**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
**Tuesday, November 19, 2019 – 5:30 PM**
**Ashland City Hall Council Chambers**

**Please silence all cell phones during the meeting**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, November 19, 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, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore

**ABSENT**: None

**ALSO PRESENT**: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Police Chief James Gregoire, Planning Director Megan McBride, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other concerned citizens.

### B. Moment of Silence

### C. Pledge of Allegiance

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### A. October 22, 2019 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, and October 29, 2019 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session Minutes

Moore moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 City Council and Committee of the Whole, and October 29, 2019 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session minutes.

## 4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

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

*Tim Zwetow, 1413 12th Avenue West,* commented on a recent incident involving his son and the police department.

## 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

### A. Announcements

The Mayor commented on a number of openings for the City's committees and boards which can now be found on the website and on the Mayor's Facebook page. The City is hosting a tree lighting ceremony for the community on November 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The decorating party for this will be the day prior at 3:00 p.m. Administration will be reviewing the 2019 audit in December and it will be brought to Council for discussion afterwards.

**B. Appointments**

The Mayor is recommending approval of the following appointments:

Housing Authority
Mary Jane Grande, re-appointment
Term Expires January 14, 2025

Municipal Library Board
Mary Asbach, re-appointment
Term Expires October 31, 2022

Janna Levings, re-appointment
Term Expires October 31, 2022

George moved, seconded by Franek to approve the Mayor's appointments. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

**A. Miscellaneous Minutes**

**B. Planning and Development Monthly Reports**

**C. Operators' Licenses**

The following individuals have applied for an operator's license: Tara M. Apprill, Michelle R. Atwater, Ashlynn K. Bruno, Nicole M. Kmetz, Paige D. Nemec, Susan L. Roberts, Gabriel B. Rothe, and Zachary H. Solomon.

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

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020 City of Ashland Budget** *(Mayor)* Roll

George moved, seconded by Tochterman to move into Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

*Eric Lindell, 204 1/2 West Main Street,* spoke regarding the newspaper article referring to the pay increases offered into the 2020 Budget.

*Linda Scott, 3003 Golf Course Road,* commented on the pay increases offered into the 2020 Budget as it referred to the positions being held by female employees. She questioned the increases based on the position versus the sex of the employee in that position, and the assessed values and projected values noted in the 2020 Budget.

George moved, seconded by Tochterman to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. Approve a Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Non-Represented Employees Salary/Hourly Wage Schedule** *(Administrator)* Roll

George moved, seconded by Moore to approve the resolution. The motion passed 9-2 by roll call vote; opposed were Franek and Pufall. **File #17529**

**C. Approve an Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 165 (2018-1912) and Recreate Chapter 165, Ashland City Ordinances, Comprehensive Fee Schedule** *(Clerk)* Roll

George moved, seconded by Tochterman to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17530**

**D. Approve a Resolution by the Common Council for the City of Ashland, Wisconsin to Adopt the 2020 General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Internal Service Funds Budgets** *(Administrator)* Roll

Moore moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the resolution. The motion passed 9-1 by roll call vote; opposed was Pufall. Whitebird abstained. **File #17531**

**E. Approve the 2020 Water and Wastewater Utility Budgets** *(Public Works)* Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Moore to approve the budgets as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**F. Approve JFK Memorial Airport and Ashland Marina 2020 Budgets** *(Administration)* Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Moore to approve the budgets as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**G. Approve a Resolution Adopted by the Common Council for the City of Ashland, Wisconsin to Establish the 2019 Tax Levy (Payable in 2020) for the City's General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Internal Service Funds** *(Administrator)* Roll

George moved, seconded by Haas to approve the resolution. The motion passed 10-1 by roll call vote; opposed by Franek. **File #17532**

**H. Approve a Resolution to Exempt the City of Ashland from the Ashland County Library Levy** *(Administrator)* Roll

Tochterman moved, seconded by Moore to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17533**

**I. Approve Administration to Amend the Employee Handbook Policy Related to Payout to Employees for Unused Sick Pay** *(Administration)* Voice

George moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the Employee Handbook amendment. The motion passed 6-4 by roll call vote; opposed were MacKenzie, Jackson, Whitebird, and Pufall; Ullman abstained.

**J. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 865 (2016-1886), Ashland City Ordinances, Weights and Measures** *(Finance) Roll*

Tochterman moved, seconded by Haas to approve the ordinance amendment. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17534**

**K. Approve Easement Agreement and Release with LeRoy A. Watland, Jr., 1020 Lake Shore Drive West, Ashland** *(Mayor)* Roll

George moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the agreement with an amendment to Paragraph 6 to correct a double-negative connotation. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**L. Approve Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment** (*Planning)* Voice

Haas moved, seconded by Sarah Jackson to approve the UDO text amendment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**M. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Ashland and the School District of Washburn Gymnastics Team for Use of the Bretting Center** *(Parks and Recreation)* Roll

Moore moved, seconded by Haas to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**N. Approve an Agreement between the City of Ashland and Ninja Zone LLC** *(Parks and Recreation)* Roll

Tochterman moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the agreement for the amount of $874.00 of which will be covered by generated revenue. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**O. Approve to Waive Bidding Requirements and Enter into a Contract with Granroth Construction with for the Installation of a Bouldering Wall at the Bretting Community Center** *(Parks and Recreation)* Roll

Whitebird moved, seconded by Franek to approve the contract for the amount of $19,800 funded through an anonymous donor and the Ashland County Brighter Futures Initiative Grant. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**P. Approve to Waive the Requirement Set Forth in Chapter 923.10, Ashland City Ordinances, and Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Ashland and Ashland County for the Use of Pictometry Photography Products** *(Public Works)* Roll

Whitebird moved, seconded by Moore to approve to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Q. Approve a Resolution Accepting the Workmanship of thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation and Approval of Final Payment for the 2019 Vaughn Public Library Modernization Project** *(Public Works)* Roll

Whitebird moved, seconded by Jackson to approve final payment for the amount of $44,841.50 from the Capital Projects Fund. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17535**

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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