

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on **August 10, 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, August 10, 2021 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Haas at 6:25 pm via GoTo Meetings.

PRESENT: Kevin Seefelt, Laura Graf, Sarah Jackson, Anne Whiting, Ana Tochtermann, Eric Lindell, Kevin Haas, Charlie Ortman, Elizabeth Frank, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore.

ABSENT: None.

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

2. Council President's Report

Haas noted that, as the ordinance amendment was approved regarding conducting Council meetings virtually, in-person, or both, another amendment will need to be brought forward to include City boards and commissions if they wish to follow this structure of conducting their meetings. Haas will be meeting with the Clerk and IT Director to determine potential changes to technology to enable hybrid meetings.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera noted a final walk-through of the new police facility is tentatively scheduled in a week with the construction manager, contractor and engineer, and the open house will likely take place after Labor Day. He thanked Jacklyn and Megan for their work on the Downtown Days event. As COVID has been taking a down-turn with increased infections, administration has reinstated the mask requirements at City Hall.

4. Approval of Agenda

Lindell moved, Seefelt seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Only Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (Administration)

Kucera introduced his presentation by explaining the ARPA Funds Act, and the steps the City has already taken to begin the process of determining the expenditures and projects that qualify under the rules of the act.

6. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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