



**Ashland Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 23, 2026
12:00 PM**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. RECEIVE AND FILE AGENDA

V. RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2026
- b. Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2026
- c. Recessed Meeting held on June 26, 2026

VI. HEARINGS AND REPORTS

- a. Mayor and Commissioners' Comments
- b. City Manager's Report

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLEASE REMOVE YOUR HAT AND SILENCE YOUR PHONE - Anyone with a comment or request may come to the podium and address the Commission concerning matters related to City business, services or personnel. Comments related to election issues or concerning personal disputes will not be allowed. Personal attacks, obscene, or threatening language will not be tolerated. Presentations are limited to five (5) minutes. A yellow light indicates 30 seconds remain and a red light means the time limit has expired. Only one speaker is permitted per subject. No action will be taken at this meeting. Those with comments are asked to fill out an "Inquiry/Complaint Form" and leave it with the City Clerk for distribution to the proper City Department.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Second reading and final adoption of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE AMENDED AUTHORIZED POSITIONS LISTING OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 31, SERIES OF 2023, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF LIEUTENANTS BY ONE AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SERGEANTS BY ONE IN THE ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FISCAL NOTE: This adjustment will have an estimated savings of approximately \$15,000 in the salary budget. This is estimated due to the differences in salaries based on seniority and collective bargaining salaries between Lieutenant and Sergeant.

SUMMARY: Recent changes in organizational structure and command responsibilities identified the need for the adjustment. The retirement of a current lieutenant is the opportunity to make the change. With the removal of this position, a need to make one additional sergeant to fulfill the organizational needs within supervision and management. No officers are being laid off nor removed from current positions. The operational efficiency of the command structure will function more stably based on structure changes we have progressively been making.

- b. Second reading and final adoption of an ordinance entitled:

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 PEOPLES INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC TO PROVIDE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE BROKER/AGENT PLACEMENT SERVICES FROM JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SAME.

FISCAL NOTE: Prior to COVID, the annual amount was \$25,000. During COVID, the amount was reduced to \$14,000 and continued through FY 2025 - 2026. The policy amount for the current FY 2026 - 2027 is increased to \$20,000.

SUMMARY: Annual renewal agreement for property and casualty insurance.

- c. Second reading and final adoption of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING APPENDIX M. TUITION/FEE ASSISTANCE POLICY OF THE “POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, COMPENSATION PLAN AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN” AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 51, SERIES OF 2017, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED.

FISCAL NOTE: Travel/Training budgeted funds will fund this program.

SUMMARY: Adopting a Tuition/Fee Assistance program for city employees. The City of Ashland recognizes that skills and knowledge are critical to the success of the city government and encourages personal development through formal education so employees can maintain and improve job-related skills.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. City Manager recommends approval to award the bid dated July 9 2026, for Mainline Replacement Parts to the following bidders. Also approving payments upon acceptance of the parts. For the Department of Utility Operations, Division of Water Distribution.

Citco Water	Section 1 (PVC pipe)	\$48,470.00.
E. J. Prescott	Section 2 (Valves)	\$23,921.28.
Ferguson	Section 3 (Tapping Sleeves)	\$4,723.91.
E.J. Prescott	Section 4 (MJ Fittings)	\$16,753.87.
E.J. Prescott	Section 5 (Flange Gaskets)	\$100.30.
E.J. Prescott	Section 6 (Meter box/lids)	\$18,752.16.
Ferguson	Section 7 (Tapping Saddles)	\$5,502.10.
E.J. Prescott	Section 8 (Brass/Service)	\$72,697.59
Ferguson	Section 9 (Miscellaneous)	\$17,060.18.

FISCAL NOTE: Per the bid opening on July 9, 2026. Citco water total - \$48,470.00. E.J. Prescott total - \$132,225.20. Ferguson total - \$27,286.19. For a total bid amount of \$207,981.39.

Funding source: To be paid from the Utility Fund. FY27 budgeted amount = \$9M.

SUMMARY:

Goal: Bid for the purchase of waterline replacement parts in bulk to support the City's ongoing waterline replacement program. Purchasing these materials in advance ensures the necessary inventory is readily available for planned projects and emergency repairs, while helping to reduce costs through bulk pricing and minimizing delays caused by material shortages.

