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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, July 27, 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: Kevin Seefeldt (5:35), Laura Graf, Sarah Jackson, Anne Whiting, Ana Tochtermann (5:35), Eric Lindell, 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 Robert Eaton, Planning Director Megan McBride, Fire Chief Stuart Mathias, Public Works Director John Butler, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 13, 2021 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Pufall moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the minutes. The motion passed 10-0 by voice vote; Tochtermann abstained.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Lewis reported the Policing Task Force will be hosting a number of public forums planned in August and September looking to public input. The Homelessness Task Force submitted a grant application last week to help fund an emergency shelter. Partners in Energy met with representatives from Xcel Energy to work on their energy plan for the near future goals for the City of Ashland. Calls have increased to the police and fire departments, and she sent appreciation to the first responders for their work. She also thanked the public works crew for their quick clean up after the evening's storm. Downtown Days will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 hosted by the Main Street Board, to include sidewalk sales and vendors in the downtown and a beer garden at the Pearson Plaza.

B. Appointments

The Mayor requested approval of the following appointments:

Disabled Parking Committee: Carol Ante was reappointed, term expiring: August 10, 2024 and Brian Munson was reappointed, term expiring: August 11, 2023.

Harbor Commission: Allan Smiles was reappointed, term expiring: July 31, 2024, and Randy Harvey was reappointed, term expiring July 31, 2024.

Main Street Board: Kyle Elfson was reappointed, term expiring July 28, 2022, Katie Gellatly was reappointed, term expiring July 28, 2022, and Kevin Porter was reappointed, term expiring July 28, 2022.

Sustainability Committee: Tamara Sylte was reappointed, term expiring June 28, 2023, Cheyanne Reeves, reappointed, term expiring June 28, 2023, and Kate Ullman was appointed, replacing Jessica Eckhardt, term expiring June 28, 2022.

Housing Committee: Liz Seefeldt was appointed, replacing Samantha Ray, term expiring: October 22, 2021.

Lindell moved, seconded by Graf to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Due Process Hearing, Discussion and Action to Determine Status of Ward 7 Councilor
(City Attorney) Roll**

Haas requested to bring this item forward to disclose his current residence situation and intent to return to Ward 7 as soon as he is able to find housing. He read his email sent to the Mayor on July 13, 2021, and Attorney Eaton explained to Council their duty during this hearing. Lindell moved, seconded by Moore to allow Haas to remain as Ward 7 Councilperson to serve through the end of his term ending April 17, 2022, based on his intent to relocate to Ward 7. The motion approved 10-0 by roll call vote; Haas abstained.

- B. Public Hearing Regarding Request by James and Jacqueline Ogilvie to Vacate Two (2) Portions of Undeveloped Right-of-Way Known as That Part of Platted but Not Open 5th Avenue East Adjacent to Lots 1 through 12, Block 379 and Lots 13 through 24 of Block 380 of Ellis Division, and Also That Part of Platted but Not Open 5th Avenue East Adjacent to Lot 7 of Block 17 of Superior Addition to the City of Ashland Wisconsin; and That Part of Platted but Not Open Alleyway Adjacent to Lots 5 through 12 and 16 through 24 of Block 380 of Ellis Division to the City of Ashland Wisconsin (Planning) Roll**

Haas moved, seconded by Moore to move into Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. McBride confirmed the Public Hearing was noticed as required, publishing a Class II notice in the Daily Press, posted in three public places including the City of Ashland website, and notices mailed to affected property owners. McBride stated there were no concerns received prior to the Public Hearing. As there were no citizens present to make a comment, Haas moved, seconded by Lindell to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- C. Approve a Resolution to Vacate Two Portions of Undeveloped City Right-of-Way, Known as That Part of Platted but Not Open 5th Open 5th Avenue East Adjacent to Lots 1 through 12 Block 379 and Lots 13 through 24 of Block 380 of Ellis Division, and Also That Part of Platted but Not Open 5TH Avenue East Adjacent to Lot 7 of Block 17 of Superior Addition to the City of Ashland Wisconsin; and That Part of Platted but Not Open Alleyway Adjacent to Lots 5 through 12 and 16 through 24 of Block 380 of Ellis Division to the City of Ashland Wisconsin (Planning) Roll**

Franek moved, by Kevin Haas to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17631**

- D. Approve a Resolution for Reallocation of \$100,000 from CDBG CLOSE-Public Facilities Award 21-53 for Slum and Blight Elimination at 501 3rd Street East to CDBG CLOSE-Public Facilities 21-61 for Reconstruction of 6th Street East from 13th Avenue East to 19th Avenue East (Planning) Roll**

Pufall noted that the agenda title should be amended to reflect the correct addresses of 501 3rd Street West. Lindell moved, seconded by Tochtermann to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17632**

- E. Approve a Resolution to Adopt an Amendment to Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan (Mayor) Roll**

Moore moved, seconded by Haas to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17630**

- F. Approve Change Order No. 16 for the Ashland Police Station Project (Administrator) Roll**

Moore moved, seconded by Haas to approve the change order for the amount of \$36,366.41. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- G. Approve Purchase of 2021 Ford F450 Road Rescue Ambulance (Fire Department) Roll**

Haas moved, seconded by Franek to approve the purchase from Everest Emergency Vehicles for \$221,912.80. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

H. Approve an Amendment to Agreement with Cedar Corporation for Construction Engineering Services for the 2021 Watermain Replacement Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Lindell moved, seconded by Moore to approve the amended agreeemnt. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

I. Approval to Modify the Utility Billing Frequency from Monthly to Bi-Monthly (*Public Works*) Roll

Lindell moved, seconded by Graf to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moore moved, seconded by Haas to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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