

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 24, 2025**

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, July 24, 2025, at 12:00 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; Mike McKay, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Susan W. Maddix, City Clerk; Wm. Todd Kelley, Chief of Police; Erika Bonner, Public Information Officer; Barry Adkins, Director of Engineering; Steve Corbitt, City Engineer; Steve Alley, Fire Chief; Will McKenzie, Deputy Fire Chief; Mark Hall, Director of Utilities; Sean Murray, Director of Public Services; Chris Pullem, Director of Community and Economic Development; Michelle Veach, Assistant Chief Financial Officer; Samantha Salyers, Human Resources; Jacob Risner, Community and Economic Development; and Reporters.

AGENDA

City Manager Grubb presented the agenda of July 24, 2025. Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to receive & file the agenda. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to dispense with reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2025. Upon voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to dispense with reading and approve the minutes of the Recessed Meeting held on June 11, 2025. Upon voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

HEARINGS AND REPORTS

Mayor and Commissioners' Report

Mayor Charles recognized Visit AKY Director Celest Kouns in the audience. Mayor Charles announced the city will be making plans to celebrate America 250 next year. July 4, 2026 will be the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Mayor Charles is also working on creating a taskforce to address the homeless situation.

Commissioner Renfroe bragged on the Division of Water Distribution. A 6" waterline broke Friday night in his neighborhood, and he called it in Saturday morning. Water Distribution arrived, found the leak and repaired it. Commissioner Renfroe was amazed at the quick turnaround.

Commissioner Rymer bragged on the Division of Water Distribution and the Department of Public Services. Commissioner Rymer mentioned some storm inlets at a previous work session, and crews were working on them within two days. He thanked Director of Public Services Sean Murray. Commissioner Rymer congratulated M.J. Epling from *The Daily Independent* on her new role at the newspaper.

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HEARINGS AND REPORTS CONTINUED

Commissioner Martin stated he is looking forward to the presentation from Strand Associates on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Commissioner Martin expressed appreciation to the Ashland Fire Department for the training conducted over the past weekend and attended by departments from around the state. Commissioner Martin thanked City Manager Grubb and Assistant Chief Financial Officer Veach for their effort in proposing a revenue change which will be beneficial to a majority of our community and particularly those on a fixed income. He also thanked Mike McKay for filling in for Andrew Wheeler.

Commissioner Gute attended the ribbon cutting at Kel's Tavern on Winchester Avenue and reported that the Maker's Market on Saturday at Broadway Square was a great success. Commissioner Gute invited all small businesses to a seminar to be held at the Ashland Transportation Center on July 30 entitled "Let's Grow Your Small Business." He reported on a great meeting with Director of Public Services Sean Murray, Sanitation Superintendent John Jenkins, Sanitation Supervisor Aaron Profit and Animal Control Officer Dave Branham. Commissioner Gute received a call over the weekend regarding a wild animal on a resident's property and what to do. During the meeting he was informed of the protocol and policy regarding how to handle such a situation. He stated it was very informative and recommended other members of the Commission meet with them.

City Manager's Report

Department of Utilities

City Manager Grubb introduced Director of Utilities Mark Hall and representatives from Strand Associates. Director Hall announced the Water Treatment Plant received an award for the Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP). The award is presented each year by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet to water systems demonstrating outstanding turbidity removal, a key test of drinking water quality.

Mr. Hall gave an overview of the timeline for the Ashland Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) ("Wastewater Treatment Plant"). An agreement was entered into by the city with Strand Associates on July 29, 2019 and bids were opened for construction on July 17, 2025. He reported, when finished, the plant will have taken approximately ten years to complete.

Mr. Hall introduced Mark Sneve and Joe Okyere from Strand Associates. Mr. Okyere reviewed the bids received for the project. Judy Construction was the low bidder at \$99,782,000. The bids will be submitted to the Kentucky Division of Water and then forwarded to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA). Next steps are:

- KIA must grant authorization to award the contract
- City Commission votes to award contract
- Mayor signs agreement
- Contractor is given Notice to Proceed (Construction starts)
- Construction will take 42 months to complete (2029)

