

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on August 25, 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, August 25, 2020 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas at 7:05 p.m. via GoTo Meetings.

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, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Deputy Clerk Sarah Szymaniak, Planning Director Megan McBride, and several concerned citizens.

2. Council President's Report

Haas had no report.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera continued with the Mayor's comments during the Council meeting of the increase of positive COVID cases in Ashland County. City staff are compiling costs and purchases to be submitted to the Cares Act, with an approximate sum of near \$50,000.

4. Approval of Agenda

Ortman moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Committee Updates

Harbor Commission: Pufall - no rpt

Plan Commission: MacKenzie - discussed current ROW item

Police & Fire: Lewis - no rpt

Library Board: Jackson - considering opening 2nd floor on a limited basis

Housing Authority: Franek - no rpt

Housing Committee: Tochtermann - discussed using available funds for strategic demolition, ADU ordinance changes, housing developers

Parks and Rec Committee: Haas - discussed prioritizing Urban Forestry grants

Public Works Committee: Moore- no rpt
Sustainability Committee: Ullman - no update but thanked staff for their follow up regarding use of coal tar
Historic Preservation Committee: Franek - no rpt
Disabled Parking Committee: Whitebird - no rpt
Source Water Protection Committee: Ortman - no rpt

Haas suggested continuing Committee Updates as a monthly agenda item versus each Committee of the Whole meeting due to committees holding less meetings.

6. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Regarding Policing

Discussion only was had amongst Council, Administration and Interim Police Chief Bill Hagstrom.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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