- b. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #7 dated July 8, 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,088.71 to Judy Construction Co. for the Ashland Water Resource Recovery Facility Expansion and Improvement Project for the Department of Utility Operations, Division of Wastewater Treatment Plant.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$99,782,000.00. Change order #1 (decrease) - (\$724,500.00). Revised contract amount - \$99,057,500.00. Amount paid to date - \$11,047,170.63. Current amount due - \$1,000,088.71. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$87,010,240.66.

Funding source: To be funded with Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) = \$2 million. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) = \$4 million. Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) loan = \$39 million. KIA forgivable loan (Grant) = \$5 million. State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) grant = \$4 million. Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) proceeds = \$24 million. Bond issue = \$27,122,000.00. Total = \$105,122,000.00.

Contract start date: December 8, 2025.

Anticipated Contract completion date: June 8, 2029.

SUMMARY:

Contract goal: The construction of a new headworks building with mechanical screening, grit removal, and grit washing. The new headworks building will also house a septage receiving station. A new mixed liquor splitter box is also being constructed. The existing oxidation ditches are being converted to 4-stage Bardenpho processes. A new clarifier splitter box is being constructed to distribute flow equally to three new 117-foot circular secondary clarifiers. A new Return Activated Sludge (RAS)/Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) pump station and new scum pump station will also be constructed. A peracetic acid (PAA) storage tank and skip with peracetic acid (PAA) dosing pumps will be provided to replace the temporary PAA disinfection system. Three of the four existing rectangular clarifiers will be converted to excess flow storage tanks. The fourth existing rectangular clarifier is being converted to sludge holding tanks and sludge return pump station. A new dewatering building with centrifuge and associated appurtenances and polymer feed units will also be constructed. Original Ordinance No. 151, 2025.

Current Status: Continued work on the admin building along with dewatering building, RAS(Return Activated Sludge)/WAS (Waste Activated Sludge) structure and #3 Clarifier. Continued working on site electricity. Started forming Clarifier #3 structure. Footprint is laid out and walls are beginning to be formed. Continued work on RAS(Return Activated Sludge)/WAS (Waste Activated Sludge) station. Continued reviewing shop drawings. 11.1% of the project is completed.

Remaining work: 88.9% of construction is pending. Mobilization, bonds and insurance, clearing, grubbing, excavation to the blower electric, dewatering, and administration building, along with work completed on rammed aggregate piers. Completed excavation of return activated sludge/waste activated sludge structure. Concrete walls of the dewatering building and admin walls were completed.

- c. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #15 dated July 9, 2026, in the amount of \$87,685.00 to Judy Construction Co. for the Johnson Fork, Baugess Drive, Florida Street Water Booster Station Project for the Department of Utility Operations, Division of Water Distribution.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$2,773,000.00. Change order #1 (Decrease) - (\$38,757.60). Revised contract amount - \$2,734,242.40. Amount paid to date - \$1,502,866.16. Current amount due - \$87,685.00. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$1,143,691.24.

Funding source: To be paid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Budgeted amount - \$1,530,000.00.

Contract start date: September 15, 2024.

Anticipated completion date: December 31, 2026.

SUMMARY:

Contract goal: installation of one 40 gallons per minute (GPM) rated booster pump station with a chlorine feed system at Johnson Fork, one 22 gallons per minute (GPM) booster pump station on Baugess Drive, one 22 gallons per minute (GPM) booster pump at Florida Street, infrastructure necessary to achieve flushing flows of 250 gallons per minute (GPM) at Johnson Fork and Baugess Drive, infrastructure necessary to achieve fire protection of 500 gallons per minute (GPM) at Florida Street, all interconnected piping and accessories, include residential pressure reducing valves where necessary.

Current status for Florida Street – The installation of brick face, grout, gutters, downspouts, preliminary final grading, installation of doors, drywall and insulation installation, painting, and 65% of the required electrical work.

Current status for Baugess Drive - The plans are currently under review at the Kentucky Building and Housing Association. It is expected that a change order will need to be processed to address new items and remove items compared to the booster station design that was in place at the time of bid. Judy Construction is currently gathering expected costs associated with the change order.

Current status for Johnson Fork and Catletts Creek - The installation of brick façade, grout, gutters, downspouts, installation of doors, work on the chlorine injection system, and 65% of the required electrical work.

Remaining work for Florida Street - Installation of piping distribution line tie-ins, final grading, gravel parking lot installation, fencing, and remaining electrical work.

Remaining work for Baugess Drive - All construction remaining at Baugess Dr.

