuts. He also mentioned the near record crowd at First Friday, and he's looking forward to Summer Motion.

Mayor Charles echoed everyone's sentiment that it was a very successful First Friday. He also spoke about the America 250 Committee, stating the next event was the Blue Star Memorial Dedication on Sunday, June 14th at 3:00 PM in the 1500 block of Carter Avenue. He gave some history on the Blue Star Memorial.

Commissioner Martin gave special thanks to the Southern Hills Garden Club for re-doing the flower beds at the Riverfront. Mayor Charles said the Garden Club was presented the Hometown Hero award from WSAZ.

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City Manager's Report

City Manager Grubb introduced Economic Development Specialist Eden McKenzie.

Ms. McKenzie's Economic Development update included:

- Community Data obtained through the City's partnership with Blueprint Kentucky, which provides valuable insight into demographic trends, workforce characteristics, and economic indicators specific to Ashland.
- Economic Development met with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development to discuss new regulations and updates related to opportunity zones.
- Community and Economic Development Department participated in a webinar hosted by the Kentucky Association for Economic Development (KAED) and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development regarding recent changes to the Kentucky Business Investment Program resulting from the 2026 legislative session. The department looks forward to further discussions with the Cabinet on how these changes may benefit Ashland.
- Ms. McKenzie recently graduated from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute, a 117-hour certification program providing advanced training for economic development professionals.
- From a business recruitment standpoint, Ms. McKenzie reported steady interest from logistics and small manufacturing companies, with several active prospects seeking facilities in the 10,000 to 15,000 square foot range. Staff continue working to identify suitable sites and buildings to meet these needs.
- Ongoing engagement with site selectors and noted that multiple Ashland properties have been submitted for consideration by several national quick-service restaurant brands.
- Discussions regarding a new townhome development remain ongoing as community leaders and development partners continue exploring opportunities to expand the City's housing inventory.
- Discussions continue regarding redevelopment opportunities for the former AK Steel coke plant property, with multiple parties currently engaged in acquisition and redevelopment discussions. Commissioner Renfroe asked for clarification regarding the former AK Steel property, and Ms. McKenzie confirmed she was referring to the former coke plant property.

Commissioner Martin congratulated Ms. McKenzie on completing her certification and complimented her presentation.

Mayor Charles discussed ongoing housing efforts and stated he would like the City to explore incentives for developers willing to rehabilitate condemned properties, including possible relief from code enforcement fines when improvements are completed within a reasonable timeframe. Mr. Wheeler noted the City has historically worked with developers, landlords, and investors interested in vacant properties and remains open to creative redevelopment opportunities. Commissioner Rymer added that the City should review code regulations and zoning requirements to ensure they reflect practical, common-sense approaches.

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Commissioner Rymer asked about challenges facing business investment in downtown Ashland. Ms. McKenzie stated that one of the biggest barriers is unrealistic property pricing, as acquisition costs often exceed appraised values and can make projects financially unfeasible. In response to questions about South Ashland, Ms. McKenzie noted the area has shown redevelopment potential due to its population density and proximity to schools, making it attractive for small businesses and fast-casual development, though timing remains a key factor in economic development.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Celeste Kouns, Executive Director of Visit AKY, provided an update on recent economic impact data shared by the Governor with Visit AKY and Boyd County Tourism. She reported that tourism in 2025 saw a 2.7% increase, generating \$160.7 million in secondary economic revenue, \$33.4 million in labor income, and \$12.4 million in state and local tax revenue. She also noted that Kentucky reached a record \$14.6 billion in tourism spending statewide.

Commissioner Renfroe asked Ms. Kouns to provide an update on the First Friday event held on June 5, 2026. Ms. Kouns reported that 130 vehicles were officially registered for the car show, with additional vehicles participating beyond that number. She stated the event was well attended and very successful. She also highlighted upcoming events, including Sunset Scenes and the Makers Market. Commissioner Renfroe thanked Visit AKY for their efforts, and Commissioner Martin also expressed appreciation for Ms. Kouns' work.

William Reeves congratulated organizers on the success of First Friday. He noted that with Wynonna Judd returning to Ashland, he noticed the nameplate for her mother, Noami Judd, was missing from the stage. Mr. Wheeler stated staff would investigate the matter and determine what happened.

