

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on June 30, 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, June 30, 2020 Ashland Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas via GoTo Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Holly George (excused)

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

2. Council President's Report

Haas thanked retiring Police Chief Jim Gregoire and congratulated him on his retirement. He also thanked Lewis for bringing forward the idea of opening discussion of policing in the community.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera also offered his appreciation to retiring Police Chief Jim Gregoire. He offered an update regarding the COVID status in the community and State overall. He also explained the plans to reopen City Hall and other public facilities next week.

4. Approval of Agenda

Pufall moved, seconded by Franek to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Committee Updates

Harbor Commission: Pufall - slip rental has been slow.

Plan Commission: MacKenzie - discussed the potential of apartments dedicated to low income housing.

Police & Fire: Lewis - appointed Capt. Bill Hagstrom as interim Police Chief; meeting next week to begin search process for new Chief.

Library Board: Jackson - Housing Authority: Franek - working toward getting assistance for local foster children.

Housing Committee: Tochtermann - discussed potential of and RFP for Timeless Timber site, and grant funding.

Parks and Rec Committee: Haas - working on bike/pedestrian plan and special event policy updates.

Public Works Committee: Moore - discussed paving gravel roads, and financing roadway options.

Sustainability Committee: Ullman - needed to reschedule last meeting.

Historic Preservation Committee: Franek - meeting scheduled for August.

Disabled Parking Committee: Whitebird - no report

Source Water Protection Committee: Ortman - no report

6. Discussion Items

A. Discussion and Possible Action to Enact a Local Ordinance to Regulate Drones in Residential Neighborhoods *(Mayor)*

Franek moved, seconded by Ortman for Ed Monroe to speak to Council. This motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Lewis moved, seconded by Ullman to recognize Erika Hannickel to speak to Council. This motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ullman moved, seconded by Jackson to table discussion to the July 28, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, and direct the Mayor draft an ordinance to be reviewed. This motion carried 9-1 by voice vote; MacKenzie opposed.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Implementing an Ordinance Requiring Water Lateral Replacement of Properties Directly Involved with Road Reconstruction *(Mayor)*

Ullman moved, seconded by Moore to instruct the Mayor to bring forward a drafted ordinance to be reviewed at the next meeting (July 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole). The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. 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*)

Ullman moved, seconded by Moore to extend the meeting by approximately five minutes to allow Council to complete discussion of the final item. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Tochterman moved, seconded by Franek to instruct the Mayor to draft an ordinance to review at the next meeting (July 14 Committee of the Whole). The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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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