Remaining work for Johnson Fork and Catletts Creek - Installation of pump skids, piping distribution line ties-ins, final grading, gravel parking lot and fencing, and remaining electrical work.

- d. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #2026-90006028 dated June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$2,244.09 to Regional Water Resource Agency for CSO Coalition-Cost Sharing for the Department of Utility Operations.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$16,250.00. Amount paid to date - \$11,852.16. Current amount due - \$2,244.09. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$2,153.75. CSO Coalition - Cost Sharing March-June 2025.

Funding source: To be paid from the Utility budget.

SUMMARY:

Contract goal: Coalition to help end regulations for communities under long-term control plans.

- e. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #1 dated July 15, 2026, in the amount of \$432,153.00 to Weiser Industrial Coatings, Inc. for the Logtown Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project for the Department of Utility Operations, Division of Water Distribution.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$502,170.00. Amount paid to date - \$0.00. Current amount due - \$432,153.00. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$70,017.00.

Funding source: To be paid from Utility Capital Funds. FY26 budgeted amount - \$620,000.00

Contract start date: April 10, 2026.

Anticipated Contract completion date: August 14, 2026.

SUMMARY:

Contract goal: Project to provide interior and exterior rehabilitation to the City of Ashland Logtown Water Storage Tank.

Current status: This invoice covers bonds and insurance, installation of a new sidewall manway, replacement of sidewall manway gaskets, replacement of the wet interior roof hatch, installation of a silt ring with deflector bars, installation of a sample tap, modification of the overflow discharge system, installation of a fall prevention device, installation of a vandal guard, installation of a step-off platform, installation of roof handrail and painter's railing, installation of cathodic clips and pressure fitting, replacement of the roof vent, pit welding repairs, and removal of the existing level indicator.

Remaining work: Installation of overflow modifications, catch basin, foundation sealant, and site restoration.

- f. City Manager recommends the appointment of a Firefighter, in the Ashland Fire Department. Contingent upon successful completion of the remaining pre-employment processes, per hiring ordinance.

FISCAL NOTE: Salary and estimated overtime - \$74,807.00. Benefits - \$48,708.00. Salary and benefits - \$123,515.00.

- g. City Manager presents a request for the waiver of special event fees in the estimated amount of \$1,320.00 for Winchester Nights sponsored by the Paramount Theater Ashland on Friday, July 24, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: Waiver of approximately \$1,320.00 for the Winchester Nights event. Estimated cost included payment of 75% of total cost which is \$600 - Ashland Police Department and \$720.00 - Operation of Entertainment Destination Center.

- h. City Manager recommends authorizing payment in the amount of \$161,250.00 to AP3 to fund the operation of the Paramount Theater Ashland.

FISCAL NOTE: Quarterly Payment per Agreement - \$161,250.00 to be paid from the Paramount Fund.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE AMENDED AUTHORIZED POSITIONS LIST, THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF IT MANAGER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT, THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF PARATRANSIT DRIVER, AND THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/DISPATCHER AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY, BOTH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 31, SERIES OF 2023, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, AND SPECIFICALLY ORDINANCE NO. 82, SERIES OF 2023, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED.

FISCAL NOTE: Minimal financial changes.

SUMMARY: The recommendation is for a change in title, supervision and pay grade for the IT Coordinator position. The nature of this position has evolved, and the recommended changes are most appropriate for the work and supervision required. Job description changes to reflect the current job duties of various positions in the Division of Mass Transit.

- b. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND SOUTHERN OHIO TRENCHING AND EXCAVATING INCREASING THE CONTRACT FOR THE POLLARD MILLS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT - PHASE 4 BY 30 DAYS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

FISCAL NOTE: Original Contract Amount - \$924,869.00. Previous Change Orders - \$50,244.24. Current Change Order - Additional 30 days. Capital Purchase Improvement Fund Budgeted Amount - \$924,869.00.

SUMMARY: Change Order #2 is to extend the contract time 30 calendar days due to utility pole relocation delays. Contract Goal - Installation of concrete gutter, curbs, sidewalk, retaining walls, paving and storm sewers. Start Date - 09/18/2025.

Completion Date - 06/30/2026. Current Status - Change Order request to extend the final completion date of the project by thirty (30) calendar days for delay associated with utility pole relocations. Remaining Work - Handrail installation. Final pay application expected at future Commission meeting.