Ashland Fire Department

City Manager Grubb introduced Ashland Fire Chief Steve Alley. Chief Alley reported on recent training conducted on two structures the city recently purchased located at 14th Street and Carter Avenue. July 13 was "Structural Collapse Rescue Training" on the commercial building. During the training, the Fire Department relied heavily on McGuire's Towing. There were 62 students and 13 instructors representing 19 different fire departments. July 19 was "Live Fire Training" on the residential structure. There were 40 students from 15 different fire departments.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Michael Quade appeared before the Commission to give an update on the property located at 1933 Central Avenue. (Old Business, Item d) Mr. Quade advised the Commission the property is under contract; however, he is still waiting on one document from PNC Bank to finish the transaction. He advised the purchaser and the purchaser's attorney are aware of the issue. Mr. Quade estimates it will take another week to two weeks for completion of the sale. Commissioner Martin advised that second reading could still be given to the ordinance and the city hold off on the demolition.

Celest Kouns, Visit AKY Executive Director, updated the Commission on August events. She announced there will be three Makers Markets on Broadway Square during the month of August, Sunset Scenes on the Riverfront on August 23 will be showing the movie, "I Know What You Did Last Summer." She reported she is currently working on Working on the AKY Vintage Antique Show which will be held on Saturday, September 6 on Broadway Square and in the Mayo Arcade. First Friday is August 1.

OLD BUSINESS
SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 109, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LIGHT'S ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS OF 1407 AKERS STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,900.00 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BE PAID FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Chuck D. Charles, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Kentucky be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract between the City of Ashland, Kentucky and Light's Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase of all labor, materials, equipment and services for the demolition and removal of all debris of certain property located at 1407 Akers Street located in the City of Ashland for their total bid amount of \$5,900.00. A copy of said contract is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

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.

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

REGULAR MEETING JULY 24, 2025
ORDINANCE NO. 109, 2025 CONTINUED

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: June 26, 2025
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: July 24, 2025
PUBLISHED:

MOTION

Motion was made by Rymer, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. 109, 2025, 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. 110, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TRI-STATE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS OF 3169 CENTRAL AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800.00 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BE PAID FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Chuck D. Charles, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Kentucky be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract between the City of Ashland, Kentucky and Tri-State Construction for the purchase of all labor, materials, equipment and services for the demolition and removal of all debris of certain property located at 3169 Central Avenue located in the City of Ashland for their total bid amount of \$4,800.00. A copy of said contract is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

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.

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: June 26, 2025
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: July 24, 2025
PUBLISHED:

REGULAR MEETING JULY 24, 2025
ORDINANCE NO. 110, 2025 CONTINUED

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Ordinance No. 110, 2025, 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. 111, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2025, PAYABLE IN THE YEAR 2025, 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.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied for the year 2025, payable in the year 2025, upon all real estate, personal property and franchises subject to taxes for revenue purposes within the City of Ashland, on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) value of such property for the following city purposes:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DIVISION OF RATE</u>
Ad Valorem	\$.1918
Floodwall	\$.1056

SECTION 2. That all City ad valorem taxes due and payable in the year 2025 to the City of Ashland, Kentucky, which are paid on or before the 15th day following the bill date, provided that all ad valorem taxes of said tax payer due and payable during said year are paid on or before said date, shall be reduced by a discount of one percent (1%). This discount shall not apply to the special levy of floodwall taxes or bank shares.

SECTION 3. That a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be applied and six percent (6%) interest per annum (one-half percent (1/2%) per month) shall be applied for any taxes which are paid after the due date, said due date being 30 days following the bill date.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

REGULAR MEETING JULY 24, 2025
ORDINANCE NO. 111, 2025 CONTINUED

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: July 16, 2025
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: July 24, 2025
PUBLISHED:

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. 111, 2025, 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. 112, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LIGHT’S ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS OF 1933 CENTRAL AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,200.00 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Chuck D. Charles, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Kentucky be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract between the City of Ashland, Kentucky and Light’s Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase of all labor, materials, equipment and services for the demolition and removal of all debris of certain property located at 1933 Central Avenue located in the City of Ashland for their total bid amount of \$9,200.00. A copy of said contract is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

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.

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: March 27, 2025
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: July 24, 2025
PUBLISHED:

REGULAR MEETING JULY 24, 2025
ORDINANCE NO. 112, 2025 CONTINUED

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. 112, 2025, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 22, 2025

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 **JULY 24, 2025**.

