

June 30, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, June 30, 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: Matthew MacKenzie, Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochterman, 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, Public Works Director John Butler, Police Chief James Gregoire, Planning Director Megan McBride, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and several concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moore moved to approve the agenda with a change to address Agenda Item J before Item I; Franek seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 9, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Kevin Haas moved, seconded by Wahsayah Whitebird to approve. 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:

Kiersten Galazen of Chequamegon Food Cooperative, spoke in support of the applied for Class A Intoxicating Beverage license.

John Adams, 30900 County Hwy C, Washburn and representative of Chequamegon Food Cooperative, spoke in support of the applied for Class A Intoxicating Beverage license.

Zygmund Jablonski, 916 6th Avenue West, spoke against the agenda item regarding allowing the Mayor power of authority in the absence of County Health Authority.

Ed Monroe, 614 10th Avenue West, spoke against the creation of an ordinance regarding drones.

Scott Bretting, 6758 Bayfront Road, talked of both the agenda item regarding allowing Mayoral power at time of pandemic, and regarding the increase of mobile food vendors in the community.

Dawn Berglund, 912 3rd Street West, noted concern of allowing Mayoral power and at what point this would take effect.

Mary McPhetridge of Ashland Chamber of Commerce, concerned of allowing Mayoral powers and the effect on local businesses.

Laura Nagro, President of Chequamegon Food Cooperative, requested consideration to approve the application for an alcohol license.

Michael Parent, member of the Chequamegon Food Cooperative, asked for support for their alcohol beverage license application.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Recognition of Retiring Police Chief Jim Gregoire

Mayor Lewis honored retiring Police Chief Jim Gregoire after nearly 25 years of public service.

B. Announcements

Lewis announced that the Police and Fire Commission appointed Captain Bill Hagstrom as Interim Police Chief, and will be meeting again in early July to begin discussion regarding hiring a new Chief. She invited citizens and council for dialog regarding community policing. The DNR will be holding a hearing tomorrow to discuss ongoing Enbridge pipeline progress.

C. Appointments

The Mayor is recommending approval of the appointments as follows:

B.A.R.T. Board

Carl Doersch, re-appointment, term ends July 14, 2022

Board of Review

Ryan Long, re-appointment, term expires: June 10, 2025

Board of Zoning Appeals

David Eades, re-appointment, term expires, July 14, 2023

Alex Mohrbacher, replacing Michael Hines, term expires, July 9, 2022

Harbor Commission

Keith Igo, re-appointment, term expires: July 31, 2023

Gary Leino, re-appointment, term expires: July 2023

Police and Fire Commission

Ed Monroe, re-appointment, term expires May 5, 2025

Pufall noted that Mr. Igo resigned from the Harbor Commission. Moore moved, seconded by Haas to approve the remaining appointments. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

B. Approve a Class B Combination Alcohol Beverage License for Anchor Islands LLC, 315 Turner Avenue, Ashland, WI, and its Agent Michele Tegen (Clerk)

- C. Approve a Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine Alcohol Beverage License for Starlit Gardens, 210 Main Street West, Ashland, WI, and its Agent Anna M Hill (Clerk)**

Haas moved, seconded by Franek to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve to Apply for a USDA Grant for Cooperative Agreement for Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (Parks) Voice**

Ortman moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- B. Approve to Create Chapter 50, Ashland City Ordinances, Ordinance to Create a Main Street Board (Planning) Roll**

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

- C. Update on Sanitary Sewer Investigations and Improvements (Director of Public Works)**

Public Works Director John Butler offered a presentation to Council to update the progress made of the City's I&I system.

- D. Approve a Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing through the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation & Replacement Project (Public Works) Roll**

Kevin Haas moved, seconded by Sarah Jackson to approve . The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- E. Approve Ratification of the Purchase of Three (3) Pumps from Xylem Water Solutions USA by the Waste Water Utility (Public Works) Voice**

Charlie Ortman moved, seconded by Jackie Moore to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- F. Approve a Resolution Adopted by the Common Council for the City of Ashland Pursuant to Section 62.15(1b) WI Statutes to Declare an Emergency for the Purpose of Permitting the Timely Repairs of a Portion of the City's Sanitary Sewer between MacArthur Ave and 9th Avenue West South of 11th Street (Public Works) Voice**

Charlie Ortman moved, seconded by Kevin Haas to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

G. Approve the Revised State Municipal Agreement (SMA), Dated May 20, 2020, for the Highway 13 Pavement Replacement Project and the State/Municipal Maintenance Agreement (SMMA) for State Highway 13 (*Public Works*) Roll

Kevin Haas moved, seconded by Charlie Ortman to approve . The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

H. Approve to Award the Base Bid Contract to Northwoods Paving Inc. for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Dick Pufall moved, seconded by Jackie Moore to approve . The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

I. Approve a Class B Combination Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Nick McGee at Spot Bar, 116 N 14th Avenue East, Ashland, and its Agent Nick McGee (*Clerk*) Voice

Ortman moved, seconded by Haas to approve. The motion passed 9-1 by voice vote; MacKenzie opposed.

J. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 922 (1488) Ashland City Ordinances, Alcohol Beverage Licenses, to Increase the Quota for "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor Licenses from Four (4) to Five (5), and Approve the Class A Intoxicating Liquor License Application for Chequamegon Food Cooperative at 700 Chapple Avenue, and its Agent Kiersten Galazen (*Clerk*) Roll

Charlie Ortman moved, seconded by Wahsayah Whitebird to approve . The motion passed 9-0 by roll call vote; Jackson abstained.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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