

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on **July 12, 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, July 12, 2022 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Eric Lindell at 6:50 p.m.

2. Council President's Report

Lindell assured Council that he is working to address items brought forward for future discussion. The upcoming weekend featured Bay Days and the Ashland All-Class Reunion events. The date determined for the Public Listening Session was to be Thursday, July 27, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera joined the tour of Ashland with the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration. He will be attending a meeting with the EPA on Thursday, July 14, 2022 to discuss the brownfields in the City.

4. Approval of Agenda

Lindell requested to move Item 5C to the beginning of the agenda. Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Discussion Items

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Ashland Rotary Sponsorship for the Construction of a Splash Pad in the City of Ashland (*Parks Director*)

Hudson introduced the agenda item, along with Blake Theison of Parkitecture, and Rotary Members Denise Kontny and Dale Kellman. After a brief presentation, Council agreed to allow Hudson to continue to work with the Rotary and Parkitecture for the development of a splash pad.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Recommended Amendments to Chapter 51: City Council Procedure (*Councilor Lindell*)

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to move forward with a resolution to change the start of the meetings to 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 5-1 by voice vote; Graf opposed.

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to move forward with an amendment to Chapter 51 to allow for virtual attendance during Closed Session. The motion carried 5-1 by voice vote; Graf opposed.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Use of American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) Funds to Offset the Cost of 6th Street East Sewer Assessments (Councilor Pufall)

Ortman moved, seconded by Pufall to move forward with the plan to use ARPA funds to pay for the full cost of the special assessments imposed on property owners affected by the 6th Street East Reconstruction Project.

Ortman offered an amendment to the motion, seconded by Pufall, to use ARPA funds to pay for half of the cost of the special assessments imposed on property owners affected by the 6th Street East Reconstruction Project. The motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote; opposed were Seefeldt, Tochtermann, Lindell, and Graf.

The original motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote; opposed were Seefeldt, Tochtermann, Lindell and Graf.

6. 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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