

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

The Ashland Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Chambers, City Building, Ashland, Kentucky, on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at the hour of 12:00 PM. Those present were Commissioners: Larry Brown, Amanda Clark, Kevin Gunderson, Marty Gute and Mayor Chuck Charles, who presided. Also present were: Richard W. Martin, Interim City Manager; John F. Vincent, Corporation Counsel; Susan W. Maddix, City Clerk; Robert W. Ratliff, Chief of Police; Scott Penick, Fire Chief; Greg Ray, Deputy Fire Chief; Sean Murray, Human Resources/Parks and Recreation Director; Marion Russell, Director of Public Works; Mike Miller, Director of Planning and Community Development; Chris Pullem, Economic Development Director; Ryan Eastwood, Director of Engineering and Utilities; Tony Grubb, Finance Director; Mike Adkins, Risk Manager; Michelle Veach, Assistant Finance Director; Major Mark McDowell, Major Todd Kelley and Sergeant Ryan Conley, Ashland Police Department; and Reporters.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

AGENDA

Interim City Manager Martin presented the agenda of February 25, 2016. Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Gute, to receive & file the agenda. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Gunderson, seconded by Clark, to dispense with reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2016 and the Recessed Meeting held on February 12, 2016. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

HEARINGS AND REPORTS

Mayor and City Commissioners' Comments

Mayor Charles presented the following Proclamation to Mary Banks and her daughter, Wendy:

**PROCLAMATION
BY
CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Banks was born in Ashland, the daughter of the late Allie and Vertie Belle Bradley Jones; and

WHEREAS, she was married 46 years to her loving husband the late, Wendell Banks, they had a daughter, Wendellyn Frances Banks, and she has been blessed with two grandchildren, Lauren and Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, she is a graduate of the former Booker T. Washington School and attended Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, she is a life-long member of Saint James AME Church where she is a Trustee and Head of the Missionary Board; and

WHEREAS, Mary was employed for 21 years with the Kentucky Cabinet of Human Resources and since her retirement, she continues to be devoted to her family and faithful to her church; and

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WHEREAS, Wendell Banks was a life-long member of New Hope Baptist Church and served as Trustee and was a member of the Chancellor Choir; and

WHEREAS, he retired after 38 years of service from AK Steel Corporation and after his retirement he assumed the role of general manager of Ashland Cemetery from 1993 until his death on June 27, 2003; and

WHEREAS, he was the first African American elected to the Ashland Commission where he served four terms as City Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Wendell was highly involved in our community and proudly served on many boards -- Ashland Community College, Hospice, FIVCO, KDMC Health Foundation, YMCA, NAACP Boyd Chapter, Winter Wonderland of Lights and Summer Motion.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Chuck D. Charles, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Kentucky, do hereby recognize Wendell and Mary Frances Banks and proclaim, Thursday, February 25, 2016 as

“WENDELL AND MARY FRANCES BANKS DAY”

in the City of Ashland.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ashland, Kentucky to be affixed this 25th day of February, 2016.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX, CITY CLERK

Commissioner Clark thanked everyone for their attendance. She welcomed Interim City Manager Martin to his first meeting as City Manager. Commissioner Clark announced a fundraiser will be held on March 12 at 2:00 PM to benefit Aiden Matney. It will be a basketball game between the Ashland Police Department and the Ashland Fire Department at the National Guard Armory. Commissioner Clark requested Economic Development Director Pullem give an update regarding the City's website. Mr. Pullem reported that training has taken place for both administrators and editors. Content is currently being added and there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow, the 26th, to try to troubleshoot some problems. Mr. Pullem advised the City hopes to go "live" next Friday, March 4.

Commissioner Gunderson reported the lodge at Greenbo Lake State Park which burned last fall will hopefully reopen in May. He thanked Interim City Manager Martin regarding the frequent emails keeping the Commission informed and also thanked Economic Development Director Pullem for his work on the new City website. Commissioner Gunderson also expressed his thanks to Mary and Wendy Banks for their attendance and reported he served on the City Commission with Commissioner Wendell Banks.

Commissioner Brown welcomed everyone and also thanked Mary and Wendy Banks for attending.

