

**RECESSED MEETING
MAY 5, 2016**

The Ashland Board of Commissioners met in Recessed Session in the Commissioners' Chambers, City Building, Ashland, Kentucky, on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at the hour of 12:00 PM. Those present were Commissioners: Larry Brown, Amanda Clark, Kevin Gunderson, Marty Gute and Mayor Chuck D. Charles, who presided. Also present were: Richard W. Martin, Interim City Manager; Kevin P. Sinnette, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Susan W. Maddix, City Clerk; Robert W. Ratliff, Chief of Police; Scott Penick, Fire Chief; Sean Murray, Director of Human Resources/Parks & Recreation; 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 D. Grubb, Finance Director; Michelle Veach, Assistant Finance Director; Major Todd Kelley and Major Mark McDowell, Ashland Police Department; Mike Adkins, Risk Manager; and Reporters.

WORK SESSION – FY 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Assistant Finance Director Michelle Veach reviewed the Utility Fund with the Commission beginning with revenues. Commissioner Brown asked if any growth in the water system is expected. Director of Engineering & Utilities Eastwood advised that minimal growth is expected at this time. Effects on the system may be seen as East Park grows and/or if AK Steel shuts down completely.

Assistant Finance Director Veach also reviewed with the Commission the capital purchases budgeted from the Utility Fund and expenses.

Ms. Veach then reviewed the budget for the Ashland Bus System with the Commission.

Commissioner Brown asked Fire Chief Penick to present his report comparing the cost of overtime to the cost of hiring three additional firefighters. Chief Penick presented his report to the Commission using actual time records for March and April, 2016.

ADJOURN

Mayor Charles declared the meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.

CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

SUSAN MADDIX
CITY CLERK