

**RECESSED MEETING
MAY 22, 2018**

The Ashland Board of Commissioners met in Recessed Session in the Commissioners' Chambers, City Building, Ashland, Kentucky, on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at the hour of 9:00 AM. Those present were Commissioners: Amanda Clark, Marty Gute, Matt Perkins, Pat Steen and Mayor Stephen E. Gilmore, who presided. Also present were: Michael S. Graese, City Manager; Richard W. Martin, Interim Corporation Counsel; Susan W. Maddix, City Clerk; Todd Kelley, Chief of Police; Tony D. Grubb, Finance Director; Michelle Veach, Assistant Finance Director; Greg Ray, Fire Chief; Ryan Eastwood, City Engineer and Capital Development Director; Chris Pullem, Community and Economic Development Director; Jack Hunter, Acting Director of Public Services and Utilities Operations; Sean Murray, Human Resources/Parks & Recreation Director; and Joanna King, Public Information Officer.

29TH STREET COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW PROJECT

Mayor Gilmore shared his concerns regarding the 29th Street project. City Manager Graese and City Engineer Ryan Eastwood answered questions regarding paving and drainage issues.

CITY OF ASHLAND EMPLOYMENT NOTICES

City Manager Graese reported to the Board that notification for job openings in the City of Ashland are distributed to the following for posting:

- Ashland Community & Technical College
- Ashland Area YMCA
- Boyd County High School – Guidance Office
- Christ Temple Mission
- Department for Employment Services
- Kelly Services
- Manpower Services
- The Neighborhood
- New Hope Baptist Church
- Pathways
- Paul G. Blazer High School – Guidance Office
- Saint James AME Church
- Salvation Army
- United Talent

TAX REFORM

Mayor Gilmore reported to the Board that he spoke with J.D. Chaney of Kentucky League of Cities regarding pursuing tax reform in the future in order to provide additional tax revenue opportunities. Mayor Gilmore will keep the Board informed.

WORK SESSION – FY 2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Assistant Finance Director Michelle Veach reviewed the Utility Fund, Ashland Bus System, Recreation Operating Fund and the Ashland Cemetery Fund. It should be noted that no rate modifications are being recommended in revenue.

Assistant Finance Director Veach also reviewed with the Board the Capital Purchase Improvement Fund. The amount requested by the departments was \$1,063,574. City Manager recommended expenditures in the amount of \$725,142.

Ms. Veach presented the Utility Fund Capital Summary. The amount requested by the department was \$13,128,125. City Manager recommended expenditures in the amount of \$11,409,500. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of issuing bonds in order to fund the request. The Board was advised by Finance Director Grubb that \$3.9 million is currently available in the budget for utility capital. \$800,000 of the \$3.9 million is earmarked for water line replacement.

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WORK SESSION CONTINUED

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Perkins, authorizing \$3.9 million for utility capital with each individual project and/or purchase to be approved by the Commission. All projects and/or purchases from the utility capital fund require prior approval from the Commission. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Clark, Gute, Perkins, Steen and Mayor Gilmore. Nay – none. Motion passed.

Commissioner Perkins asked if any monies were budgeted for the Division of Street Maintenance facilities due to the deplorable condition. City Manager Graese advised no monies were budgeted. Mayor Gilmore suggested the possibility of a steel building or the possible purchase of a neighboring building.

Commissioner Steen asked if there is a need for all of the parks under the City's control. A consensus was reached that the 47th Street Park will be closed. Parks and Recreation was directed to remove the playground equipment and cease to cut the grass but the boat ramp should remain open. The closing of the park is due to erosion of the bank. AK Steel Sports Park is being looked at by a private group for possible purchase. The deed will be reviewed for possible restrictions.

Contribution and Gifts - \$20,000

The Commission was advised that \$20,000 is allocated to Contributions and Gifts. Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Clark, to approve the following contributions. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Clark, Gute, Perkins, Steen and Mayor Gilmore. Nay – none. Motion passed.

Contributions & Gifts – 101-0901-3120

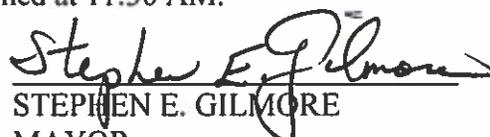
Ashland Community & Technical College	
Ashland Senior Center	\$6,000.00
Highlands Museum	\$6,000.00
Jesse Stuart Foundation	\$2,000.00
Paramount Arts Center	\$6,000.00
Shelter of Hope	
The Neighborhood	
Hillcrest-Bruce Mission	
Pathways to Bright Futures	
Miscellaneous	

Kentucky State Police Cruisers

Captain Gibson with Kentucky State Police Post 14 appeared before the Commission requesting an agreement regarding Central Garage servicing the State Police vehicles. City Manager Graese will work with Brian Felty regarding the details of this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gilmore declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.


 STEPHEN E. GILMORE
 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 SUSAN W. MADDIX
 CITY CLERK