ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 3, 2019 – 5:30 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Thursday, October 3, 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

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

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

ABSENT: Charlie Ortman (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Deputy Clerk Patti Ekstrom, Police Chief James Gregoire, Planning Director Megan McBride, Parks and Recreation Director Sara Hudson, Public Works Director John Butler, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, and other concerned citizens.

B. Moment of Silence

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 10, 2019 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Franek moved, Whitebird seconded a motion to approve the September 10, 2019 Council and Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. In the Committee of the Whole minutes regarding discussion and action on snow removal recommendations, it was recommended to review the transcript of the minutes to determine action taken on this agenda item and the minutes will be approved at a later meeting. Franek and Whitebird amended their motion to only approve the September 10, 2019 Council minutes. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

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

Craig Gilbaugh has a business on US 2 and 11th Avenue East and he praised Megan McBride of the Planning Department for assisting the City in doing a good job in keeping a good visual effect in the development of this neighborhood.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Lewis reported that the Police radios for the Police Department were already in the process of being replaced at the time of a letter that was submitted to the Council. There will be a future agenda bill for payment of the radios. The radios need to be reprogrammed. Councilors were invited to attend the Housing Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 8:30 a.m. Homelessness and housing issues will be discussed. The International Joint Commission was at Northland College and presentations were held. Many topics were presented regarding challenges facing Lake Superior. This forum presentation was recorded and the audio is on the Wisconsin Public Radio if anyone would like to listen to it. Budget discussions will be addressed soon and encouraged everyone to work through this process.

B. Appointments

The Mayor recommended approval of the appointments as follows:

Sustainability Committee
Cheyanne Reeves, replacing Mary Ellen "La MER" Riehle (resigned)
Expires: June 28, 2021

Public Works Committee
Melodie Phipps (reappointment)
Expires: Sept. 30, 2024

Haas moved, seconded by George to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Operator's Licenses

The following individuals applied for an operator's license: Nikie M. Buck, Katelynn R. Croteau, Pamela L. Green and Michele A. Tegen.

Franek moved, seconded by Moore approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve a Resolution to Issue a Conditional Use Permit to Allow Vehicle Repair/Service Use at 1100 Lake Shore Drive East in the Mixed Residential/Commercial (MRC) District, Parcel #201-01195-0000, Applicant: Richard Bloss *(Planning)* Voice

Pufall moved, seconded by George to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. **File #17525**

B. Approval of the Updated City of Ashland Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), 2019-2024 *(Parks and Recreation)* Voice

The Outdoor Recreation Plan was distributed at the meeting. Sara Hudson discussed this plan. Councilors requested time to review the Plan before it is approved. Whitebird moved, Ullman seconded a motion to postpone approval of the Outdoor Recreation Plan until the October 8 Council meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." *(Modification of Contract with C&S Design & Engineering, Inc./Bray Architects, Inc. for the architectural and design work for the new police facility,)*

B. Enter into Closed Session *(Roll)*

Haas moved, seconded by Pufall to enter into Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Return to Open Session *(Voice)*

Whitebird moved, seconded by Tochterman to return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A. Report of Discussion or Action Taken During Closed Session

The Mayor reported that Council approved the modification of the contract with C&S Design & Engineering, Inc./Bray Architects, Inc. for the architectural and design work for the new police facility by a 9-1 vote, Pufall opposed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Franek moved, seconded by Whitebird to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Ekstrom,
Deputy Clerk

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