OLD BUSINESS
SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 60, 2026

SERIES 2026A BOND ORDINANCE

A SERIES BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026A (WHICH AMOUNT MAY BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$100,000 OR DECREASED BY ANY AMOUNT); DESIGNATING THE PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR IN RESPECT THEREOF; APPROVING THE PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2004, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Ashland, Kentucky (the "City"), in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 96, Chapter 58, Section 56.513, Sections 65.7701 through 65.7721, inclusive, and Sections 65.940 through 65.956, inclusive, of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as amended, adopted its General Bond Ordinance (the "General Ordinance"), under which the City is authorized to issue Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds from time to time, the proceeds of which, in whole or in part, are to be used for the purposes described with particularity in the General Ordinance; and

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WHEREAS, the General Ordinance authorizes the issuance and sale of Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds in one or more series, in accordance with one or more Series Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined and hereby confirms that it is necessary and desirable at this time to issue a series of its Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, to be designated the “City of Ashland, Kentucky Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A” to provide moneys to (i) pay all or a portion of the costs of (a) the construction of additions and improvements to the City’s combined and consolidated water and sewer system (the “System”), and (b) the construction of various utility improvements (collectively, the “2026A Project”); (ii) pay all or a portion of the costs of issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds; (iii) pay the costs of credit enhancement, if any; and (iv) pay all or a portion of the cost of any necessary increase to the Debt Service Reserve in accordance with the requirements of the General Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Ashland, Kentucky, that under the General Ordinance authorizing the issuance of and securing Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, this Series 2026A Bond Ordinance is adopted as follows:

ARTICLE I

AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

1.01. Short Title. This ordinance may hereafter be referred to as the “Series 2026A Bond Ordinance.”

1.02. Defined Words and Terms.

(1) All words and terms defined in the General Ordinance, which General Ordinance is incorporated herein by reference, shall have the same meanings respectively in this Series 2026A Bond Ordinance.

(2) “Municipal Advisor” shall mean RSA Advisors, LLC, Lexington, Kentucky.

(3) “Series 2026A Bonds” shall mean the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A, which are authorized by Article II of this Series 2026A Bond Ordinance.

1.03. Authority. This Series 2026A Bond Ordinance is adopted under the authority of Article II, Section 204 of the General Ordinance and the Act.

1.04. Determination in Respect of Improvements to the System Payable from the Revenues of the City’s System. It is hereby determined and declared by the City that, (1) under the requirements of the General Ordinance, the City is issuing the Series 2026A Bonds to finance all or a portion of the costs of the 2026A Project and (ii) the cost of financing the 2026A Project shall be payable from the revenues of the System.

1.05. Determination by the City that Series 2026A Bonds Be Issued. It is hereby determined by the City that it is necessary and desirable that \$10,000,000 principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A (which amount may be increased by up to \$100,000 or decreased by any amount) (the “Permitted Adjustment”), be authorized and issued by the City for the purpose of (i) financing all or a portion of the 2026A Project, (ii) paying all or a portion of the costs of issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds (iii) paying the costs of credit enhancement, if any, and (iv) funding all or a portion of any necessary increase to the Debt Service Reserve in accordance with the requirements of the General Ordinance.

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1.06. Authorization to Execute Documents and Accept Bids. The City hereby authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute all necessary documents including the Official Statement and authorizes the Mayor to accept the best bid for the Series 2026A Bonds.

ARTICLE II

AUTHORIZATION AND TERMS OF SERIES 2026A BONDS

2.01. Authorization of Bonds; Principal Amount; Designation and Series. In order to provide sufficient funds necessary for all or a portion of the costs of the 2026A Project, paying all or a portion of the costs of issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds, and funding all or a portion of any necessary increase in the Debt Service Reserve in accordance with and subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations established in the Act, the General Ordinance and this Series 2026A Bond Ordinance, a series of Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds is hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000 (subject to the Permitted Adjustment). The City is of the opinion and hereby determines that the issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds in such principal amount as is necessary to provide sufficient funds to be used and expended for the System. As provided by Article II, Section 204 of the General Ordinance, in addition to the designation “Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds,” the series of Bonds hereby authorized shall bear the additional designation “Series 2026A” and each Bond as so designated shall be a “Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2026A.” The Series 2026A Bonds shall be issued in fully registered, Book-Entry Form.