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Commissioner Gute thanked Summer Motion staff in attendance for bringing the event back to Central Park. Commissioner Gute presented the following Proclamation and a key to the City to Grant Krueger:

PROCLAMATION BY
CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, Grant Krueger is a Senior Paul G. Blazer High School Matcat wrestler, he is also an accomplished hunter, fisherman and sailor; and

WHEREAS, he is a varsity wrestler who has been a state qualifier for the past five years -- a two-time state placer, he placed fifth in 2015, and placed first in 2016; and

WHEREAS, he became Ashland's first state wrestling champion since 1997 by having the skill, attitude, perseverance and winning mindset to accomplish his athletic goals; and

WHEREAS, he has been a starter for the Tomcats Football team, achieved first chair viola in intermediate strings and played orchestra for four years, and mostly importantly, he is an honor student; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland recognizes Grant Krueger for having a successful high school career not only in academics but for being the number one state wrestling champion 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck D. Charles, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Kentucky, recognize Grant Krueger for all his accomplishments and wish him continued success.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Ashland, Kentucky to be affixed this 25th day of February, 2016.

/s/**CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR**

Attest:

/s/**SUSAN W. MADDIX, CITY CLERK**

City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Martin also welcomed Mary and Wendy Banks to the meeting and congratulated Grant Krueger on his accomplishment. Mr. Martin asked Mayor Charles to introduce Jim Sniegocki.

Mayor Charles introduced Jim Sniegocki, President of Capital Intelligence Corp., an investigative and security consulting firm in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Sniegocki is a former FBI agent specialized in the investigation of white collar crime, particularly financial crimes, internal fraud, embezzlement, investment and bankruptcy fraud. Mayor Charles thanked the Ashland Police Department for their work on the investigation of missing tires. Mayor Charles also recommended the City hire Mr. Sniegocki to review the City's investigation and purchasing practices. Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Gunderson, to execute an Agreement with Mr. Sniegocki in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

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Interim City Manager Martin asked Finance Director Grubb to report on the budget schedule. Finance Director Grubb reported the tentative budget schedule for FY 2016-2017 to the Commission as follows:

February 19, 2016 - Budget worksheets provided to departments.
March 4, 2016 - Completed budget worksheets returned to Finance for review.
March 21, 2016 - Budget forwarded to City Manager for review of budget worksheets.
April 1, 2016 - Final date for City Manager to review budget worksheets.
April 14, 2016 - Proposed fiscal year 2017 budget provided to City Commission.
April 28, 2016 - City Commission budget sessions start.
May 12, 2016 - First reading and approval for FY2017 budget and tax rates.
May 26, 2016 - Second reading and adoption for FY2017 budget and tax rates.

Interim City Manager Martin asked Director of Engineering and Utilities Eastwood to report on the recent notices inserted in the water bills and on lead detection. Director Eastwood reported the City is currently under a Consent Agreement with the Division of Water and is required to send certain notices to water users. Mr. Eastwood also reported that the City of Ashland is required to test for lead in the water every three years in 30 different locations. However, the City will be testing yearly. At this time there is no cause for concern as the City's levels are extremely low.

Interim City Manager Martin introduced Sergeant Ryan Conley from the Ashland Police Department and asked that he make a presentation to the Commission regarding the Department's Facebook page. Sergeant Conley presented a handout containing the number of citizen's reached utilizing the free services of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Interim City Manager Martin asked Public Works Director Russell to report on the upkeep taking place at the Transportation Center event room. Director Russell reported that City staff is currently repainting, cleaning and adding some shelves to the room. The floor is also being repaired and painted. Director Russell is also obtaining estimates to install a sprinkler system.

Interim City Manager Martin reported to the Commission that the Finance Department and Chief Penick are working on a report regarding the staffing needs at the Ashland Fire Department. That reported will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Martin also asked that a taskforce be formed consisting of Ryan Eastwood, Ray Hale, Reed Downs, Mike Adkins, Tony Grubb or Michelle Veach, and two members of the Commission regarding the Mill Street facilities. Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Gunderson, approving the taskforce and appointing Commissioners Clark and Gute. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2016

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 **FEBRUARY 25, 2016**.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

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CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

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, **February 25, 2016**, 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: February 25, 2016

MOTION TO AMEND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Clark, seconded by Gunderson, to amend Resolution No. _____, 2016 to add Item (17) City Manager recommends authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter of support for the Ashland Alliance and East Park KPEGG grant. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

MOTION

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Clark, to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2016 as amended. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. City Manager recommends authorizing payment of Pay Request #6 in the amount of \$86,639.04 to Building Crafts, Inc. for work performed on the Water Treatment Plant Air Backwash System for the Department of Engineering and Utilities.
2. City Manager recommends authorizing payment of Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$64,664.40 to Guy's Floor Covering, LLC for the installation of flooring for the King's Daughters and Sons Home Rehabilitation Project.
3. City Manager recommends authorizing payment to Boyd County Ford in the amount of \$159,912.00 for the purchase of two medium duty Class 5 trucks outfitted for utility use.
4. City Manager recommends authorizing payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00 for violations related to excessive flow to the Waste Water Treatment Plant caused by the impact of recent CSO remediation projects.
5. City Manager recommends approval to purchase a 2015 24 X 2 Cut-a-Way Goshen G-Force bus at a cost of \$91,756.00 from National Bus Sales & Leasing, and a 2016 12 x 2 Cut-a-Way bus at a cost of \$54,870.72 from Central States Bus Sales, through a State approved bid of The Kentucky Public Transit Association.

