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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie 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: Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochtermann, Eric Lindell, Laura Graf, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall

ABSENT: Kevin Seefeldt (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Main Street Manager Jaclynn Findlay, Planning Assistant Mandy Lyons, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lindell motioned to address the Mayor's appointments individually. After a recommendation from Wickman, Lindell rescinded this motion, but moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Graf. The motion passed 5-1 by voice vote; Pufall opposed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 31, 2022 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Pufall moved, seconded by Ortman 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, questioned the reason no bids were entertained for Items 7C and 7D as are required per WI State Statutes.

John Butler, 911 10th Avenue West, asked Councilors to keep their focus on the projects being presented and recommended to them by City staff.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

MacKenzie recognized June 14 as Flag Day and reminded all of its significance. He has been asked by the public what the City is doing about housing, and stated that City staff are researching the issue and asked Councilors to come forward with their thoughts. He also commented on the progress of 6th Street West and reminded the public of the ongoing litigation and work that the City Attorney is doing toward resolution of this matter.

B. Appointments

Lindell moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the appointments of Nancy Szyndor to the Parks and Recreation Committee, and Sarah Beadle to the Main Street Board. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

After discussion, Lindell moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the appointment of Jen Weiler to the Parks and Recreation Committee. The motion carried 5-1 by voice vote; Jackson opposed. Pufall moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the appointment of JoAnn Erickson to the Plan Commission. The motion tied at 3-3 by roll call vote; opposed was Jackson, Tochtermann, and Lindell. The Mayor voted to approve to break the tie.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

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

B. Approve a Three Party Design Engineering Services Contract between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the City of Ashland, and Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH)

**for Design Engineering Services on the 2024 Prentice Ave Phase 1 Reconstruction Project
(Public Works) Roll**

Pufall moved, seconded by Graf to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Approve to Accept a Quotation from Dakota Supply Group for the Purchase of Kamstrup flowIQ Water Meters and AMI Fixed Network System (Public Works) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Lindell to approve to accept the quote for the amount of \$981,234.20. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Approve to Accept a Water Meter Replacement Proposal for Professional Services from HydroCorp for Water Meter Installation Services (Public Works) Roll

Lindell moved, seconded by Jackson to approve to accept the proposal for \$296,370.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve to Accept the Workmanship of VisuSewer and Approve Final Payment for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Collection System Repairs Project (Public Works) Roll

Lindell moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the final payment of \$27,353.38. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. CLOSED SESSION

**A. Pursuant to WI Stat. 19.85(1)(e): Deliverating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session."
(Administration)**

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

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

Lindell moved, seconded by Pufall to authorize Administration to make a counter offer of \$40,000 for the property at 501 West Third Street. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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