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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, August 16, 2022 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie at 6:00 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, 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, Public Works Director John Butler, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lindell moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 26, 2022 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Don Jaskowiak, Ashland, thanked Council for hosting the Public Listening Session and noted that many of the mentioned issues had already been addressed. He also proposed using ARPA Fund monies for repairs to the water intake pipe.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

The Police Department received three new vehicle replacements through the City's lease program. National Night Out held last week saw a good turn out. MacKenzie thanked all of those who volunteered during the recent Primary Election held last week. He met with many state representatives while USGS Interior Personnel were in town last week to test a drone sail. The WI DOT hosted a public input session last week regarding future plans for Ellis Avenue reconstruction. The City is hosting a picnic on August 18, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Pearson Plaza for the City's committee volunteers. The Mayor is coordinating a proclamation for Lorraine Anderson who will be celebrating her upcoming 107th birthday. He offered a reminder of water safety after two lives were lost in Lake Superior last week. Retired Fire Department Captain Scott Thimm received recognition from the American Legion as 2022 Outstanding Firefighter of Wisconsin. The Plan Commission met on August 15, 2022 and approved site plans for both Little Cesaers and Midland Services.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kucera shared the results of the Public Listening Session held on July 28, 2022, and noted that the City had already responded to many of the issues brought forward by citizens. He mentioned a potential date for a Council retreat of tentatively September 6, 2022.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between City of Ashland and Greeley and Hansen, LLC for Preliminary Engineering for the New Lake Superior Water Intake Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Lindell moved, seconded by Graf to approve the agreement. Ortman moved, seconded by Jackson to postpone the item to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Council approved to postpone the item 5-2 by voice vote; Lindell and Graf opposed.

B. Approve Change Orders No. 1 and No. 2 to Aneglo Luppino Construction for the Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the change orders for a combined amount of \$101,467.92. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Approve Change Orders for Kraemer North America, LLC for the Ashland Oredock Phase 2 (Diamond Access) Project (*Parks and Recreation*) Roll

Jackson moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the change orders for a combined amount of \$557,800.00. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote; Pufall opposed.

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

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

- A. 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*) (*Police Union Contract*)

B. Return to Open Session *Voice*

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

C. Report of Action Taken During Open Session

MacKenzie reported that Council approved 6-1 for Administration to negotiate a \$1.50/hour increase for non-represented police officers, and \$2.00/hour increase for represented police officers.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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