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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, February 22, 2022 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis at 5:30 p.m. It was noted that a quorum of the Council was present.

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: Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochtermann, Eric Lindell, Kevin Haas, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore

ABSENT: Kevin Seefeldt (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, Main Street Manager Jaclynn Findlay, 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. February 8, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

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

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Lewis expressed her appreciation to the Election Clerks who conducted a successful primary on February 22, 2022. The Spring Election is slated for April 5, 2022 and it was recently noticed that drop boxes for absentee ballots will not be allowed. Lewis did not attend Superior Days this year. The Plan Commission approved the final site plan at their recent meeting. The Policing Task Force will be gathering on March 9, 2022 before rescheduling their presentation and offering recommendations to Council. A special thank you is deserved to the snow removal operators and emergency responders for their exceptional work during the snow event this week. Lewis wished Planning Director McBride well as this would be her final Council meeting with the City. A notice is posted in search for her replacement. Finally she reminded all to think of their neighbors who may be needing help during this snow event.

B. Appointments

The Mayor asked for approval to reappoint the following: Kay Saari, David Askue, and Mary Zinnecker to the Beautification Council, and the appointment of Ray Kallio as Weed Commissioner for the City. Franek moved, seconded by Haas to approve. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Minutes

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve to Waive the Advertisement Requirement Set Forth in Chapter 194.04, Procurement of Goods and Services, Ashland City Ordinances, and Approve an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Ashland and Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) for Preliminary Design of Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades (*Public Works*) Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Haas to approve the agreement for \$115,500.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Approve a Resolution to Authorize a Representative of the City of Ashland to File Applications for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental

Improvement Fund Program for the 2022 Lead Service Lateral Replacements Grant Application (*Public Works*) Roll

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

C. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 50 (2020-1934) Main Street Board, Ashland City Ordinances (*Planning*) Roll

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

D. Approve to Waive the Advertisement Requirement Set Forth in Chapter 194.04 Procurement of Goods and Services, Ashland City Ordinance, and Approve the Agreement for Building, HVAC, Plumbing and Electrical Inspection Services between the City of Ashland and Stephen Schraufnagel (*Planning*) Roll

Haas moved, seconded by Jackson to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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