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**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 31, 2021 – 5:30 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, August 31, 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, Laura Graf, Sarah Jackson, Anne Whiting, Ana Tochtermann, 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 Attorneys Tyler Wickman and Max Lindsey, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Megan McBride, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, Library Director Sarah Adams, Human Resources Director Jennifer Boulley, Main Street Manager Jaclynn Findlay, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 10, 2021 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Pufall moved, seconded by Haas to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Kim Brye, 2506 Maple Lane spoke of the proposed sand pit and concerns regarding increased traffic and potential decrease in property value.

Amy Sprague expressed her concern of the availability of limited long and short term housing in the City.

Zygmund Jablonski Jr, 916 6th Avenue West questioned the recommendation of final payment to A to Z Plumbing & Heating, and the Closed Session item.

David McCabe, 1721 3rd Street West operates Ashland Construction and spoke of concerns of the supply and demand of sand if the proposed sand pit is approved.

Jeanne Olbekson, Ashland resident, had concerns of decisions made regarding 6th Street West, the recent LSL contract, proposed police facility, and the placement of the proposed homeless shelter.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

There will be a Policing Task Force public forum held at the Vaughn Public Library on September 9, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am, and a Homeless Shelter discussion on September 16, 2021 beginning at 6:30 pm. The Mayor thanked Council for their participation and attending during the Strategic Planning Retreat on August 26 and 27, 2021, and passed along a reminder that schools are back in session. Finally, she announced receipt of the resignation from Ward 4 Councilor Anne Whiting, due to very recent family reasons.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve a Schedule of Appointment of Agent Application for Kwik Trip #110, 1814 Lake Shore Drive West, Ashland, WI, Applicant Brenda Herlevi (Clerk)

B. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve a Resolution to Amend the 2020 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Internal Service Funds Per Wis. State Statute 65.90(5)(a) (*Finance*) Roll**

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

- B. Approve to Apply for Loan as a Pass Through for Ashland Area Development Corporation Solar Array Installation (*Finance/Planning*) Voice**

Tochterman moved, seconded by Moore to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- C. Approve to Accept Wisconsin Humanities Recovery Grant (*Library Director*) Voice**

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

- D. Approve a Resolution by the Common Council for the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, Authorizing the Renewal of the Annual School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement with the School District of Ashland for the 2021-2022 School Year (*Police Chief*) Roll**

Lindell moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the resolution. Tochterman moved, seconded by Moore to offer a friendly amendment to the resolution to include the side letter to be approved. The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- E. Discussion and Possible Action on Final Payment to A to Z Plumbing & Heating for the Bretting Community Center HVAC Replacement Project (*City Administrator*) Roll**

Ortman moved, seconded by Moore to approve to make final payment to A to Z Plumbing & Heating Inc for the amount of \$10,094.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- F. Approve a Development Agreement with Lumi Norr Properties, LLC for a TID #10 Development Incentive to Support Buildout of a Commercial Kitchen and Pasty Shop at 417 Main Street West, Ashland (*Planning*) Roll**

Lindell moved, seconded by Haas to approve the development agreement. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- G. Approve a Resolution to Approve a Request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Operate a Nonmetallic Mine (Sand Pit) on Parcel #201-04924-0000. Applicant: Ashland Sand & Gravel Properties, LLC (*Planning*) Roll**

Ortman moved, seconded by Liz to approve the resolution. After much discussion, Haas moved to call the question. This motion was seconded by Ortman, and was approved 10-1 by voice vote. The motion to approve the resolution passed 6-5 by roll call vote; opposed were Tochterman, Lindell, Pufall, Seefeldt, and Jackson.

- H. Approve the Sidewalk Special Assessment Policy (*Public Works*) Roll**

Jackson moved, seconded by Lindell to approve the policy. The motion passed 9-2 by roll call vote; opposed were Ortman and Franek.

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session pursuant to sec.19.85(1)(g): "Conferring with legal counsel who either orally or in writing will advise governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation." (City Attorney)(Notice of Claim(s) Jablonski) Roll

Lindell moved, seconded by Haas to enter into Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Return to Open Session (Voice)

Lindell moved, seconded by Ortman to return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Report of Action Taken During Closed Session

Mayor Lewis reported that Council voted and approved to extend the meeting beyond 8:30 p.m. to address one item on the Committee of the Whole agenda.

Lindell moved, seconded by Graf to deny all claimed made by Zygmund Jablonski Jr and A to Z Plumbing & Heating Inc against the City of Ashland since June 30, 2021. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Lindell moved, seconded by Moore to adjourn This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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