

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on **January 26, 2021** immediately following the City Council meeting which begins at **5:30 AM** in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers.

The following items will be considered:

1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, January 26, 2021 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas at 7:20 p.m. 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, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, Public Works Director John Butler, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Planning Director Megan McBride, and other concerned citizens.

2. Council President's Report

Council President Haas had no report.

3. Administrator's Report

Administrator Kucera reported that the police facility is at 60% completion, and signage is now up on the site. City staff continue to work in staggered shifts and seeing visitors by appointment only. The Library is planning to fully open on February 1, 2021. Although the positive COVID cases statewide is on a decline, Wisconsin is still at 20% of those tested. As vaccine administration is ongoing, 75% of the fire department/EMS have received their first doses, and 50% of the police department staff have received their first doses.

4. Approval of Agenda

Tochtermann moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the agenda. The motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

5. Committee Updates

Harbor Commission: Pufall - made a plaque for Jim Tomeczak to recognize his

contribution to the Harbor Commission
Plan Commission: MacKenzie - no report
Police & Fire: Lewis - reviewed new hires
Library Board: Jackson - reopening to the public on February 1; discussed potential of Baron Radiator site; continued discussions with design contractor
Housing Authority: Franek - determined to increase hazard pay for employees; discussed budget
Housing Committee: Tochtermann - discussed use of technology assistance and downtown development with planning director; held homelessness discussions
Parks and Rec Committee: Haas - no report
Public Works Committee: Moore - reviewed topics that came to the Council agenda and options regarding projects
Sustainability Committee: Ullman - holding meeting tomorrow
Historic Preservation Committee: Franek reviewed historic registry and assistance for downtown business facades
Disabled Parking Committee: Whitebird - no report
Source Water Protection Committee: Ortman - discussed storm water and road salt usage as relates to I&I

6. Discussion Items

A. Approve to Modify City Ordinance 705 Regarding Mandatory Lead Service Line Replacement (*Public Works*)

Moore moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the proposed ordinance and forward to Council for final approval. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Funding a System for Gathering, Analyzing, and Reporting Data about our Police Force (Councilor Ullman)

Ullman moved, seconded by Franek to recognize Laura Nagro of the Law Enforcement Committee to speak to Council. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

At 8:30 pm, Haas asked if Council wished to extend the meeting to finish the discussion on this item. Ullman moved, seconded by Tochtermann, and carried 8-3 by voice vote.

MacKenzie moved, seconded by Ortman to direct Administration to find \$10,000 to fund a system of collecting and analyzing data regarding Ashland police arrests and stops. The motion carried 8-3 by voice vote. Haas determined to hold further discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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