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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis 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, Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochtermann, Eric Lindell, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore

ABSENT: Kevin Haas (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Megan McBride, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Treasurer Jacey Dean, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 11, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Clerk read the Rules for Citizen Participation, and the following offered their comments to the Council:

Zygmund Jablonski, 916 6th Avenue West, commented on an incident involving the Michels Corporation in the City of Spooner, Wisconsin and the City of Ashland's use of this contractor.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Lewis shared an article in Northland College's The White Paper publication, "Aversion to Diversion", referencing a Bayfield County resident's proposal to bottle and sell artesian well water. She commented on the recent garbage and recycling collection issues, stating that it seems Republic Services are close to catching up on their services and things should be back to normal in the very near future. The Administrator will be reaching out to Republic to work together on a better communication process. Implementation of the Strategic Plan is happening this week, January 24 through 28, 2022. A final plan will be brought to Council in February for formal adoption.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the Appointment of City of Ashland Treasurer/Comptroller According to Chapter 31 Establishment of City Treasurer/Comptroller, Ashland City Ordinances**
(Administration)
- B. Approve to Renew a Fire Department / DNR Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid and Fire Suppression Services** *(Fire Department)*
- C. Approve to Amend the Effective Date for Chapter 860 Motor Vehicle Registration Fee, Ashland City Ordinances, per Wisconsin Statutes Trans 126.02(4)** *(Clerk)*
- D. Approve Schedule of Appointment of Agent Application for Krist Food Mart #65, 521 Lake Shore Drive East, Ashland, Applicant: Rebecca Olby** *(Clerk)*
- E. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes**

Lindell moved, seconded by Moore approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-2 by voice vote; opposed were Franek and Pufall.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve a Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for the Vacation of a Portion of Undeveloped Right-of-Way Known as Outlot A of Certified Survey Map (CSM) #474; Applicant: Ashland Industries (*Planning*) Roll**

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

- B. Approval of the City of Ashland Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Readiness Plan (*Parks*) Voice**

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Lewis reminded Council of Chapter 51.23(d) which states that a Councilor cannot change their vote.

- C. Approve to Accept a Professional Preliminary Engineering Services Proposal from Cedar Corporation to Complete Preliminary Design of the Ore Dock Access Road Project (*Public Works*) Roll**

Ortman moved, seconded by Lindell to approve the proposal for \$36,000. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- D. Approve a Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments under Municipal Police Power Pursuant to Sec. 66.0703, WI State Statute for the 2022 Watermain Improvements Project (*Public Works*) Roll**

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Moore to approve the preliminary resolution. The motion passed 5-3 by roll call vote; opposed were Ortman, Franek and Pufall.

8. CLOSED SESSION (Roll)

Before voting to move into Closed Session, Lewis requested that Planning Director McBride attend closed session.

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

- A. Closed Session** per Wisconsin Statute (19.85(1)(e)) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." (421 Lake Shore Drive West) (*Administration*)

- 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 on Action Taken during Closed Session**

Lewis reported that discussion was held without action.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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