

City of Ashville
Council Meeting
September 15, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Mayor Derrick Mostella called the Council meeting to order at 6:08 pm on September 15, 2025.

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

The Mayor added the street light on Bowlin Drive to the agenda after item #7

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 September 2, 2025, Council Meeting. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2 2025, Council Meeting; Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes, motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the contract and sponsorship with The River 94.1 in the amount of \$10K for FY25. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the contract and sponsorship with The River 94.1 in the amount of \$10K for FY25; Councilmember Edard Roscoe Lane seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the ALDOT Extension Letters for the ATRP2 and TAP Projects. Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane made a motion to approve the ALDOT Extension Letters for the ATRP2 and TAP Projects. Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-035 ALDOT Project ATRP2-58-2023-088 Supplemental Agreement No2. Councilmember Densie Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-035 ALDOT Project ATRP2-58-2023-088 Supplemental Agreement No2. Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane seconded the motion, all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve up to \$6,500 for the Fall Festival expenses on September 20, 2025. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve up to \$6,500 for the Fall Festival expenses on September 20, 2025. Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve a street light request at 82 Bowlin Drive. The light illuminates over the street but is paid by a private individual. The city will assume the cost of the streetlight. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve a street light request at 82 Bowlin Drive. The light illuminates over the street but is paid by a private individual. The city will assume the cost of the streetlight. Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

There were no items from the work session to address.

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

Announcements:

- Municipal Runoff Election September 23, 2025, polls are open 7am-7pm
- AHS Homecoming Parade Thursday, September 25 at 6pm
- Council Meeting to Canvass the Runoff Election will be September 30, 2025, at 7am
- The next City Council meeting will be October 6, 2025, at 6pm. A work session will be held at 5:30pm.
- City Hall will be closed October 13 for the Columbus Day Holiday.

City Attorney Kirk Walker 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 15-20 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 expect to take action. The Mayor and Council were also informed that they would be provided with a letter outlining these requirements and Attorney Walkers'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 Denise Williams 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, , 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 6:30pm and returned at 6:46pm.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the MOU with Hikae Aluminum. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve the MOU with Hikae Aluminum. Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Densie Williams made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion, all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Derrick Mostella, Mayor

Chrystal St. John, City Clerk