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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, July 12, 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: Kevin Seefeldt, Ana Tochtermann (5:40), Eric Lindell, Laura Graf, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall

ABSENT: Sarah Jackson (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Parks and Recreation Director Sara Hudson, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MacKenzie requested to remove Item 7D. Lindell moved, seconded by Graf to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 28, 2022 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Pufall moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the minutes as presented. 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:

Jeanne Olbekson, 24950 US Hwy 2, Ashland, asked for a discussion regarding allowing the homeless to tent at the campgrounds.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

MacKenzie offered reports from the Fire and Police Departments to update Council as to the projects and statistics in each of the departments. Congratulations were offered to Captain Scott Thimm who is retiring from the Fire Department after 39 years of service. MacKenzie attended a meeting of the North West Regional Housing Committee in Hayward, and was recently accompanied by the Secretary of the Department of Administration for a tour of Ashland.

B. Appointments

Pufall moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve to appoint Philomena Kebec to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a term through April 30, 2025, and reappoint Pat Nemec to the Board of Review for a term through June 10, 2027. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve for the Ashland Fire Department to Submit an Application for a Wisconsin EMS Flex Grant (*Fire Department*)

B. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve a Resolution to Acknowledge Review of the 2021 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) of the Ashland Wastewater Utility Pursuant to the Requirements of NR 208, Wisconsin Administrative Code (*Public Works*) Roll

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

B. Approve a Grant Agreement between the State of Wisconsin-Department of Administration (WI-DOA) Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and the City of Ashland to Accept a Grant for \$10,520 for the Ashland Rails to Trails System: Waterfront Trail Repair Design, Engineering and Construction Document Creation (*Parks Director*) Roll

Lindell moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the grant agreement. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Approve to Submit a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant Application *(Fire Department)* Roll

Tochterman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. CLOSED SESSION (ROLL CALL) Council may return to open session and take action on any item discussed during Closed Session

Wickman requested that Hudson remain during Closed Session. Council approved unanimously by voice vote.

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

A. Pursuant to WI Stat. 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." *(Vourenmaa Tree)*

B. Pursuant to WI Stat. 19.85(1)(c): "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." *(Administration)*

C. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION *(Voice)*

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

D. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN DURING OPEN SESSION

Item 8A: Council voted to allow Administration to sign the Settlement and Mutual Release agreement with Vuorenmaa.

Item 8B: Council approved to allow Administration to open contract negotiations with the Ashland Police Department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

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