

November 17, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting
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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

The Tuesday, November 17, 2020 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis, virtually via GoTo Meetings at 5:30 p.m..

Roll call was taken, a Moment of Silence was held, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Elizabeth Franek dedicated the Moment of Silence to Janneen Johnson and all those who are effected by drug addiction.

PRESENT: Liz Franek, Wahsayah Whitebird, Charlie Ortman, Kevin Haas, Jackie Moore, Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Matthew MacKenzie, Holly George, Ana Tochtermann (5:35)

ABSENT: (None)

EXCUSED: Dick Pufall

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Planning Director Megan McBride, Library Director Sarah Adams, Public Works Director John Butler, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, Interim Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, Deputy Clerk Sarah Szymaniak, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 27, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Oliphant commented that the October 22, 2020 City Council meeting minutes had not been submitted and will be made available on December 8, 2020 Council meeting for approval.

Moore moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the minutes. 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:

Jeff Palicki, 1200 W Lakeshore Dr #10, expressed concerns regarding alcoholism, drunk driving, liquor licenses, and reckless driving in Ashland. Palicki thanked the Ashland Police Department for their quick responses to his calls. Palicki also expressed concern about the pedestrian trail being open to snowmobile travel in the winter.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Mayor Deb Lewis thanked City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Deputy Clerk Sarah Szymaniak, Office Assistant Chelsea List, and poll workers for their work during the November 3, 2020 General Election. She announced that council candidate paperwork for Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 is now available. Nomination papers can be circulated starting on December 1, 2020. The deadline to file a Notification of Noncandidacy is 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 2020 at the Clerk's Office. The WHEDA pilot team met last week and will begin to take action after the first of 2021. The Mayor met with Xcel representatives about the timeline and closure of the Superfund site. The Mayor shared information about the rising cases of COVID-19 in the City of Ashland and asked people to consider alternatives to traditional holiday gatherings. Mayor Lewis wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve a Resolution to Exempt the City of Ashland from the Ashland County Library Levy (Administrator)

- B. Approve to Accept a Grant from the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation for City of Ashland COVID-19 Response from the Chequama-Care COVID-19 Response Fund (*Parks and Recreation*)**

C. October, 2020 Planning and Development Report

D. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

Whitebird moved, seconded by Franek to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2021 City of Ashland Budget (*Mayor*) Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Ortman to enter into Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public notice was published in the Daily Press 15 days prior to the public hearing as required, in addition to posting in three public places. There were no citizens wishing to offer their comments. Moore moved, seconded by Haas to move out of Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Approve a Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Non-Represented Employees Salary/Hourly Wage Schedule (*Administration*) Roll

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

C. Approve a Resolution by the Common Council for the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, to Adopt the 2021 General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Internal Service Funds Budgets (*Administrator*) Roll

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

D. Approve a Resolution Adopted by the Common Council for the City of Ashland, Wisconsin to Establish the 2020 Tax Levy (Payable in 2021) for the City's General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Internal Service Funds (*Administrator*) Roll

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

E. Approve an Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 165 (2019-1920) and Recreate Chapter 165, Ashland City Ordinances, Comprehensive Fee Schedule (*Clerk*) Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Approve the 2021 Proposed Budgets for JFK Memorial Airport and Ashland Marina (*Administration*) Roll

Franek moved, seconded by Moore to approve the proposed 2021 JFK Airport and Ashland Marina budgets. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Approve the Proposed 2021 Water and Wastewater Utility Budgets (*Public Works*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Haas to approve the proposed 2021 Water and Wastewater Utility budgets. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

H. Approve Final Payment to Market and Johnson Inc. for the Ashland Oredock Phase 1 Improvements (*Parks*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Tochtermann to approve the final payment to Market and Johnson Inc in the amount of \$70,999.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

I. Approve a Purchase Agreement with Commonwealth Companies for Sale of the Timeless Timber Site (2200 Lake Shore Drive East) Contingent upon Development Agreement Approval (*Planning*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the purchase agreement with Commonwealth Companies for \$1.00 contingent upon approval by Council of a Development Agreement. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

J. Approve a Professional Design Proposal Submitted by Cedar Corporation to Complete Design of the Waterfront Access Road Project (*Roll*) Public Works

Ortman moved, seconded by Moore to approve the design proposal from Cedar Corporation in the amount of approximately \$91,500. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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