2.02. Purpose for Issue of Series 2026A Bonds. The purpose for which the Series 2026A Bonds are being issued is to provide funds to (i) pay all or a portion of the costs of (a) the construction of additions and improvements to the System, and (b) the 2026A Project; (ii) pay all or a portion of the costs of issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds; (iii) pay the costs of credit enhancement, if any and (iv) pay all or a portion of the cost of any necessary increase to the Debt Service Reserve to the extent and in the amounts or subject to the determinations provided in Article III of this Series 2026A Bond Ordinance.

2.03. Issue Date. The Series 2026A Bonds shall be dated shall be dated their date of initial issuance and delivery.

2.04. Maturities. The Series 2026A Bonds shall be issued as serial bonds or term bonds maturing or subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on May 1st of the years and in the principal amounts (subject to the Permitted Adjustment), as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2027	\$20,000	2038	\$370,000
2028	25,000	2039	380,000
2029	30,000	2040	390,000
2030	35,000	2041	410,000
2031	40,000	2042	1,125,000
2032	45,000	2043	1,170,000
2033	50,000	2044	1,215,000
2034	125,000	2045	1,265,000
2035	335,000	2046	1,320,000
2036	345,000	2047	950,000
2037	355,000		

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The right is reserved in the City to increase or decrease the total principal amount of Series 2026A Bonds awarded to the best bidder as provided in Section 4.01 hereof by the amount of the Permitted Adjustment, with such increase or decrease to be made in any principal maturity so that the total amount of Series 2026A Bonds awarded to such best bidder may be a maximum of \$10,100,000 or any amount less than \$10,000,000 in increments of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or any integral multiple thereof. Upon any such Permitted Adjustment, no rebidding or recalculation of a submitted bid will be required or permitted; the price at which such adjusted principal amount of Series 2026A Bonds will be sold shall be at the same price per \$1,000 of Bonds as the price per \$1,000 of the \$10,000,000 of Series 2026A Bonds bid.

If the successful bidder and original purchaser of the Series 2026A Bonds elects, in accordance with the provisions of the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale prepared for the Series 2026A Bonds (the "Official Terms and Conditions"), to combine the Series 2026A Bonds stated to mature on the maturity dates set out in the successful bid of such original purchaser to comprise a term bond ("Term Bonds") as set out in the successful bid, then such Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption in part, at the selection of the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar by lot in such manner as the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar may determine, from moneys in the Sinking Fund on each applicable May 1st at par plus accrued interest to the redemption date, according to the mandatory sinking fund redemption schedule or schedules set out in the accepted bid and in principal amounts corresponding to the maturity schedule set out in Section 2.04 hereof (subject to the Permitted Adjustment as herein provided).

2.05. Interest Payment Date; Rates. The Series 2026A Bonds shall bear interest from their date of initial issuance and delivery, payable semi-annually on May 1st and November 1st of each year, commencing November 1, 2026, at the rates set out in the successful bid.

2.06. Denominations, Numbers, and Letters. The Series 2026A Bonds shall be issued in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or any integral multiple thereof, not exceeding, however, the aggregate principal amount of Series 2026A Bonds maturing in the year of maturity of the Bond for which the denomination is to be specified. The Series 2026A Bonds shall be lettered and numbered separately consecutively from R-1 upwards.

2.07. Place of Payment and Designation of Paying Agent and Registrar. The principal and Redemption Price on the Series 2026A Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal office of the Paying Agent and Registrar, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Louisville, Kentucky. The Mayor and City Clerk of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between the City and the Paying Agent and Registrar hereby appointed. Interest on Series 2026A Bonds will be paid by check or draft mailed to the registered owner as of the fifteenth day of the month preceding the date on which a payment of interest is due at such address as shall be shown by the registration records of the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of Article III of the General Ordinance.

2.08. Redemption of Series 2026A Bonds; Redemption Terms and Prices. The Series 2026A Bonds maturing on May 1, 2032 shall be redeemable at the option of the City in whole or in part at any time on or after May 1, 2031 (less than all of a single maturity to be selected in such manner as the Registrar may determine) at a redemption price equal to the par amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, upon notice and in accordance with other conditions as prescribed by the General Ordinance or supplemental ordinances not inconsistent herewith.

