

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on **July 27, 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:

### 1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, July 27, 2021 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas at 6:45 via GoTo Meetings.

ROLL CALL: Kevin Seefelt, Laura Graf, Sarah Jackson, Anne Whiting, Ana tochterman, Eric Lindell, Kevin Haas, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall and Jackie Moore.

ABSENT: None.

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

### 2. Council President's Report

Haas noted that he met with Councilors Lindell and Moore to discuss meeting virtually, which is on the agenda.

### 3. Administrator's Report

Kucera noted the Strategic Planning Retreat dates are set for Thursday and Friday, August 26 and 27, 2021, times to be determined. This will be open to the public, held at the Hotel Chequamegon meeting room. The City-wide survey continues through July 31. There have been nearly 400 replies received to date. Administration is monitoring the COVID situation, especially in light of the increase of the Delta variant cases. A final walk-through of the new police facility is planned for August 16, 2021.

### 4. Approval of Agenda

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

### 5. Committee Updates

HARBOR COMMISSION - Pufall: Nothing to report/have not met

HOUSING AUTHORITY - Franek: Noted an increase in Section 8 vouchers, searching for a grant for a sprinkler system project.

HOUSING COMMITTEE - Whiting: Updated regarding CDBG Grant, did not have a quorum to hold a meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD - Jackson: Began to look at 2022 budget, attendance at the Library has been low, and reminder that the Book Tric is out.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Haas: Nothing to report

PLAN COMMISSION - Lindell: Approved Copper Cup site plans.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Moore:

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION - Lewis: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS - Moore: Received an update regarding the water quality report done by the Burke Center, no overflow reported since March 2020, and discussed the ore dock fixed assets and maintenance.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTIONS COMMITTEE - Ortman: The SWPC plan is on the agenda for discussion.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE - Graf: Investigating locations for electronic vehicle charging stations, and discussed the recycle/reuse demolition policies.

## 6. Discussion Items

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Chapter 51, City Council Procedure, Ashland City Ordinances in Order to Allow to Hold Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings In-Person, Virtually, or Hybrid (*Councilors Haas, Lindell, and Moore*)

Jackson moved, seconded by Lindell to approve the amendment to Chapter 51. Tochterman requested a friendly amendment, seconded by Lindell, to change the language to state "Medical precaution due to health concerns such as illness or diagnosis." This was accepted by both Jackson and Lindell. Haas made a motion, seconded by Pufall to offer a friendly amendment to change the language to state "Reasonable notice of virtual attendance shall be given to the City Clerk's office based on technology needs." This was accepted by both Jackson and Lindell. A voice vote approved to make the noted changes and move this item forward to Council for final approval.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Source Water Protection Plan (Public Works)

This item was introduced by Public Works Director John Butler, with guest Andrew Aslesen and Intern Shelly Ray.

- C. Continued Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Creation of a Demolition Recycling and Reuse Ordinance (*Planning*)

Tochterman moved, seconded by Whiting to approve Option #2 as outlined within the agenda item. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote, and will move to the Council agenda for final approval in the near future.

## 7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,

City Clerk

*The City of Ashland does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, age or disability in employment or provision of services, programs or activities.*

*NOTE: Upon reasonable notice, the City of Ashland will accommodate the needs of disabled individuals or individuals with limited English proficiency through auxiliary aids or services. For additional information or to request this service, contact Denise Oliphant at 715-682-7071 (not a TDD telephone number) or FAX: 715-682-7048*