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6. City Manager recommends approval to award the bid for the 31st Street Drainage Improvement Project to Morris Contracting for their bid of \$135,070.38.
7. City Manager recommends approval to award the bid for the City of Ashland Classification and Compensation Study to the Hanna Resource Group for an amount not to exceed \$43,500.00.
8. City Manager recommends approval to accept the proposal for auditing services from Kelley Galloway Smith Goolsby PSC per fee established in Appendix H of the proposal for Fiscal Year 2016.
9. City Manager recommends approval to accept the award of \$3,200.00 from the Kentucky Fire Commission for the purchase of three Thermal Imaging Cameras to be placed on Fire Engines at each station.
10. City Manager recommends approval of the request by Summer Motion Committee for the Summer Motion 2016 schedule of events, July 1 – July 4, 2016.
11. City Manager recommends approval of the request by Ashland in Motion to conduct the Annual First Friday's, Downtown Live Events on April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, August 5th, September 2nd, and October 7th, 2016, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. (set-up at 3:00 p.m.) on Winchester Avenue, from 14th to 18th Street to promote downtown business.
12. City Manager recommends approval of the request by Holy Family School to conduct the 2nd annual Leaping Leprechaun 5K on March 12, 2016 from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
13. City Manager recommends the probationary appointment of Matthew A. Suman to the position of Fire Engineer, Ashland Fire Department, effective 2/28/2016.
14. City Manager recommends the probationary appointment of David A. Wood to the position of Fire Captain, Ashland Fire Department, effective 2/28/2016.
15. City Manager recommends the probationary appointment of William C. (Cody) Clark & Clyde C. Porter to the position of Police Officer Trainee, Ashland Police Department, contingent upon satisfactory completion of polygraphs & physical examinations.
16. City Manager recommends rescinding the termination of Benjamin Bitter upon receipt and execution of a resignation and separation agreement.
17. City Manager recommends authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter of support for the Ashland Alliance and East Park KPEGG grant.
18. Other Consent Items.

NEW BUSINESS
FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND,
KENTUCKY, ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FOR THE MAYOR AND
CITY COMMISSIONERS BY THE INCREASE IN THE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR 2015.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2016 CONTINUED

MOTION

Motion was made by Gunderson, seconded by Brown, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2016, at this its first reading.

DISCUSSION

Interim City Manager Martin explained this adjustment is pursuant to the recommendation of the Department for Local Government and reflects an increase calculated using the Consumer Price Index. The Mayor's salary will be increased by \$63.72 per year and each Commissioner's by \$53.10 per year.

VOTE

Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2016

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 HANNA RESOURCE GROUP, LLC REGARDING CONSULTING SERVICES ON THE PREPARATION OF A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT, DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Clark, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2016, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND GUY'S FLOOR COVERING, LLC FOR A CONTRACT REGARDING THE KING'S DAUGHTERS' AND SONS' HOME REHABILITATION PROJECT (PHASE II) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

MOTION

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Gunderson, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2016, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

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FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AND MORRIS CONTRACTING FOR THE 31ST STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDED IN PART BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2015.

MOTION

Motion was made by Clark, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2016, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AMENDING SECTION 2.9 POLLUTANT DISCHARGE LIMITS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OUTLINING THE PERMISSIBLE USE OF THE ASHLAND SEWER SYSTEM AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 62, SERIES OF 2012 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 46, SERIES OF 2013 AND ORDINANCE NO. 30, SERIES OF 2015.

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Brown, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2016, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE AMENDED FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO ADD A MINORITY BUSINESS LOAN PROJECT TO THE 2015 ACTION PLAN PROGRAM YEAR.

MOTION

Motion was made by Clark, seconded by Gunderson, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2016, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

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FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2016

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 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND.

