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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, July 26, 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, Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochtermann (5:40), Eric Lindell, Laura Graf, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall

ABSENT:None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Planning Assistant Mandolyn Lyons, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lindell moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the agenda with an correction to the title of Item 8G. The motion carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 12, 2022 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Ortman 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:

Kent Ritola, Ritola, Inc. introduced himself to Council as Project Manager for Ritola, Inc. who had been bidding on projects in the city.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

MacKenzie mentioned a number of events that took place in Ashland, including the performance by the Kids from Wisconsin, Bay Days, and the All-Class Reunion. There are also a number of projects involving road work and paving continuing throughout town. He thanked those who helped put on the City's staff picnic, and asked all to keep in their thoughts those who were involved in the recent motor vehicle accident on July 22, 2022. The Primary Election is slated for August 9, 2022, and the police and fire departments are hosting a National Night Out on August 2, 2022 at the Bretting Community Center.

B. Appointments

Lindell moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve to appoint Larry Cicero to the Harbor Commission whose term will expire on July 31, 2025, David Siegler as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire on July 13, 2024, and Tom Buzzi as an alternate to the Zoning Board of appeals, term to expire July 26, 2025. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve a Resolution to Approve the Start Time for Combined Ashland City Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings (Clerk) Roll

Lindell moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the resolution. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote; Graf opposed.

B. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 51 (1814) City Council Procedures, Ashland City Ordinances (Clerk) Roll

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

C. Approve a Resolution to Reaffirm and Accept the Nine Tools of Civility Concerning Conduct of the Common Council and Committee of the Whole (Mayor) Roll

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve to Waive the Provisions of Chapter 194.04 Procurement of Goods and Services, Purchases of More than \$30,000, Ashland City Ordinances, and Approve the Ashland Waste Water Utility to Purchase from the Public Works Department a 1996 John Deere 544G Front End Loader #1851 (*Public Works*) Roll**

Lindell moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the equipment purchase for \$37,000. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- B. Approve Final Payment to Ruotsala Construction, Inc for the 2021 Watermain Improvements Project (*Public Works*) Roll**

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the final payment of \$51,378.21. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- C. Approve to Accept a Bid from Ritola, Inc. and Award a Contract for the 2022 Sewer Replacement Project (*Public Works*) Roll**

Ortman moved, seconded by Graf to accept the bid and award the contract for \$914,614.35. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- D. Approve a Resolution to Issue a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Install a Rooftop Sign at 210 5th Avenue East, Ashland, Parcel No.#201-01591-0000, Zoned City Center (C-C), Applicant: Chequamegon Theatre Association (*Planning*) Roll**

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

- E. Approve a Resolution to Issue a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Allow a 26' Tall Accessory Structure at 1002 Willis Avenue, Ashland, Parcel #201-02728-0100, Zoned Single & Two-Family Residential (R-2), Applicant: Marty Reykdal (*Planning*) Roll**

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

- F. Approve of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant Agreement for the Ashland Oredock Redevelopment Trail Access Project (*Parks and Recreation*) Roll**

Lindell moved, seconded by Graf to approve the grant agreement. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote; Pufall opposed.

- G. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Potential Purchase of Property at 501 3rd Street West (*Administration*) Roll**

Jackson moved, seconded by Lindell to approve the purchase for \$44,000 plus closing costs and property taxes due. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 9. CLOSED SESSION (Roll) Council may return to Open Session and take action on any item discussed during Closed Session**

Wickman recommended not to enter into closed session as he had researched that this item was not entirely properly noticed. Ortman moved, seconded by Lindell to postpone this item to the August 16, 2022 Council agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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