

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on **October 27, 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:

1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, October 27, 2020 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas at 6:55 pm via GoTo Meetings.

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, Planning Director Megan McBride, Public Works Director John Butler, Finance Director, interim Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other concerned citizens.

2. Council President's Report

Haas shared his enthusiasm for the proposals received in response to the RFPs for the Timeless Timber site.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera offered his appreciation to staff working with absentee in-person voting for the upcoming election. He also spoke of current numbers of COVID cases which have been rising at an alarming rate within the community and the State.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Committee Updates

Harbor Commission (Pufall) : Have not met

Plan Commission: (MacKenzie): Discussion of proposals for Timeless Timber site.

Police & Fire (Lewis): Meeting next week.

Library Board (Jackson): Discussed budget items and upcoming meeting.

Housing Authority (Franek): Discussed quality assurance and contract with DISh network.

Housing Committee (Tochterman): Discussed housing development and strategic demolition.

Parks and Rec Committee (Haas): Closed campgrounds recently

Public Works Committee (Moore): Have not met

Sustainability Committee (Ullman): Meeting coming this week.

Historic Preservation Committee (Franek): Talked of stimulation projects and recycling options.

Disabled Parking Committee (Whitebird): Have not met.

Source Water Protection Committee (Ortman): Meeting in November.

6. Discussion Items

A. Continuation of Presentation and Discussion of Proposed 2021 Budget

Continue Discussion and Presentation of Proposed 2021 City of Ashland Budget and Approve a Recommended 2021 Budget for Council Approval and Public Budget Hearing at the November 17, 2020 Council Meeting

Ullman moved, seconded by Jackson to allow AADC Director Betsy Harries to speak to Council. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Moore called the question, seconded by George, which carried 7-4 by voice vote.

George moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the proposed 2021 City of Ashland budget and move to a Public Hearing on November 17, 2020. This motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote; opposed were MacKenzie, Jackson, Ullman, Ortman, and Pufall.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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