

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis, in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Holly George, Matthew MacKenzie, Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochterman, Wahsayah Whitebird, Kevin Haas, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall

ABSENT: Jackie Moore (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Parks and Recreation Director Sara Hudson, Public Works Director John Butler, and other concerned citizens.

Roll call was taken, a Moment of Silence was held, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Moment of Silence

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Voice)

Haas moved, seconded by Franek to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Whitebird asked to correct the minutes to correctly reflect a citizen comment made by E. Lindell regarding a conversion therapy resolution which Superior recently passed. Ullman asked to correct citizen comments made by Z. Jablonski regarding the debt service limit.

Pufall moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the corrected minutes of the August 27, 2019 City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Clerk read the Rules for Citizen Participation, and the following offered their comments to the Council:

Magge Ericson, 5 Fifield Row, regarding the alleyway near her residence that has not yet been corrected, creating water flowing into their properties causing storm water overflow and flooding.

Presley Nuutinen, Washburn, organizer of the Chequamegon Area Climate Strike, announced a climate strike event to be held on September 20, 2019 ending with a rally at the Ashland Band Shell in the evening. She requested Council to discuss potentially adopting a resolution to declare a climate emergency to restore a safe climate.

Zygmund Jablonski, 916 6th Avenue West, commented on the Council agenda item regarding the request to allow waiving permit fees, and the Committee of the Whole item discussing City's I&I update.

Eric Lindell, 204 1/2 Main Street West, cautioned Council about bringing forth referendums for decisions on difficult items.

Elizabeth Franek, 407 Willis, was asked to speak on behalf of homeless citizens who are desperate for shelter with the oncoming colder weather and asking for housing assistance.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Lewis had no announcements to share at this time.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Haas moved, seconded by George approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A. Operators' Licenses

The following individuals applied for an operator's license:

Ashley M. Schraufnagel
Kasey L. Day

B. Planning and Development Permit and Property Report, August 2019

C. Miscellaneous Minutes

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation on the International Joint Commission Listening Session on September 25, 2019 (*Councilor Ullman*)

Aiden Reilly and Emma Holten, students of Northland College and members of the Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation, offered a presentation regarding the upcoming International Joint Commission Listening Session on September 25, 2019 at 7pm. Council was invited to be present to speak regarding water quality.

B. Approve to Reallocate the Remaining Balance from the Kreher Park Bathroom 2019 Capital Improvement Project to be Used to Retain a Consultant for a Concept Planning Project For Kreher Park (*Parks and Recreation*) Roll

George moved, seconded by Haas to approve to reallocate \$15,000 of the Kreher Park Bathroom 2019 Capital Improvement Project funding from the reconstruction of Kreher Park bathrooms, to hire a consultant to create a concept drawing/master plan for the whole Kreher Park area for redevelopment. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Approve a Resolution Adopting the Revised Ashland County All Hazards Mitigation Plan (*Mayor*) Voice

Franek moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the resolution adopting the revised Ashland County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. **File #17524**

D. Approve a Request for a Financial Commitment in the 2020 City of Ashland Budget Towards a Regional Housing Study (*Mayor*) Roll

Tochterman asked to correct verbiage within the agenda item to read *Center for Rural Communities* versus *Center for Rural Development*. George moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the request to appropriate \$5,619.90 in the 2020 budget toward the estimated required match for the Regional Housing Study, contingent upon the grant being awarded through CDBG. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve to Waive Bid Requirements and Purchase Badger Books Electronic Voting Equipment from Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) (Clerk) Roll

George moved, seconded by Haas to approve to waive the bid requirements and purchase Badger Books electronic voting equipment from Wisconsin Elections Commission, including battery backup units, for the budgeted amount of \$23,979. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Approve to Waive Permit the Building Permit Fee for Roof Replacement at 618 Beaser Avenue. Applicant: CESA-12 (Planning) Voice

Haas moved, seconded by Franek to approve to waive the \$50 permit fee for roof replacement at 618 Beaser Avenue as requested by CESA-12. The motion failed 1-9 by roll call vote; opposed were George, MacKenzie, Jackson, Ullman, Tochterman, Haas, Ortman, Franek, and Pufall.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Haas moved, seconded by Ortman to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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