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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, **July 24, 2025**, 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: July 24, 2025

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Rymer, to adopt Resolution No. 22, 2025. 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 pay Invoice #0226356 dated June 12, 2025 in the amount of \$34,471.98 to Strand Associates, Inc. for final design and bidding engineering services associated with the City of Ashland WWTP Expansion and Improvement Project for the Department of Utility Operations.

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CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

- b. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #6 dated June 24, 2025, in the amount of \$1,972.50 to LJB Engineering for the development of a Safety Action Plan under the Safe Streets for All Program for the Department of Engineering.
- c. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #3 dated June 10, 2025, in the amount of \$222,337.50 and pay request #4 dated July 8, 2025, in the amount of \$541,288.75 to Judy Construction Co. for the Roberts Drive Static Screen Replacement Project for the Department of Utility Operations.
- d. City Manager recommends approval to pay Invoice #11153 dated July 10, 2025 in the amount of \$11,500.00 to Linebach Funkhouser, Inc. for environmental consulting services for the Department of Community and Economic Development.
- e. City Manager recommends approval to accept Quote #7702 dated May 30, 2025, in the amount of \$79,762.31 from Heritage Fire Equipment for the repair of Engine 3. Also approving payment of invoice upon completion of the repair of Engine 3. For the Ashland Fire Department.
- f. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #12 dated July 9, 2025, in the amount of \$14,732.50 to Hazen and Sawyer for engineering services for program management of the EPA Lead and Copper Rule requirements for the Department of Engineering and Department of Utility Operations.
- g. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #1200726401 dated June 5, 2025, in the amount of \$20,740.00 and invoice #1200737000 in the amount of \$12,450.14 dated July 9, 2025, to HDR Engineering, Inc. for engineering services for design and agency approvals of the Dawes Street Rehabilitation Project for the Department of Engineering.
- h. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #2025-90006026 dated June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$5,886.52 to Regional Water Resource Agency for CSO Coalition Cost Sharing for the Department of Utility Operations.
- i. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #6476982 dated June 27, 2025, in the amount of \$3,387.35, invoice #6453013 dated June 27, 2025, in the amount of \$22,000.00 and invoice #6453014 in the amount of \$48,809.20 to Everett J. Prescott, Inc. for the installation of Insertion Valves for the US 23 Waterline Replacement Project.

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CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

- j. City Manager recommends approval to pay Invoice #0065217 dated April 30, 2025, in the amount of \$8,395.20. Invoice #0065421 dated May 31, 2025, in the amount of \$4,500.00. Invoice #0065550 dated June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$4,500.00 to GRW for engineering services for the Roberts Drive Pump Station Mechanical Screen Project for the Department of Engineering.
- k. City Manager recommends the appointment of James Sparks to the position of Mechanic I, Grade 5, in the Department of Public Services, Division of Fleet Maintenance, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment drug screening.
- l. City Manager recommends the appointment of Christopher Tucker to the position of Street Field Supervisor, Grade 10, in the Department of Public Services, Division of Streets, effective immediately.
- m. City Manager recommends the appointment of Dylan Barreras to the position of Water Distribution Operator I, Grade 3, in the Department of Utility Operations, Division of Water Distribution, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment drug screening and physical.
- n. City Managers recommends authorizing the Mayor to execute a Release of Property Damage Claim in the amount of \$1,839.17 for damage to the Fire Marshal's vehicle due to snow guard failure.

NEW BUSINESS
FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO SUBMIT THE COMBINED 2025 – 2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE PROGRAM YEAR 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND UPON ACCEPTANCE OF SAID PLANS FROM HUD, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO ENABLE THE CITY TO UNDERTAKE THESE ACTIVITIES AND/OR ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT SUBMITTAL.

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ORDINANCE NO. __, 2025 CONTINUED

MOTION

Motion was made by Rymer, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Ordinance No. ____, 2025, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Abstain – Commissioner Gute. Motion passed.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. ____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ASHLAND COMMUNITY KITCHEN, INC., THE SUB-RECIPIENT OF \$15,000.00 FOR OPERATING COSTS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG).