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At the option of the City, to be exercised at least forty-five days before the date for application of the mandatory redemption of the Term Bonds, the City may receive a credit against the mandatory redemption requirement for Term Bonds of the same maturity as the Term Bonds subject to the application of the mandatory redemption requirement set forth in the successful bid for the Series 2026A Bonds which, before the date for application of such requirement (and of which a credit has not previously been taken) (1) have been redeemed other than through the application of such mandatory redemption procedure, and cancelled by the Paying Agent, or (2) have been delivered to the Paying Agent by the City for cancellation.

ARTICLE III

DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS OF SERIES 2026A BONDS

3.01. Debt Service Reserve. There shall be deposited in the Debt Service Reserve, identified in Section 506 of the General Ordinance, proceeds of the Series 2026A Bonds, such that the amount on deposit in the Debt Service Reserve will equal the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement. Such funds held from time to time in the Debt Service Reserve shall be treated, invested, transferred, and applied in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 506 of the General Ordinance.

3.03. Bond Proceeds Fund. All amounts remaining after deposit of amounts required to be deposited in the Debt Service Reserve shall be deposited in the Bond Proceeds Fund, hereby established with a depository selected by an Authorized Officer (the "Bond Proceeds Depository"), in accordance with Article V, Section 503 of the General Ordinance. The moneys in the Bond Proceeds Fund shall be deposited in a cost of issuance account, hereby created, known as the "Series 2026A Cost of Issuance Account" and a Project Construction Fund account hereby created, known as the "Series 2026A Project Construction Fund" in amounts set forth in an order (the "Order") of an Authorized Officer regarding the delivery of the Series 2026A Bonds. After all costs of issuance payable from the Series 2026A Cost of Issuance Account have been paid, any balance in the account shall be deposited in the Project Construction Fund or shall be transferred to the Debt Service Fund, as determined by an Authorized Officer. Amounts in the Series 2026A Project Construction Fund shall be used only to pay the costs of the 2026A Project specifically identified in the Order, unless the City obtains an opinion of bond counsel that any other use would not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income on the interest on the Series 2026A Bonds for federal income tax purposes. Any amounts remaining in the Series 2026A Project Construction Fund after completion of the 2026A Project shall be used to pay other permissible expenses of the City, subject to the requirements of the preceding sentence, or transferred to the Debt Service Fund, as determined by an Authorized Officer.

ARTICLE IV

ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE SERIES 2026A BONDS

4.01. Award of Series 2026A Bonds to Lowest and Best Bidder. The Series 2026A Bonds shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder (the "Purchaser") in accordance with the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale. The Mayor, City Clerk, or Director of Finance shall, in a certificate of award to be executed on the date of the public sale of the Series 2026A Bonds, accept the bid which the Mayor determines to be the best bid in accordance with the Official Terms and Conditions of Sale; shall in accepting the successful bid, determine the exact principal amount of Series 2026A Bonds to be issued and the rates of interest which the Series 2026A Bonds shall bear; and shall evidence such acceptance and determination by the completion and execution of the Official Bid Form submitted by the successful bidder.

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4.02. Approval of Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement. The City hereby approves the Preliminary Official Statement, including the Official Bid Form and Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale heretofore prepared by the City and its Municipal Advisor, authorizes the public distribution of such Preliminary Official Statement and authorizes the Municipal Advisor for the City to complete the Preliminary Official Statement to reflect the interest costs to be borne by the Series 2026A Bonds and other relevant facts to serve as the City's Official Statement regarding the Series 2026A Bonds. The Mayor is further authorized to declare the Official Statement to be "final" for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12.

