

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on **January 12, 2021** 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, January 12, 2021 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas at 6:22 pm via GoTo Meetings.

PRESENT: Holly George, Matt Mackenzie, Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochtermann, Wahsayah Whitebird, Kevin Haas, Charlie Ortman, Elizabeth 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, Fire Chief Dave Wagener, Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, Deputy Clerk Sarah Szymaniak, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other concerned citizens.

2. Council President's Report

Haas condoned the violence at the U.S. Capitol building.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera shared updates about the new police facility construction project. He reported on the COVID-19 precautions being implemented at the City and reviewed COVID-19 statistics in Ashland County, Wisconsin, and the U.S. Councilor Mackenzie asked Kucera about City employees leave being impacted by COVID-19, Kucera stated he would respond to Mackenzie the next day.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Discussion Items

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Mandatory Lead Service Line Replacement Ordinance (*Public Works*)

Public Works Director John Butler introduced the discussion and took questions from Council. Councilors expressed concern about the financial impact the mandatory replacement ordinance would have on community members. Councilors were in favor of Butler and the City exploring different payment options such as special assessments and/or low-to-no interest loans. George moved, Mackenzie seconded for an ordinance to be written for approval at the next Committee of the Whole. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Adjournment

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

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