

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on May 26, 2020 immediately following the City Council meeting which begins at 5:30 PM in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers.

The following items will be considered:

The Tuesday, May 26, 2020 the Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas via GoTo Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

1. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, Administrator Brant Kucera, Clerk Denise Oliphant, Attorney Tyler Wickman, Planning Director Megan McBride, and other concerned citizens.

2. Council President's Report

Haas discussed his decision to decline adding another standing item on the Committee of the Whole agenda regarding COVID-19. Instead, he asked that Kucera discuss updates during his report.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera noted that the City was approved for the Wisconsin Main Street Program. He offered an update regarding COVID-19: Although the State has "re-opened" recently, we are not seeing any new cases in the immediate area. Kucera listed local event cancellations. City Hall will remain closed through May, and plan to open by appointment only in June.

4. Approval of Agenda

Jackson moved, seconded by Moore to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Committee Updates

Harbor Commission - Pufall: no report

Plan Commission - MacKenzie: Recently discussed the request for expansion by the Toyota dealership.

Police & Fire Commission - Lewis: Approved plans for hiring for the Fire Department.

Library Board - Jackson: no report

Housing - Tochterman: Discussed locations and options for affordable housing units.

Parks Committee - Haas: no report

Public Work Committee - Moore: no report

Historic Preservation - Franek: Discussed places being renovated and/or sold, and the demolition process.

Sustainability - Ullman: Meeting Thursday to discuss the outdoor chemical application policy.

DPEAC - Whitebird: no report

SWPC - Ortman: no report

6. Discussion Items

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request to Lower and/or Waive License Renewals Fees for Alcohol Beverage Facilities, Amusement Facilities, and Operator's Licenses

Ortman moved, seconded by Moore to approve the recommendation of reducing Class B Combination Alcohol Beverage License renewal fees from \$600 to \$300. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Discussion and Possible Action to Enact a Local Ordinance to Empower Municipal Power to Issue Emergency Orders by the City of Ashland under Wisconsin State Statute 323 in the Absence of County Health Officer Order (Mayor)

Discussion only.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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