4.03. Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. The City hereby authorizes and approves a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to be dated as of the date of initial issuance and delivery of the Series 2026A Bonds (the "Continuing Disclosure Undertaking") substantially in the form presented or described to the Board of Commissioners, with such modifications and additions as may be approved by the officer of the City executing the same. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall not constitute a default on the Series 2026A Bonds; however, any holder of the Series 2026A Bonds may take such action as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking specific performance, to cause the City to comply with its obligations under this section and the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. The Mayor and the City Clerk are each separately authorized to execute and deliver the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

4.04. General Authorization. The Mayor and City Clerk of the City, each as an Authorized Officer, are hereby authorized to do and perform any act or sign any and all documents required by the General Ordinance, and perform any other acts or sign and execute any other documents necessary or convenient in connection with the authorization, sale, delivery, and issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds. The Series 2026A Bonds shall be executed, authenticated, and sealed under the General Ordinance and supplemental ordinances not inconsistent therewith, provided that the attestation shall be by an Authorized Officer.

4.05. Delivery of Series 2026A Bonds. The Mayor, City Clerk, Director of Finance, City Manager, and other officers of the City, and all Authorized Officers of the City as defined in the General Ordinance, are hereby severally authorized, after execution of the Series 2026A Bonds to deliver the Series 2026A Bonds to or upon the order of the Purchaser thereof, to receive the proceeds of sale of the Series 2026A Bonds and give a written receipt thereof on behalf of the City, to apply the proceeds and any other moneys in accordance with the terms of the General Ordinance and this Series 2026A Bond Ordinance, and in such manner as is required to cause the conditions to the issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds as stipulated in the General Ordinance to be complied with and to do and perform, or cause to be done and performed, for and on behalf of the City, all acts and things that constitute conditions to the authentication and delivery of the Series 2026A Bonds, or that are otherwise required to be done and performed by or on behalf of the City before, or simultaneously with, the delivery of the Series 2026A Bonds.

ARTICLE V

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES,
COVENANTS, AND AGREEMENTS

5.01. Franchise Agreements. To the extent permitted by law, so long as the Series 2026A Bonds remain Outstanding, the City will not grant any franchises or grant any rights of way over the public streets or public grounds of the City relating to (i) water service in the service area of the water portion of the System, or (ii) sewer service in the service area of the sewer portion of the System.

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5.02. Additional Bonds. Notwithstanding satisfaction of other conditions to the issuance of additional Bonds contained in the General Ordinance, no such issuance may occur (i) should any Event of Default (or any event which, once notice has been given or grace periods have passed, would constitute an Event of Default) have occurred and be continuing unless such default shall be cured upon such issuance and (ii) unless the amount on deposit in the Debt Service Reserve is no less than the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement.

5.03. Priority of Pledges. The City covenants and agrees to take such action (including, as applicable, filing of UCC financing statements and continuations thereof) as is necessary from time to time otherwise preserve the priority of the pledges set forth in Section 501 of the General Ordinance under applicable law.

ARTICLE VI

EFFECTIVE DATE

6.01. Effective upon Adoption and Publication. This Series 2026A Bond Ordinance and any supplement thereto shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication of a summary thereof.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	May 20, 2026
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	June 11, 2026
PUBLISHED:	

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. 60, 2026, at this its second reading.

DISCUSSION

Acting Chief Finance Officer Michelle Veach reported there is currently a list of waterline replacement projects that have already been engineered. In addition, there is a list of additional projects. Director of Utilities Mark Hall advised the lists are fluid and may be changed due to waterline breaks, etc. Some projects, due to their size, will be bid out to contractors.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT

Upon roll call, voting ay were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 61, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY,
ADOPTING AND ENACTING SUPPLEMENT 2026 S-1 TO THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND.

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ORDINANCE NO. 61, 2026 CONTINUED

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio has completed the S-1 supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ashland, which supplement contain all ordinances of a general nature enacted since the adoption of the Code of Ordinances of this municipality, and

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation has recommended the revision or addition of certain sections of the Code of Ordinances which are based on or make references to sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of City Commissioners to adopt updated sections of the City Code as adopted by Ordinance No. 138, 2025 in accordance with the changes of the law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That the 2026 S-1 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ashland, as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation authorized by Ordinance No. 138, 2025, be and the same are hereby adopted by reference as if set out in full.

