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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – 5:30 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis via GoTo Meetings 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, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochtermann, 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, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Planning Director Megan McBride, Public Works Director John Butler, Interim Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Haas moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 30, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Whitebird moved, seconded by Franek to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Patricia Brown, employee of Chequamegon Food Cooperative, encouraged Council to mandate the wearing of masks in indoor businesses.

Eric Lindell, 204 1/2 West Main Street, urged Council to make wearing masks mandatory.

Bill Pearce, property owner, voiced frustration while recently trying to get City water and sewer hook up for an older home in the City, requesting follow up.

Zygmund Jablonski, A to Z Plumbing, also noted miscommunication while working in getting Mr. Pearce's permits for water and sewer hook up.

Cheyenne Otto-Defoe, future resident of Ashland and Progress North Regional organizer, expressed the importance for the police force to recognize cultural differences.

Kiersten Galazen, employee of Chequamegon Food Cooperative, encouraged Council to adopt a mask policy.

Philomena Kebec, Ashland County Board member, expressed concerns about police not wearing masks and asked that a policy be updated to require masks for the safety of the public and officers, and does not support the proposal of a fine.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

According to the Public Works Director, there was no overflow after the heavy rains from last week's storm. On July 9, 2020, City staff, members of a number of businesses, of the Chamber, and medical community met to discuss potential mandates relative to the COVID pandemic. Ashland and Bayfield Counties both issued mask advisories formally yesterday, July 13, 2020.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve to Accept a Grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management for Kreher Park Redevelopment : Public Access (*Parks*) Voice

Ullman moved, seconded by Moore to approve to accept the grant for the amount of \$29,950. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Approve to Accept a Sport Fish Restoration Grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Ashland Ore Dock Redevelopment: Diamond Access (*Parks*) Voice

Franek moved, seconded by Haas to approve to accept the grant for the amount of \$50,757. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Approve a Grant Agreement between the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Intergovernmental Relations, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and the City of Ashland for Unified Development Ordinance Updates (*Planning*) Voice

Tochterman moved, seconded by Ullman to approve the grant agreement for the amount of \$15,000. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Approve a Resolution to Set a Public Hearing Date for the Vacation of That Part of 44th Avenue East Lying between Lot 8 Block 3 and Lot 1 Block 4, all in Lake View Addition, City of Ashland, Ashland County, Wisconsin (*Planning*) Voice

Haas moved, seconded by Pufall to approve to set the proposed public hearing date of August 18, 2020. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. **File #17578**

E. Approve the State Municipal Agreement (SMA), Dated April 30, 2020 for the Waterfront Access Road Reconstruction Project (*Public Works*) Roll

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

F. Approve Entering into a Contract with Ayres Associates Inc for Design Engineering Services on the Bike and Pedestrian Facility Improvement Project (Public Works) Roll

Moore moved, seconded by Tochterman to approve the contract with Ayres Associates Inc for the amount of \$84,268.98. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Approve a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage License Application for Deepwater Grille at 717 Main Street West, Ashland, WI, and Its Agent, Mark Gutterer (Clerk) Voice

Franek moved, seconded by Pufall to approve. Council approved to hear license applicant Mark Gutteter to speak. This motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The motion to approve the license passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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