

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on **September 13, 2022** immediately following the City Council meeting which begins at **6:00 PM** in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers.

The following items will be considered:

The Tuesday, September 13, 2022 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Eric Lindell at 6:45 PM.

1. Roll Call

ROLL CALL: 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 Olphant, Airport Manager Bill Moore, Public Works Director John Butler, and other citizens.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Council President's Report

Lindell thanked those who attended the Council Retreat and offered a reminder of the first Budget Work Session on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM. The Brick will be hosting a film, "*What We're Hungry For*" on September 15, 2022 at the Alovord Theater, the Chequamegon Theatre Association will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on September 23, 2022, and Ignite Fitness is hosting an open house at their new location on September 25, 2022. Lindell also met with Mary McPhetridge of the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce regarding working together on the waterfront and downtown developments.

4. Administrator's Report

Kucera noted that he will be away from the office from September 14 through September 19, 2022. He noted the 2023 Budget Work Session kick off meeting will be on September 22, 2022. The City will be holding in-person interviews for a planning director in the next couple of weeks and hope to extend an offer of employment shortly after. The purchase of the Baron Radiator property will be completed this week, and the Timeless Timber property sale has been closed. Kucera has been attending WHEDA meetings weekly and is part of the workforce housing subcommittee.

5. Committee Updates

ASHLAND ORE DOCK CHARITABLE TRUST: Tochterman - no report
DISABLED PARKING: Graf - no report
HARBOR COMMISSION: Pufall - removing crafts from the water; discussion about fuel tank replacement and boat ramp renovation
HISTORIC PRESERVATION: Lindell - considering Fifield Row nominations
HOUSING AUTHORITY: Seefeldt - no report
LIBRARY BOARD: Jackson - met with consultants re: feasibility study for renovation; trialed new "Owl" meeting equipment; Banned Book Awareness Week; hosting movie night on 9/16
PARKS & RECREATION: Seefeldt - group discussion re: community garden and East End Community Park fund raising; created a bike path plan subcommittee
PLAN COMMISSION: Tochterman - reviewed and approved site plans for Midland Services and Little Cesaers
PUBLIC WORKS: Lindell - discussing Stuntz Avenue connection; thank you for taking the facilities tour
SUSTAINABILITY: Graf - discussing the "Dark City" and "Monarch City" designations
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Ortman - no report

6. Discussion Items

A. **Presentation from Ashland JFK Memorial Airport Manager, Bill Moore**

Bill Moore, Manager of the JFK Memorial Airport, offered a presentation and answered questions from Council regarding the operations at the airport.

B. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Housing Committee Make-Up and Role in the City of Ashland** *(Council President)*

Ortman opened the discussion as the Council representative for the Housing Committee. No action was taken at this time.

C. **Further Discussion with Possible Action Regarding to Address Potential Sourcewater Options for the City's Public Drinking Water** *(Councilor Ortman)*

Public Works Director John Butler answered questions for Council regarding the potential use of groundwater versus surfacewater for the City's drinking water source. Lindell moved, seconded by Keefeldt to forward the agreement for professional engineering services with Greeley & Hansen LLC for preliminary engineering for the new Lake Superior Water intake Project to the next Council meeting for formal approval. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

D. **Items for Future Discussion**

Tochterman: asked to address snow removal routes at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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