SECTION 2. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 4. It is hereby authorized that publication of this ordinance be in summary form.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: May 28, 2026
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: June 11, 2026
PUBLISHED:

MOTION

Motion was made by Renfroe, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. 61, 2026, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 62, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND S4 WATER SALES AND SERVICE, LLC FOR ANNUAL SERVICING OF THE TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON (TOC) ANALYZER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,275.00 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, DIVISION OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

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ORDINANCE NO. 62, 2026 CONTINUED

SECTION 1. That Chuck D. Charles, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement between the City of Ashland and S4 Water Sales and Service, LLC for annual servicing of the Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Analyzer for a period of one year beginning June 2, 2026 and expiring on June 1, 2027 in the amount of \$6,275.00 for the Department of Utilities, Division of Water Treatment Plant. Said Agreement is attached hereto and made a part of hereof by reference.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflicts only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 4. It is hereby authorized that publication of this Ordinance be in summary form.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: May 28, 2026
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: June 11, 2026
PUBLISHED:

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Martin, to adopt Ordinance No. 62, 2026, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfro, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 63, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES OF 1986, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, BY AMENDING ARTICLE II. SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS; ARTICLE XIV. DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AND ARTICLE XV. DEFINITIONS TO INCORPORATE DEFINITIONS AND LAND USE REGULATIONS RELATED TO QUALIFIED MANUFACTURED HOMES AND AMENDING THE TABLE OF PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 101, Series of 1986, as previously amended, commonly known and referred to as the Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended by amending Article II. Supplementary District Regulations; Article XIV. District Regulations; and Article XV. Definitions to incorporate definitions and land use regulations related to qualified manufactured homes and amending the Table of Permitted and Conditional Uses. A true copy of said amended Article II, Article XIV and Article XV and the amended Table of Permitted and Conditional Uses is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference as if set out in full.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

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ORDINANCE NO. 63, 2026 CONTINUED

SECTION 4. It is hereby authorized that publication of this ordinance be in summary form.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: May 28, 2026
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: June 11, 2026
PUBLISHED:

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Ordinance No. 63, 2026, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

TABLED

ORDINANCE NO. ____, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES OF 1986, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, BY AMENDING ARTICLE XIII. CONDITIONAL USES; ARTICLE XIV. DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AND ARTICLE XV. DEFINITIONS TO INCORPORATE DEFINITIONS AND LAND USE REGULATIONS RELATED TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND AMENDING THE TABLE OF PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES.

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Rymer, to adopt Ordinance No. __, 2026, at this its second reading.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Gute questioned the Planning Commission’s recommended length-of-stay provision, expressing concern that a six-month stay with a one-time six-month extension may not be sufficient for individuals such as construction workers or traveling nurses. Mayor Charles asked whether the rationale for the length-of-stay recommendation and associated criteria was known. Ms. McKenzie explained that the recommendation was made by the Planning Commission; however, the City Commission may accept, modify, or deny the recommendation. Commissioner Renfroe expressed concern regarding the presence of a campground within city limits. Commissioner Rymer recommended tabling the ordinance until additional information regarding the reasoning behind the recommendation could be obtained.

MOTION TO TABLE

Motion was made by Rymer, seconded by Martin, to table Ordinance No. __, 2026, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

REGULAR MEETING JUNE 11, 2026
CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY,
ADOPTING, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE COURSE
OF ACTION PRESENTED BY THE CITY MANAGER ON THE
ITEMS APPEARING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS OF JUNE 11, 2026.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. The Board of City Commissioners hereby adopts, authorizes and approves the action presented by the City Manager on each item appearing on the “Consent Agenda” for the regular meeting, June 11, 2026, attached hereto and incorporated herein, as if set out in full, is a copy of the “Consent Agenda” hereby adopted, authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, as required by law.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: June 11, 2026

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute , seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Resolution No. 18, 2026.

DISCUSSION

Regarding item (b) - Commissioner Rymer expressed hope that the salt bin would remain fully stocked. Mayor Charles asked Ms. Veach whether the City would coordinate with Catlettsburg and Boyd County to purchase salt through the City. City Manager Grubb responded that the City would allow Catlettsburg and Boyd County to purchase salt through Ashland, as doing so would provide significant cost savings for both entities. Kentucky League of Cities bid was \$115.50 per ton. Kentucky Association of Counties bid was \$150.00.