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Ordinance No. ____, 2025, 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. ____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOYD COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING, INC., D/B/A ASHLAND SENIOR CENTER, THE SUB-RECIPIENT OF \$15,000.00 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

MOTION

Motion was made by Rymer, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. ____, 2025, 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. ____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE REFERRAL SERVICE, INC. (CARES), THE SUB-RECIPIENT OF \$15,000.00 FOR OPERATING COSTS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

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ORDINANCE NO. __, 2025 CONTINUED

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Rymer, to adopt Ordinance No. __, 2025, 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. __, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, THE SUB-RECIPIENT OF \$5,000.00 FOR OPERATING COSTS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

MOTION

Motion was made by Renfroe, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. __, 2025, 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. __, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HILLCREST BRUCE MISSION, THE SUB-RECIPIENT OF \$15,000.00 FOR OPERATING COSTS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Rymer, to adopt Ordinance No. __, 2025, 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. __, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAFE HARBOR OF NORTHEAST KENTUCKY, INC., THE SUB-RECIPIENT OF \$10,000.00 FOR OPERATING COSTS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. __, 2025, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

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FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. __, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #2 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND BELL ENGINEERING INCREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,800.00 FOR THE JOHNSON FORK, BAUGESS DRIVE AND FLORIDA STREET WATER BOOSTER STATION REPAIRS PROJECT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Martin, to adopt Ordinance No. __, 2025, 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. __, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND C. J. HUGHES CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE CARR STREET/PACKARD AVENUE AND IROQUOIS AVENUE SANITARY SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INCREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$797.50 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Ordinance No. __, 2025, 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. __, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE CITY OF ASHLAND UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CITY OF ASHLAND RESIDENTS.

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. __, 2025, at this its first reading.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2025 CONTINUED

DISCUSSION

Assistant Chief Financial Officer Michelle Veach informed the Commission this program is for City of Ashland residents. The city will provide up to \$125 to citizens who are struggling with their water, sewer & garbage bill. \$150,000 has been allocated for the program.

VOTE

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. _____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF GATHERING, DISPOSING, AND DESTRUCTION OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, AND RELATED WASTE MATERIALS AND FIXING FEES THEREFOR; ESTABLISHING THE DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE; ESTABLISHING SEWER AND WATER RATES, TAP FEES, INSTALLATION CHARGES, SERVICE CHARGES, INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT CHARGES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 215, SERIES OF 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Martin, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2025, at this its first reading.

DISCUSSION

Assistant Chief Financial Officer Michelle Veach informed the Commission that garbage rates are being reduced by 20%. The previous ordinance provided for sewer rate increases to take effect on certain dates. Those dates are being moved up by six months in order to fund the debt service on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

VOTE

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

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FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 51, SERIES OF 2021, AND CONTINUING AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE TO BE CHARGED TO THOSE PARTIES WHO PRACTICE A BUSINESS, TRADE OR PROFESSION WITHIN ASHLAND’S CORPORATE LIMITS, INCLUDING EMPLOYEES; SETTING THE FEE TO BE CHARGED; IDENTIFYING THE COMPENSATION WHICH IS SUBJECT TO THE FEE; ESTABLISHING WITHHOLDING; FILING AND PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY; PROVIDING FOR A NET PROFIT FEE WITH PAYMENT AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR BUSINESSES; SETTING FORTH ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS FILED WITH THE CITY; AND CREATING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2025, at this its first reading.

DISCUSSION

Assistant Chief Financial Officer Michelle Veach informed the Commission that the net profit/occupational license fee will be increased from 2% to 2.375%. The fee has not been adjusted since 2013.

VOTE

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

SIGN ORDINANCE APPEAL

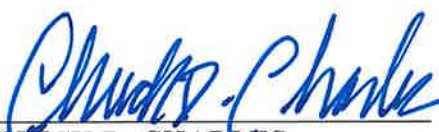
Young Signs is seeking approval to convert an existing static billboard face to an electronic display face at 2840 Greenup Avenue – Motion was made by Rymer, seconded by Gute, granting the appeal. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Abstain – Commissioner Martin. Motion passed.

RECESS

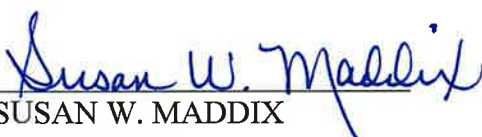
Mayor Charles declared the meeting recessed at 12:48 PM until 12:00 PM on Friday, July 25, 2025.

REGULAR MEETING JULY 24, 2025
RECESS CONTINUED

Mayor Charles recessed the meeting in memory of Pastor Ronald Lee Fultz, Jr. who passed away on July 20, 2025 and City of Ashland Retiree Charles Adis Doolin, Jr. who passed away on July 21, 2025.


CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

