

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, May 5, 2020 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis via GoTo Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call, Moment of Silence, and 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, Ana Tochtermann (5:45), Kate Ullman, Wahsayah Whitebird, Kevin Haas (5:35), Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, Administrator Brant Kucera, Clerk Denise Oliphant, Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Police Chief James Gregoire, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kucera asked to remove Agenda Item 8D. Franek moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 21, 2020 City Council Reorganizational Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Pufall moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole minutes. 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:

Kelly Maday, 1721 Mac Arthur Avenue, asked for Council's consideration to help with the claim she made after her basement had a water backup.

Zygmund Jablonski, 916 6th Avenue West, made comment regarding the property assessment policy.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Mayor Lewis wished all a Happy Cinco de Mayo. Those wishing to can still request an absentee ballot for the May 12, 2020 Special Election, and early in-person absentee voting is available in the Clerk's office through May 8, 2020. Pre-ordered rain barrels will be ready for pick up on Friday May 15, 2020. The Mayor's email has been hacked asking for responses from several Councilors, and she asked that those who might get suspicious emails, to report them immediately. She thanked the Northland College faculty for their participation on an online pandemic seminar. She also thanked the community for their help staying safe and their patience through this difficult time as the City is continuing to follow Governor Evers' orders. Dr. Karl Solibakke from Northland College will be offering a presentation at the next Council meeting regarding the College's plans for their fall session. Lastly, she noted that Big Top Chautauqua has cancelled their 2020 season, calling it a "break."

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve a Resolution to Repeal Resolution 17554 Final Resolution Authorizing Public Improvement and Levying Special Assessments against Benefitted Property in the City of Ashland, Ashland County, Wisconsin for the Vaughn & 7th Street West Reconstruction and Utility Replacement Project

Ullman noted that this agenda bill was not specifically brought forward by her as former Council President. Butler offered an amendment to the resolution to clarify the intention of the resolution. Ullman moved, seconded by George to approve the amendment. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Ortman moved, seconded by Haas to approve the amended resolution. The motion passed 10-1 by voice vote; Jackson opposed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve to Award the Contract for the 2020 Crushed Aggregate Purchase to Angelo Luppino, Inc. (*Public Works*) Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve to award the contact to Angelo luppino Inc for the amount of \$46,400.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Approval to Accept a Grant from the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin - Norma & Stanley Deboer Quiet Trails Fund Grant in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support the Prentice Park Trail Repair Project (*Parks*) Voice

Franek moved, seconded by Ortman to approve to accept the grant for the amount of \$1000.00 The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Approve to Waive Bid Requirements and Enter into a Contract with CivicRec for New Online and In-Person Registration Software for the Parks and Recreation Department (*Parks*) Roll

Moore moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the contract with CivicRec for the amount of \$7,383.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Approve to Accept Hoeft Builders as Construction Manager for the New Police Facility Project (*Administrator*) Roll

Removed from the Agenda.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Move into Closed Session (Roll)

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

B. Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(g): “Conferring with legal counsel who either orally or in writing will advise governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation.” (*Maday Claim*) (*City Attorney*) Roll

C. Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(g): “Conferring with legal counsel who either orally or in writing will advise governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation.” (*Update and Discussion on 6th Street West Litigation*) (*City Attorney*)

D. Return to Open Session

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

E. Report of Discussion or Action Taken During Closed Session

Regarding Item 9B, Council voted to table this item until June 9, 2020. There was no action taken on Agenda item 9C.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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