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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, March 30, 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.

Franek requested to dedicate the Moment of Silence to the Kevin Rosin Family.

PRESENT: Matthew MacKenzie, Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochtermann, Wahsayah Whitebird, Kevin Haas, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore,

ABSENT: Holly George (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, Planning Director Megan McBride, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Utility Supervisor Chanz Green, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 9, 2021 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Mayor Deb Lewis reminded all of the upcoming election on April 6, 2021. All wards will be voting at the Bretting Community Center on Election Day, although there is still time to vote absentee at City Hall through 5:00 PM Friday, April 2, 2021. Job opportunities currently available at the City include Engineer and summer help. Notification was received this week that the City has been awarded a CDBG Grant for \$520,000 to assist in the reconstruction of 6th Street East, slated for 2022. The Homeless Task Force will be meeting on April 7, 2021, and the Policing Task Force met March 25, 2021 which included a presentation by Chief Bill Hagstrom. Lewis ended with a reminder that the next City Council meeting will not be until April 20, 2021 as a reorganizational meeting.

B. Appointments

The Mayor requested approval of the following appointments to the Historic Preservation Committee: Elizabeth Madsen-Genzler, a re-appointment whose term expires 4/01/24; Magge Ericson, a re-appointment whose term expires 4/01/24. Haas moved, seconded by Moore to approve, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval to Enter into a Cooperative Service Agreement (CSA) with USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS) for Canada Goose Management (*Parks & Recreation*)

B. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

Haas moved, seconded by Moore approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 165 (2020-1938) Comprehensive Fee Schedule to Increase the Licensing Fee for a Mobile Food Concession Vendor (*Clerk*) Roll

Franek moved, seconded by Jackson to approve . Pufall moved to make an amendment to the proposed ordinance change, seconded by Franek, to reduce the fees for the 90-day and 12-

month license. This motion failed 2-8 by voice vote. The original motion to approve the ordinance as recommended passed 8-2 by roll call vote; opposed were Pufall and Franek.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing for Sidewalk Special Assessments Associated with the Waterfront Access Road Street Reconstruction Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Ortman to move into public hearing, and was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Butler made it known that a Class II notice of this public hearing was posted according to State Statute, including publishing in the local newspaper, posting at 3 public locations, and mailings to affected property owners. The Public Works also hosted a Public Information Meeting which was attended by numerous property owners. There were no citizens present at this public hearing who wished to speak.

Ortman moved, seconded by MacKenzie to move out of public hearing, and was carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Approve Final Resolution Authorizing Public Improvement and Levying Sidewalk Special Assessments against Benefited Property in the City of Ashland, Ashland County, Wisconsin for the Waterfront Access Road Street Reconstruction Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Jackson moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the final resolution as recommended. The motion passed 8-2 by roll call vote; opposed were Franek and Pufall.

C. Approve Final Resolution Requiring Installation of Sewer Laterals and Providing for Assessment of Cost Under Wisconsin State Statute 66.0911 or Approve a Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments under Municipal Police Power Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 66.0703 for the Waterfront Access Road Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the final resolution as recommended. The motion passed 7-3 by roll call vote; opposed were Ortman, Franek and Ullman.

D. Approval to Award Contract to Michaels Corporation for 2021 Sanitary Sewer Collection System Repairs Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Moore moved, seconded by Ortman to approve to award the contract to Michaels Corporation for the amount of \$977,358.00 plus contingency. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve to Waive the Advertisement Requirement Set Forth in Chapter 194.04, Ashland City Ordinances, and Award a Contract for Professional Services to Short Elliot, Hendrickson (SEH) for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Collection System Repair Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Haas to waive the advertising requirements and approve to award the contract to Short Elliot Hendrickson for the amount of \$268,800.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Approve Contract with Hydro Corp for Cross Connection Services (*Public Works/Utility*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Hydro Corp for the amount of \$64,332.00 for the three-year project. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Approve Addendum 2 to Framework Agreement for Cooperation and Coordination Concerning Redevelopment Activities by and between Northern States Power Company (NSPW) and the City of Ashland (*Parks & Recreation*) Voice

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

H. Approve a Grant Agreement between the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration (WI DOA) Coastal Management Program and the City of Ashland for the Kreher Park Redevelopment: Public Access Trail Project (*Parks & Recreation*) Roll

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

I. Approve a Resolution to Submit a Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Application to Support Redevelopment of 509-515 Main Street West (*Planning & Development*) Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Tochtermann to approve . The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

J. Approve a Resolution to Submit a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Idle Sites Redevelopment Program Grant Application to Support Construction of Infrastructure for Redevelopment of the City-Owned Timeless Timber Site (*Planning & Development*) Roll

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

K. Approve Resolution in Support of a Strong State and Local Partnership (*Mayor*) Roll

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

L. Approve Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 (2020-1937) Ashland City Ordinances, Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers (*Clerk*) Roll

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Whitebird moved, seconded by Moore to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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