- c. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL ADJUSTING) BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND BTI CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE PLACEMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF BITUMINOUS ASPHALT MATERIAL FOR THE FY2026 STREET PAVING PROGRAM DECREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,006.86 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

FISCAL NOTE: Original Contract Amount - \$937,274.25. Previous Change Orders - \$0.00. Current Change Order - (\$76,006.86). Revised Contract Amount - \$861,267.39. Amount Budgeted for FY26 - \$1,491,120.00. Total Bid Amount - \$937,274.25. Paid from General Fund and FY26 Road Fund Paving Allocations.

SUMMARY: Start Date: 11/10/2025. Completion Date: 06/30/2026/. Contract Goal: Resurfacing of various streets within the City of Ashland. Current Status: Final Adjusting Change Order to reflect actual installed quantities. Remaining Work: None. Paving Completed FY2026: Paramount Parking Lot, Riverfront Road, Front Street from 10th Street to Flood Gate, 10th Street from Greenup Avenue to Front Street, Ramp off U.S. 23 to Mall Road, Access Road from Armco Road to Mall Road, 55th Street from U.S. 23 1,470 ft., 55th Street from north of 10th Street 1,330 ft., Bath Avenue from 12th Street west to end, 19th Street from Winchester to Greenup, 19th Street from Greenup to Floodwall, Alley from 15th to 16th (Arcade), 32nd Street from Greenup Avenue to Front Street, 33rd Street from Winchester Avenue to Front Street, 34th Street from Winchester Avenue to the Floodwall, McGuire Street from Blackburn Avenue to the end, 6th Street from McGuire Street to Sturgill Street, Sturgill Street from 6th Street to the end, Ferry Street from 6th Street to Pollard Road, Maynard Street from Kirk Street to the end, Hampton Hills Court from Hardeman Drive to the end, All of Maryland Court, Slem Street from Berry Street south 276', Cantrell Street from 13th Street east 235', Slem Street near Cantrell Street south to end, Alley by 2820 Nolte Street, Alley behind 29th Street Fire Department, McDowell Street from Beech Street to Joel Street, Montague Street from South 29th Street to Adams Avenue, Hood Street from Oakview Road to Broad Street, Sparks Street from Sellars Street to end, Fisher Court from Crooks Street to end, Barton Court from Payne Street south 595', Thomas Street from Shute Street to end, Taulbee Street from Moore Street to Bell Street, Bell Street from Taulbee Street to end, Weis Street from Belmont Street to end, Earl Street from Duke Street to end, Wallace Street from 39th Street north to end, Wallace Street from 39th Street south to end, Kenton Street from 39th Street to Byrne Street, All of Byrne Street, Gartrell Court, Daniels Street from 43rd Street to 44th Street, Hilton Avenue from 18th Street to 20th Street, Front Street from 13th Street

186' east, Boyd Street from 47th Street to 46th Street, 46th Street from Boyd Street to alley by railroad tracks, Alley by railroad tracks from 48th Street to 47th Street, Alley between Winchester Avenue and Carter Avenue from 15th Street to 16th Street, Lowman Drive from Hogsten Drive to Leighwood Drive, Ashwood Drive from Lowman Drive to Oakwood Circle, Oakwood Circle from Bayberry Drive to Ashwood Court, Vanbibber Court from Garver Road to the end, Maryland Parkway from 13th Street to Coburn Avenue, Cumberland Avenue from 13th Street to Hager Street

- d. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

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 DATA CENTERS AND AMENDING THE TABLE OF PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES.

FISCAL NOTE: Minimal administrative costs.

SUMMARY: A public hearing was held on July 21, 2026 by the Ashland Planning Commission to consider amendments to the zoning ordinance related to Data Centers. The proposed amendments were initiated in response to a moratorium on the acceptance, processing and approval of data center applications enacted by the Board of Commissioners. The proposed amendment establishes a clear regulatory framework that recognizes data centers as a distinct land use and provides development standards to ensure that future facilities are compatible with surrounding development and public infrastructure.

- e. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY ESTABLISHING WATER CAPACITY MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH WATER DEMAND DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES SERVED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND WATER SYSTEM.

FISCAL NOTE: Adoption and implementation are expected to have minimal fiscal impact.

SUMMARY: This ordinance establishes water-capacity management requirements for data centers and other high-water-demand digital infrastructure facilities served by the City's water system. It establishes an aggregate maximum authorized demand of two million gallons per day for such facilities, creates application and approval procedures for temporary and permanent variances, and requires evaluation of system capacity, fire protection, emergency reserves, and impacts on existing customers. The ordinance also requires applicants to pay the costs associated with hydraulic modeling, engineering review, infrastructure improvements, and other expenses incurred by the City in evaluating or accommodating extraordinary water demands.

