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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – 5:30 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, July 28, 2020 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis, virtually 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.

Franek requested that the Moment of Silence be dedicated to Iron River Police Officer Wagner and Congressman Lewis, both who recently passed.

PRESENT: Matthew MacKenzie, Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochtermann, Wahsayah Whitebird, Kevin Haas, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Jackie Moore, Dick Pufall (5:40)

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, Planning Director Megan McBride, Interim Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, Deputy Clerk Sarah Szymaniak, Utility Supervisor Chanz Green, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 14, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Ortman moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the minutes. Ullman asked to correct P. Kebec's comments within the Council meeting minutes to reflect that she was concerned of police officers who were not wearing masks and felt that a policy should be imposed to require officers to wear them. The motion carried to approve the minutes with amendments 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, 55050 Hwy 63, Mason and employee of Chequamegon Food Cooperative, spoke in support of passing an ordinance to enforce wearing masks.
Zygmund Jablonski, 916 6th Avenue West, referenced the engineers contracted to work on the Vaughn Avenue Project and making the CIPP Presentation during tonight's meeting. He also questioned the use of the City's staff and funds to work on private property.
Eric Lindell, 204 1/2 West Main Street, encouraged Council to enforce mask wearing in the community.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Lewis referred to the Committee of the Whole item which has some answers to recent questions regarding the policing issue. She noted a recent local spike of positive COVID cases, and she had acquired masks for individuals and businesses to be given away on a first-come-first-serve basis. Administration was approached by Councilor Tochtermann to apply for a Voices for Recovery grant. Kim Westman is retiring after over 26 years of service, and Chelsea List is a new hire in the Clerk and Finance office. Lewis attended an online meeting with Sen. Baldwin regarding infrastructure funding. She reminded all that absentee voting is available in-person by appointment at City Hall, and that the County is hosting a Clean Sweep event on August 12 at Ashland's WITC.

B. Appointments

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

B. June 2020 Planning and Development and Property Maintenance Report

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approve a Resolution in Support of Ashland County Health Officer Efforts to Control the Community Spread of COVID-19** (*Passed unanimously by Committee of the Whole 7-14-2020*) Mayor

Ullman moved, seconded by Tochterman to approve the resolution. Tochterman moved, seconded by Ullman to amend the resolution by striking the sixth paragraph. This motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The motion to approve the amended resolution passed 9-0 by roll call vote; Pufall was absent for the vote. **File #17579**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation on Cure in Place Pipe (CIPP) Technology** (*Public Works*)

Paul Pasko of SEH offered a presentation for Council regarding the CIPP process, and answered questions from Council.

- B. Approve a Resolution to Acknowledge Review of the 2019 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) of the Ashland Wastewater Utility Pursuant to the Requirements of NR 208, Wisconsin Administrative Code** (*Voice*) Public Works

Haas moved, seconded by Ullman to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. **File #17580**

- C. Approve an Agreement with Cedar Corporation to Complete Design of the 6th Street East between 14th Ave E and 19th Ave E Reconstruction Project** (*Roll*) Public Works

Tochterman moved, seconded by Haas to approve the agreement with Cedar Corporation for the amount of \$35,800. The motion passed 9-0 by roll call vote; Pufall was absent for the vote.

- D. Approve a Transfer of Restrictive Covenant and Release for Northwoods Women, Inc. DBA New Day Advocacy Center** (*Voice*) Administration

Franek moved, seconded by Jackson to approve. MacKenzie later moved, seconded by Franek to amend the agreement to remove the restrictive covenant and lien for the New Day Advocacy Center. This motion failed 2-8 by roll call vote. The motion to approve the transfer passed unanimously by voice vote.

- E. Approve an Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Section 5.1E, Chapter 781 (1764), Ashland City Ordinances, Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Related to Accessory Dwelling Units** (*Roll*) Planning

Tochterman moved, seconded by Moore to approve the ordinance. The motion passed 9-1 by roll call vote; MacKenzie opposed. **File #17581**

- F. Approve to Award the Contract to the Lowest Bidder for the Bretting Center HVAC Replacement Project** (*Roll*) Administration

Tochterman moved, seconded by Franek to approve to award the contract to A to Z Plumbing & Heating for the amount of \$199,664 plus 10% contingency of \$16,470. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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