

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on **June 28, 2022** 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, June 28, 2022 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Eric Lindell at 7:35 PM.

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochtermann, Eric Lindell, Laura Graf, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Library Director Sarah Adams, and other concerned citizens.

2. Council President's Report

Lindell attended the UW-Superior event and the "Save the Water" rally this week. He met with the Mayor and Administrator regarding Superior Days which takes place in February 2023. A poll was taken for a listening session to take place at City Hall on July 27, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm. Lindell wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera did not offer a report.

4. Approval of Agenda

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Committee Updates

Ore Dock Trust: Tochtermann - no report

DPAEC: Graf - no report

Harbor Commission: Pufall - Slip rentals going well; problems with Kreher parking lot.

Historic Preservation Committee: Lindell - no report

Housing Authority: Seefeldt - no report

Housing Committee: Ortman - Researching resources for housing units.

Library Board: Jackson - Presentation tonight.

Parks and Recreation: Seefeldt - Viewed presentation from Rotary regarding place pad; discussed homelessness and tent camping; discussed East End park.
Public Works Committee: Lindell - Discussed road to connect HWY 2 to ore dock area.

Sustainability: Graf - Working with UWS on upcoming projects.

Plan Commission: Tochtermann - Discussed CUP applications.

Zoning Board: Ortman - no report.

6. Discussion Items

A. **Presentation of Proposed Vaughn Public Library Redesign by Engberg Anderson Architects (*Library Director*)**

Sarah Adams introduced Alex Ramsey of Engenberg Architects as they presented the redesign plan for the Vaughn Public Library.

B. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Citizen Concerns of Imposing Special Assessments from the 6th Street East Reconstruction Project (*Councilor Pufall*)**

After some discussion, Pufall requested that this item return to the next Committee of the Whole meeting with a cost summary from staff.

C. **Items for Future Discussion**

Ortman: asked for a *Women's Right to Choose* resolution

Seefeldt: asked for an update from the Airport regarding traffic, revenue, and monetary support among other things.

MacKenzie: asked to clarify Council's thoughts regarding virtual participation during Closed Session

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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