MOTION

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Gunderson, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2016, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

READING AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHECKS BY RICHARD W. MARTIN, INTERIM CITY MANAGER, TONY D. GRUBB, FINANCE DIRECTOR, AND MICHELLE M. VEACH, ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR OF SAID CITY, AND APPROVING THE USE OF A FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OR MANUAL SIGNATURE OF RICHARD W. MARTIN, TONY D. GRUBB AND MICHELLE M. VEACH ON PAYROLL CHECKS, UTILITY FUND CHECKS, GENERAL FUND CHECKS, AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL OR CITY FUND CHECKS WITHIN THE CITY OF ASHLAND.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Richard W. Martin, Interim City Manager, Tony D. Grubb, Finance Director, and Michelle M. Veach, Assistant Finance Director, of the City of Ashland, effective immediately and continuing during the tenure of their employment, are hereby authorized to execute checks on behalf of said City. The facsimile or manual signature of Richard W. Martin, Interim City Manager, Tony D. Grubb, Finance Director and Michelle M. Veach, Assistant Finance Director of the City of Ashland, upon the payroll checks, Utility Fund checks, General Fund checks, and any other federal fund or city fund checks within the City of Ashland, is hereby authorized and approved.

A duly attested copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the City National Bank, Town Square Bank, Community Trust Bank, Kentucky Farmer's Bank, Citizen's National Bank, PNC Bank, Peoples Bank and Fifth Third Bank, all of Ashland, Kentucky, which shall be and constitute the authority of said depositories to honor checks of the City so signed and executed.

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

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ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN MADDIX
CITY CLERK

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MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Clark, to adopt Resolution No. 7, 2016. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

READING AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND,
KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A
SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM BY THE
ASHLAND-BOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

* * * *

WHEREAS, Kentucky is suffering from an epidemic of heroin and other injection drug use as evidenced by the increases in all of the following: drug overdoses and untimely deaths, emergency room visits and hospitalizations due to heroin and other drug use, babies born to women with drug addiction, rates of communicable diseases, and law enforcement arrests and incarceration due to heroin and other drug possession and associated criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, needles, syringes, and other equipment for injection drug use can become contaminated with blood that contains hepatitis C, hepatitis B, and HIV and these viruses can be transmitted when such equipment is shared among injection drug users, and

WHEREAS, contaminated drug injection equipment puts the public, law enforcement and first responders at risk for exposure through accidental needlesticks when such contaminated equipment is improperly discarded, and

WHEREAS, Kentucky has the highest case rates for hepatitis C in the nation at 5.1 per 100,000 in 2013, an increase of 364% from 2006 – 2012, and

WHEREAS, the cost of medications for one course of treatment for hepatitis C is approximately \$84,000 and hepatitis C left untreated may progress to cirrhosis, liver cancer or liver failure requiring a liver transplant at an approximate cost of \$600,000, and

WHEREAS, the cost of treating HIV infection, a lifelong chronic disease, is \$600,000, and for every \$1.00 spent on a syringe access program, \$3 - \$7 is saved on costs associated with HIV infection, and

WHEREAS, the Ashland-Boyd County Health Department is statutorily mandated per KRS 211.180 to perform the duties of detection, prevention, and control of communicable diseases such as hepatitis C and B and HIV and affirmatively states that the implementation of a syringe access program would help fulfill this mandate, and

WHEREAS, researchers at the National Institutes of Health, the General Accounting Office, the CDC, and the National Academy of Sciences concur that syringe access programs are an effective public health approach to reducing HIV and viral hepatitis infection, and

WHEREAS, syringe access programs have been support as a harm reduction strategy by many health and governmental organizations including the CDC, the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Pharmaceutical Association, and American Psychiatric Association, and the US Conference of Mayors, and

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WHEREAS research has also shown that syringe access programs advance public safety, including the safety of law enforcement officials, by taking contaminated syringes off the streets and out of parking lots, school grounds and playgrounds, and

WHEREAS, in the 2015 Regular Session, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky passed Senate Bill 192 which amends KRS 218A.500, adding sections (5) (a) – (c), enabling local health departments to operate a substance abuse treatment outreach program that allows participants to exchange hypodermic needles and syringes with the consent of the local board of health and the legislative body of the city or county in which the program would operate;

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

SECTION 1. That consent is given to the Ashland – Boyd County Health Department to operate a syringe exchange program within the City of Ashland.

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

SECTION 3. 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: February 25, 2016

MOTION

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Gute, to adopt Resolution No. 8, 2016. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Clark, Gunderson, Gute and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

RECESS

Mayor Charles declared the meeting recessed at 12:42 PM in memory of George H. Wolfford. The recessed meeting will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016 at 12:00 PM.

CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

SUSAN MADDIX
CITY CLERK