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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – 5:30 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, March 31, 2020 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis, in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. via GoTo Meeting.

A. Roll Call, Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance

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, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, 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.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lewis recommended to remove Agenda Item 6E as it was not completed. Haas moved, seconded by Moore to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 10, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Whitebird moved, seconded by Haas to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens wishing to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

The Mayor thanked staff and the community for their hard work during this declared emergency. The Election will continue on April 7th and she noted that those who would like to absentee vote to contact the Clerk's office. Finally, she reminded all to complete and return their Census surveys.

B. City Administrator Report

Kucera has been sending out Situation Reports to Council and staff twice weekly while the City is on emergent shut down to keep all up to date. As of today, there was been one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Ashland County.

C. Council President's Report

Ullman noted her appreciation to Kucera for his experience in dealing with this grade of pandemic. She also mentioned the importance of replying to the Census.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve a Resolution to Create Chapter 408 (1930) Banning the Practice of Conversion Therapy for Minors in the City of Ashland, Ashland City Ordinances

B. Approve a Resolution to Apply to Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to Become a Main Street Community *(Planning & Development)* Voice

C. Approve to Apply for International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) Trail Accelerator Grant *(Parks & Rec)* Voice

D. Approve a Resolution to Apply for State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Local Assistance, Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund, & Recreational Trails Program Grant Application *(Parks & Rec)* Voice

Franek moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve a Resolution to Apply for Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant and Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grant *(Parks & Rec)* Voice

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation, Discussion, and Approval of an Update to the Debt Issuance Plan for the Sale of Approximately $7,780,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes *(Finance)* Roll

Sean Lentz was available by phone, as well as Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt for presentation and questions.
Ullman moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the Debt Issuance Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a $410,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2020A for the Marina Capital Projects *(Finance)* Roll

Moore moved, seconded by Franek to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a $700,000 General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2020B to Fund Water Utility Capital Projects *(Finance)* Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Approval to Award Contract to Short, Elliot, Hendrickson for Engineering Design Services for the 2020 and 2021 Sewer Main Rehabilitation Projects *(Public Works)* Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Moore to approve . The motion passed 7-4 by roll call vote; opposed were Ortman, MacKenzie, Ullman and Tochterman.

E. Approve to Award Contract to Hydro Klean for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Televising Project *(Public Works)* Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Haas to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Approve to Award Contract to Ashland Construction, Inc. for the Vaughn Avenue and 7th Street West Reconstruction and Utility Replacement Project *(Public Works)* Roll

Haas moved, seconded by George to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Approve to Award Contract to Nasi Construction for the Building and Pearson Plaza Improvements Project *(Public Works)* Voice

Pufall moved, seconded by Franek to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

H. Approve to Waive the Advertisement Requirement Set Forth in Chapter 194.04, Ashland City Ordinance, and Award a Contract to Cedar Corporation for Construction Engineering Services for the Vaughn Avenue and 7th Street West Reconstruction and Utility Replacement Project *(Public Works)* Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Wahsayah Whitebird to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

I. Approve a Resolution to Ratify Emergency Declaration Issued by the Mayor on March 17, 2020 *(Mayor)* Voice

Ullman offered a friendly amendment to the Resolution to help clarify some verbiage; MacKenzie seconded. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
Whitebird moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the amended resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

J. Update, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding City Efforts to Address Pandemic, and Discussion of Communication Processes *(Mayor)*

Discussion only.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

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