- f. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A PROJECT CONFIRMATION LETTER AND LINE EXTENSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AND COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND/OR IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO THE CONFERENCE CENTER AND ASHLAND PARAMOUNT THEATER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,407.39.

FISCAL NOTE: Contract Amount - \$32,407.39.

SUMMARY: The current service located at the Ashland Paramount Theater must be improved in order to service the conference center currently under construction. This agreement allows Columbia Gas to make the necessary improvements in order to serve both locations.

- g. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIOID LITIGATION FUNDS TO HILLCREST-BRUCE MISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$205,132; SAFE HARBOR OF NORTHEAST KENTUCKY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000; AND TOTAL MEDIA GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,775 TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS.

FISCAL NOTE: Total Distribution - \$424,907 paid from the Opioid Fund. Amounts to be paid in quarterly installments upon receipt of appropriate substantiation of expenditures.

SUMMARY: This ordinance distributes settlement funds received by the City of Ashland from the National Prescription Opioid Litigation. Said funds are to be used to combat the opioid crisis in such a manner as may be authorized by KRS 15.291(5).

h. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2026, PAYABLE IN THE YEAR 2026, ON REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND FRANCHISES IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND FOR THE CITY REVENUE PURPOSES, PROVIDING FOR A DISCOUNT OF ONE PERCENT (1%) ON AD VALOREM TAXES ONLY WHICH ARE PAID ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH DAY FOLLOWING THE BILL DATE AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF TEN PERCENT (10%) AND SIX PERCENT (6%) INTEREST PER ANNUM FOR ANY TAXES WHICH ARE PAID AFTER THE DUE DATE, SAID DUE DATE BEING 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE BILL DATE.

FISCAL NOTE: The proposed 2026 City of Ashland, General Fund property tax rate is .1770. This rate is the compensating tax rate and will generate approximately \$2,423,179 in total revenue. The compensating rate will produce approximately the same revenue as fiscal year 2025 in real property revenue. The proposed 2026 Floodwall Operating Fund tax rate is .1056. This is the same rate as 2025. Revenue from the Floodwall assessments covers floodwall operating costs. The proposed rate will generate approximately \$284,744 in revenue based on property subject to assessments. A house assessed at \$100,000 in 2025 at the rate of .1918 incurred a tax bill in the amount of \$191.80. The same house assessed at \$100,000 in 2026 at the rate of .1770 will incur a tax bill in the amount of \$177.00 resulting in a saving of \$14.80.

SUMMARY: Adoption of the 2026 Ad Valorem property tax rate and Floodwall tax rate.

i. Reading and adoption of a municipal order entitled:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE CITY OF ASHLAND RAW WATER INTAKE AND DEBORD HILL EMERGENCY RESPONSE POLICY & PROCEDURE.

FISCAL NOTE: Adoption and implementation are expected to have minimal immediate fiscal impact because the policy primarily standardizes and documents existing emergency-response procedures. Timely decision-making during water system emergencies has proven to reduce the cost of emergency response and repair.

SUMMARY: This policy establishes coordinated emergency-response procedures for failures affecting the City's raw-water intake system, reservoir, and Debord Hill transmission main. It identifies notification responsibilities, initial response and containment measures, public and critical-customer communications, contractor mobilization criteria, emergency procurement procedures, water-quality advisories, and repair and restoration requirements. The policy is intended to provide clear lines of authority and timely decision-making during incidents that could threaten the City's water supply or distribution system.

j. Reading and adoption of a municipal order entitled:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE KENTUCKY HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000.00 AND IF AWARDED, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID GRANT.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no fiscal impact. The grant request is \$120,000.00 with no match required by the City of Ashland.

SUMMARY: This Municipal Order allows the Ashland Fire Department to submit an application and if awarded, accept the Kentucky Homeland Security Grant for 2025 and 2026 in an amount up to \$120,000 for the purchase of a Collapsed/Confined Space search camera with audio system. This will allow our responders to search through debris and in confined areas looking and listening for victims while allowing the responders to communicate with the victim until making access. The grant will also fund an Urban Search and Rescue Class at the training center for Ashland Fire Department firefighters and others from the region. This grant requires no city funding match.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS