

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on July 14, 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, July 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas via GoTo Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

1. Roll Call

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, Planning Director Megan McBride, Public Works Director John Butler, Interim Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, and other concerned citizens.

2. Council President's Report

Haas thanked the community for reaching out to Councilors and staff voicing their concerns related to masking mandates. He also commented on the productive meeting held with local businesses and the Chamber last week to discuss ways to continue to keep businesses open.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera showed appreciation for the concern voiced regarding the funding and budget as effected by COVID and felt the City continues to be in a good financial position. City Hall has re-locked the doors to the public beyond appointments due to the upswing of positive cases recently. Staff has been required to wear masks at all times while at work, and all are taking temperatures daily and working from home when reasonable.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moore moved, seconded by Tochterman to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Committee Updates

Harbor Commission: Pufall - no report

Plan Commission: MacKenzie no report

Police & Fire: Lewis -Began discussion regarding search for new police chief and will be holding a special meeting with the HR Director on July 21st.

Library Board: Jackson - Moving forward with renovations; adopted a new mission statement.

Housing Authority: Franek - no report

Housing Committee: Tochterman - no report

Parks and Rec Committee: Haas - no report

Public Works Committee: Moore - Discussed multiple areas of recent improvements; road grants coming in; will be implementing new utility meters.

Sustainability Committee: Ullman - no report

Historic Preservation Committee: Franek - no report

Disabled Parking Committee: Whitebird - no report

Source Water Protection Committee: Ortman - no report

6. Discussion Items

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

Tochterman moved, seconded by Ullman to ask administration to bring ordinance language back to the next Council meeting for review. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- B. ***AMENDED TITLE:*** 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, *including use of face coverings in public indoor spaces or public outdoor spaces when social distancing is not an option. (Mayor)*

Ullman moved, seconded by George to instruct administration to construct a resolution in support of Ashland County's recent orders regarding wearing masks to bring back to the next Council meeting for review. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Discussion Regarding Policing

Ullman moved, seconded by Jackson to extend the meeting to finish discussion on this item. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Haas asked to place this item onto the next Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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