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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, February 9, 2021 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis, virtually via GoTo Meetings at 5:30 p.m.

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

Roll call was taken, a Moment of Silence was held, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Megan McBride, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 26, 2021 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Pufall moved, seconded by Franek to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Lewis announced she plans to attend a mediation meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 regarding the Rodriguez case. To update Council, all members of the policing and homelessness task forces have been confirmed to fill both groups. Lewis recently attended a League of Wisconsin Municipalities meeting regarding the Economic Impact of the COVID pandemic, and shared the optimism that COVID cases are on the decline locally as well as the undergoing vaccine distribution.

B. Appointments

The Mayor requests approval of the following appointments:

Main Street Board: Danny Simpson, Downtown Resident and Sara Beadle, Downtown Business Representative, both Terms ending July 28, 2022.

Municipal Board of Absentee Ballot Canvass: Cheryl Tviet, Heidi Knoke, and Sara Beadle, all terms ending January 1, 2023.

Beautification Council: Elaine Peterson, re-appointment, term ending February 15, 2024.

Haas moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

B. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 705, Ashland City Ordinances, Water Utility Rules, Rates, and Regulations (*Public Works*)

C. Approve to Accept a Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Enter into an Agreement for Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control Project (*Parks & Recreation*)

Pufall moved, seconded by Ortman to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve to Appropriate \$10,000 of General Fund - Fund Balance for a Police Department Operations and Analysis Study (*Administration*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Haas to approve . George moved, seconded by Franek to postpone the item to the next Council meeting. George later rescinded, agreed by Franek, after discussion. The motion to approve passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve a Resolution to Temporarily Suspend the Provisions of Ashland City Ordinance Chapter 922.40(g) Alcoholic Beverage Regulation, Failure to do Business for the 2020-2021 Licensing Year (Clerk) Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Ortman to approve . The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Approve a Resolution to Name the Park Lands at the Northern End of 9th Avenue East Duane Carpenter Courtyard (Parks & Recreation) Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Franek to approve . The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Approve a Resolution to Accept the Workmanship of Next Energy Solution, Inc, and Approve Final Payment for the 2020 Police Station Solar System Project (Planning) Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Haas to approve the workmanship and payment of \$49,250 to Next Energy Solutions, Inc. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 463.16(g)(1), Policies and Procedures for Parks, Facilities, and Recreation Areas, Ashland City Ordinances (Parks & Recreation) Roll

Moore moved, seconded by Haas to approve with an amendment of adding "...per calendar year" to the end of the paragraph. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve Request for Proposals (RFP) to Retain a Strategic Planner for the City of Ashland (Administrator) Voice

Pufall moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Whitebird moved, by Kevin Haas to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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