

City of Ashville
Council Meeting
August 4, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Mayor Derrick Mostella called the Council meeting to order at 6:06 pm on August 4, 2025.

Mayor Derrick Mostella, Councilmembers Adam Abernathy, Robin Bowlin, Edward Roscoe Lane, Shirley Smith, and Denise Williams were present.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the final meeting agenda. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the final meeting agenda; Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2025, Council Meeting. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2025, Council Meeting; Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes, motion approved.

Citizen Billy Smith did not attend. The discussion was regarding a downed tree at Ashville Cemetery in which attorney Kyle Barrentine stated the City could not assist with due to the cemetery being privately owned.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to reclassify the Archives Director position from full time to a contract position (3-year contract, 32 hours per week, with benefits). Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to reclassify the Archives Director position from full time to a contract position (3-year contract, 32 hours per week, with benefits). Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to change the date of the Monday, September 1 meeting to Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion change the date of the Monday, September 1 meeting to Tuesday, September 2, 202. Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to suspend the rules of order and consider Ordinance 2025-010 to waive Business License and Fees for youth football home games. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to suspend the rules of order and consider Ordinance 2025-010 to waive Business License and Fees for youth football home games. Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Councilmember Shirley Smith voted yes, Councilmember Denise Williams voted yes, Councilmember Adam Abernathy voted yes, Mayor Derrick Mostella voted yes, Councilmember Robin Bowlin voted yes, Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane voted yes, motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-010 to waive Business License and Fees for youth football home games. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-010 to waive Business License and Fees for youth football home games. Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to pay the bills due. Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane made a motion to approve the bills due. Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion, all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Announcements:

- The City Park will be closed beginning August 11 for renovation.
- The next City Council meeting will be August 18, 2025, at 6pm. No work session due to ZBA meeting at 5:30pm.
- Municipal Elections August 26, 2025.

City Attorney Kyle Barrentine advised the council and public that it was his understanding that the Mayor and Council were considering going into an executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and/or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently like to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the Council pursues a proposed course of action. He further stated that there are certain requirements that must be met in order for the Mayor and Council to go into executive session. The purpose for the executive session must be one allowed under the code, which in this case was to discuss litigation. The public must be advised of the anticipated time that the Mayor and Council will remain in executive session, which in this case was approximately 10-15 minutes. The public must also be advised of the whether the Mayor and Council will reconvene the public meeting following the executive session and whether they anticipate taking any action when they return to the public meeting, which in this case the Mayor and Council will return from the executive session, and it is unsure as to whether or not they will be taking any action. The Mayor and Council were also informed that they would be provided with a letter outlining these requirements and Attorney Barrentine's opinion that the issue to be discussed qualified for executive session under the code. Finally, the Mayor and Council were advised that if they desired to enter an executive session there must be a motion including the information required, a second to that motion, and roll call vote in the affirmative.

Mayor Mostella asked for a motion to enter executive session based on the information outlined by the City's Attorney. Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane made a motion to enter executive session based on the information outlined by the City's Attorney. Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; Councilmember Shirley Smith votes yes, Councilmember Denise Williams votes yes, Councilmember Adam Abernathy votes yes, Mayor Derrick Mostella votes yes, Councilmember Robin Bowlin votes yes, and Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane votes yes; motion unanimously approved.

Mayor and Council convened to executive session at approximately 6:25pm and returned at 6:52pm.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane seconded the motion, all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Derrick Mostella, Mayor

Chrystal St. John, City Clerk