

**August 25, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings
Tue, Aug 25, 2020 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CDT)**

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 – 5:30 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, August 25, 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 to dedicate the Moment of Silence to Jacob Blake of Kenosha, WI.

PRESENT: Holly George, Matthew MacKenzie (5:45), 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, Public Works Director John Butler, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Deputy Clerk Sarah Szymaniak, Planning Director Megan McBride, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and several concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 28, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Minutes

B. August 4, 2020 Special Meeting of the City Council

Franek moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the minutes as presented. 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:

Darren Fredericks, 120 18th Street East, requested that 18th Street East be brought up to the standards of most other streets in the City by paving this small area.

Jessica Eckhardt, 704 10th Avenue West, spoke regarding the policing item on the Committee of the Whole agenda, asking to consider redistributing Police Department funds to other programs.

Abby Fergus, 603 5th Avenue East, also asked Council to consider refunding moneys in regard to the policing agenda item.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

There is a car parade scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. There is also a car parade scheduled on Saturday, August 30, 2020 near the residence of Lorraine Anderson who is celebrating her 105th birthday. The count has increased in Ashland County for positive COVID cases to 39 as of today. The Mayor thanked all who are contributing to control the spread of the virus in the community. The AADC reported at their meeting last week that nearly 200 local business owners have applied to and were awarded \$2500 through the State's We're All In Grant program. There are employment retraining resources available at the Job Service for those who have been displaced due to the COVID pandemic. Results from the August Primary Election showed over 1400 absentee ballots and 250 in-person ballots cast, and requests are currently being taken for absentee ballots for the November General Election through the City or MyVote.wi.gov.

B. Appointments

The Mayor requested approval of the following appointments:

Plan Commission: Anna Tochtermann, replacing Ella Syverson. Term expires April 30, 2022
Sustainability Committee: Parker Gaver, replacing Valerie Damstra. Term expires June 28, 2022

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

B. July 2020 Planning and Development Report

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Proclamation on the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage (Councilor Moore/Mayor) Voice

George moved, seconded by Moore to approve the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Approve Letter of Support for WHEDA Rural Affordable Workforce Housing Initiative Application (*Mayor*) Voice

Franek moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the letter of support. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Approve a Resolution to Amend the 2019 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Project Funds Budgets, and Internal Service Funds Per Wis. State Statute 65.90(5)(a) (*Finance*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Tochterman to recognize Darren Fredericks to speak to Council. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Haas moved, seconded by George to approve the resolution. The motion passed 10-1 by roll call vote; opposed was MacKenzie.

D. Approve an Application to the Hydro Flask Parks for All Grant (*Parks & Recreation*) Voice

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

E. Approve the Wisconsin Main Street Communities Agreement between Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and Ashland Main Street (*Planning*) Roll

Tochterman moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Approve Resolution to Repeal and Replace Resolution No. 17578 to Set a Public Hearing for the Vacation of that Part of 44th Ave E Lying Between Lot 8 Block 3 and Lot 1 Block 4, All in Lake View Addition, City of Ashland, Ashland County, Wisconsin (*Planning*) Roll

Tochterman moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Approval to Award the Base Bid Contract and Alternate B to VisuSewer for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Collection System Repairs Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Whitebird moved, seconded by Haas to approve to award the contract to VisuSewer for the amount of \$582,949.95. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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