

**Town of Ashland**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**January 13, 2026**

**Present:** Chairman Tyler Michaud, Sherri Calhoun, Christopher Bessey, Gerard Raymond, James Risner and Manager Alicia Burby.

**Absent:** None

I. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Michaud.

II. **Public Comments:**

- a. Ashland resident, Jessica Jimmo, and Garfield resident, Jaylyn Levasseur, have concerns because the Ashland Recreation Center doesn't have a proper vehicle for all participants to travel to recreation events. They have concerns that there are not enough parents available, they do not have enough room or the liability that is putting on the parents with other parents' children in their vehicle. Another comment is that the Recreation Department should have a van, the kids would be safer by being seat belted. Chairman Michaud stated that the Council is reviewing the opinions

III. **Consent Items:**

1. Review, approve, and signed minutes from December 9, 2025, Regular Town Council meeting. A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Christopher Bessey, to approve December 9, 2025, minutes. No discussion. Motion carried.
2. Review, approve and sign treasurer 2025 warrants #49P, #50V, #50P, #51V, #51P, 52V. 52P, 53V, and #54V and 2026 warrant 1P. A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Christopher Bessey, to approve the noted warrants. No discussion. Motion carried.

IV: **New Business**

1. The Council discussed the nominations of the local citizens for inclusion in the 2025 Town Report Dedication Page. Council voted by numbers to keep the nominations secret. Councilor Calhoun said for #1, #3, and #4; Chairman Michaud said #1. A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Christopher Bessey, to nominate #1 for the local citizen for the Town Report Dedication Page. No discussion. Motion carried.

2. The Council discussed the options on purchasing a van for transportation for the participants in the recreation and library activities. The Council agree that there is a need for a van. The purchase would be shared equally by the Recreation Department and Library. The advantage of having a van is that the driver doesn't need any special licenses to drive the van. The Council asked what the purchase price would be and Manager Burby stated for a decent used van the cost would be around \$30,000 to \$40,000 while a new option would be around \$65,000. Council further discussed the options available to purchase the van. Council discussed using half of the unexpended funds from the 2025 library budget of \$12,500, the Whole Trees Grant Endowment of \$9,500 and the remaining balance being used by the Recreation Reserve Account. They discussed another option would be to budget the van in the 2026 budget for each department along with any additional funds from the New Equipment Reserve. Councilor Risner suggested adding the purchase into the 2026 Budget because the residents would have a decision in the purchase of a van. Councilor Calhoun asked if they could rent a van until the new van was purchased. Manager Burby stated she would look into the cost of renting a van. A motion was made by James Risner, seconded by Sherri Calhoun, to add \$20,000 to a capital expenditures reserve line in the 2026 budget for Recreation Department and Library. No further discussion. Motion carried.
3. Review and approve BYOB Special Event for the Ashland Sno-Mobile Club for their annual fundraiser event on March 14, 2026. Motion was made by James Risner, seconded by Sherri Calhoun, to approve the Ashland Sno-Mobile Club BYOB Special Event. No discussion. Motion carried; Chairman Michaud abstain.

V: **Old Business:** None

VI: **Manager's Report:**

1. Manager Burby stated that the Deputy Clerk position's salary and health insurance were adjusted between the Town Office and Library to make the expense lines per department more accurate.
2. Manager Burby has suggested that the 2025 unexpended expense for the Bandstand and Trotting Park be set aside in a reserve account for maintenance. Council agreed and would like to see this moving forward.
3. Wind Moratorium was forwarded to legal for review prior to public hearing which will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting. Councilor Risner has requested receiving a copy of the legal approved moratorium prior to the public hearing.

4. Manager Burby asked when the Christmas lights should be taken down. Council suggested at the end of March or at the Manager's discretion.
5. Manager Burby suggested having the February Regular Town Council meeting change from February 10 to February 5 at 6:30 because she will be unavailable. All Councilors agreed
6. Manager Burby just reminded the Council that the Council Budget Workshop will be on January 27, at 6:00 p.m.

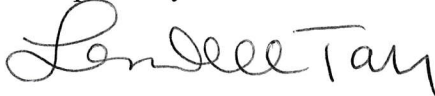
VII: **Council Items:**

1. Councilor Raymond ask if the van will be able to be used by all departments. Manager Burby stated that all departments would have access to the van.
2. Councilor Bessey wanted to make sure that the Veteran's Memorial light were being addressed. Manager Burby stated that the Public Works Director has reached out to LaJoie's Electric.

VIII: **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Christopher Bessey. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

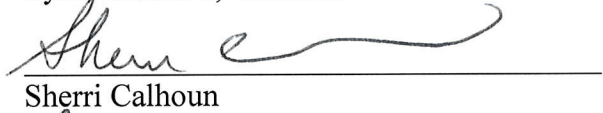


Lendell Tarr  
Substitute Recording Secretary



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Tyler Michaud, Chairman



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Sherri Calhoun



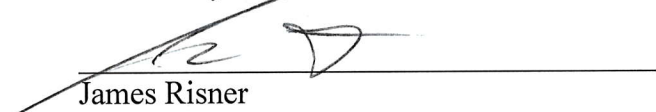
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Christopher Bessey



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Gerard Raymond



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James Risner