

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on **March 30, 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:

The Tuesday, March 30, 2021 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas at 7:35 PM via GoTo Meetings.

1. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Holly George (excused), Jackie Moore (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, and other concerned citizens.

2. Council President's Report

Council President Kevin Haas acknowledged the community efforts in the recent search of Kevin Rosin, and offered his condolences to the family. He also reminded Council that vaccines will be made available on May 1, 2021 for all Wisconsin residents over the age of 16 years. Finally, he thanked MacKenzie, Ullman and Whitebird for their services while serving on Council.

3. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Brant Kucera informed Council that there were six proposals received in response to his Strategic Planning Consultant RFP and will be reviewing them in the upcoming week. Construction on the new police facility continues to move ahead of schedule at 80% complete and anticipated moving in by June. He also gave an update regarding the status of COVID in the area and state.

4. Approval of Agenda

Pufall moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the agenda, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Committee Updates

Harbor Commission: Pufall - has not met

Plan Commission: MacKenzie - has upcoming meeting on April 6
Police & Fire: Lewis - recent discussion regarding hiring process for Fire Chief
Library Board: Jackson - looking to purchase two circulation stations, and new mobile library (bike) arrived
Housing Authority: Franek - discussed facility updates and repairs
Housing Committee: Tochterman - no report
Parks and Rec Committee: Haas - discussed items that were on March 30 Council agenda, "No Mow May" and allowing ball games in the parks this summer
Public Works Committee: Moore - no report
Sustainability Committee: Ullman - announced upcoming Clean Sweep event held at WITC and also discussed "No Mow May"
Historic Preservation Committee: Franek - working on drafting an ordinance regarding demolition, recycling, and reuse
Disabled Parking Committee: Whitebird - no report
Source Water Protection Committee: Ortman - no report

6. Discussion Items

- A. Discussion and Possible Action and Approval of Correct Grammatical and Numerical Discrepancies within Various Chapters within the City of Ashland Code of Ordinances to Update and Improve Transparency (*Clerk*)

Whitebird moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the changes made and move the item to the next City Council meeting for final approval. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- B. Continued Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Creating a System for Collection and Analysis of Data Related to the Ashland Police Department

Police Chief Bill Hagstrom talked to Council about the kind of data collected and available through the current police reporting system. Laura Nagro, member of the Ashland County Public Property and Law Enforcement Committee was also recognized to speak to Council.

Kate Ullman shared a link and encouraged Council to review an article from [Collecting, Analyzing, and Responding to Stop Date: A Guidebook for Law Enforcement Agencies, Government and Communities, collecting, Analyzing, and Responding to Stop Date: A Guidebook for Law Enforcement Agencies, Government and Communities.](#)

Tochterman moved, seconded by Ullman and was unanimously approved to ask the Administrator to form a group to include representatives from the police force, Council, and community to further determine what the purpose was for collecting data, and what was to be done with any data collected. It was also suggested to continue this topic at the next scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. Adjournment

Ullman moved, MacKenzie seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried

unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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