Regarding item (c) - Mayor Charles asked Deputy Chief McKenzie if the shower project met the approval of the Fire Department. Deputy Chief McKenzie said that even though there had been some issues the project was still ongoing but was going well. It was just a slow process. Commissioner Martin asked if they still had usable showers and Mr. McKenzie said yes, that the contractor was working with them to make sure they still had usable showers.

Regarding item (f) - Mayor Charles asked Mr. Hall whether the City would be able to utilize all of the surplus pipe being considered for purchase. While acknowledging the favorable purchase price, he wanted to ensure the inventory would be fully usable for City projects. Mr. Hall confirmed that the City would be able to utilize all of the pipe, specifically for a project on 29th Street

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CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

VOTE

Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. City Manager recommends approval to award the bid dated June 4, 2026, to Cintas Corporation for the Rental of Work Uniforms for a period of Two (2) years for Public Services, Utility Operations, Parks, and Code Enforcement Divisions in the City of Ashland.
- b. City Manager recommends approval to award the bid dated May 20, 2026, for the purchase of approximately two thousand two hundred (2,200) tons of treated rock salt at a cost of \$115.50 per ton to Morton Salt, Inc. 444 W. Lake Street Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606. Also approving payments upon acceptance of the rock salt. For the Department of Public Services, Division of Streets.
- c. City Manager recommends approval to pay application #2 dated May 5, 2026, in the amount of \$15,500.00 to Tri-State Construction & Enterprise, LLC for the labor and materials for the shower installation project for the Ashland Fire Department.
- d. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #0066949 dated February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$1,000.00 to GRW for engineering services for the 2022 Water and Sewer Capital Improvements Project -Roberts Drive Screen Replacement Under Amendment No. 2 for the Department of Engineering.
- e. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #0239261 dated May 13, 2026, in the amount of \$67,673.88 to Strand Associates, Inc. for final design and bidding engineering services associated with the City of Ashland Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Improvement Project for the Department of Utility Operations.
- f. City Manager recommends authorizing purchase and payment of Invoice #001 in the amount of \$26,846.40 and Invoice #002 in the amount of \$26,337.20, both dated June 8, 2026 and totaling \$53,183.60, to Connhurst, LLC for 12" PVC pipe, 12" gate valves, 12" mechanical fittings, 12" gland packs, 6" mechanical fittings, 6" gland packs and a 6" insertion valve for the Department of Utilities.

NEW BUSINESS
FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND,
KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK
D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND AND MORTON
SALT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF UP TO TWO
THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (2,200) TONS OF
TREATED ROCK SALT AT \$115.50 PER TON FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES, DIVISION OF
STREETS.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2026 CONTINUED

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Rymer, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2026, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A TRUST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES INSURANCE SERVICES GENERAL INSURANCE TRUST FOR FY 2026-2027 AND PAYMENT OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY PREMIUMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$957,261.42

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2026, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND AND CINTAS CORPORATION FOR THE RENTAL OF WORK UNIFORMS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICES, UTILITIES, PARKS & RECREATION, AND CODE ENFORCEMENT IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND PURSUANT TO BID DOCUMENTS OPENED ON JUNE 4, 2026.

MOTION

Motion was made by Renfroe, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2026, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

READING AND ADOPTION

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 18, 2026

A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AND PAUL EVANS HOLBROOK, JR. REGARDING THE BEECHWOOD, FOREST AND WOODLAND AVENUE STORM SEWER PROJECT.

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MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 18, 2026 CONTINUED

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Chuck D. Charles, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of said City a Temporary Construction Easement between the City of Ashland, Kentucky and Paul Evans Holbrook, Jr. regarding the Beechwood, Forest and Woodland Avenue Storm Sewer Project. Said Temporary Construction Easement is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

SECTION 2. That Chuck D. Charles, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of said City any and all other documents related to this transaction.

INTRODUCED, PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED
ON ONE READING, this the 11th day of June, 2026.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Rymer, to adopt Municipal Order No. 18, 2026. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to go into Executive Session at 6:43 PM to discuss individual personnel matters and property acquisition. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer, and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 8:11 PM and Mayor Charles announced that only items discussed were individual personnel matters and property acquisition with no final action taken.

MOTION

Motion was made by Rymer, seconded by Martin, to terminate employee #06112026. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer, and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Charles declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.


CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK