MEETING MINUTES

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, September 27, 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 Tochterman, 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, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Planning Assistant Mandy Lyons, Interim Planning Director Brea Grace, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lindell moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the agenda. MacKenzie asked to amend the agenda to remove Item 8A. The motion carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 13, 2022 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Lindell moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the minutes. 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:

Elise Kehle, Beaser Avenue, voiced her concerns regarding the statement in the newspaper saying that the City was "giving away' the Beaser Avenue property to a developer.

5. MAYOR’S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

MacKenzie and other staff met with the Natural Resources Board to review area projects such as the ore dock redevelopment and the Superfund Site. Northland College's 130th Celebration was well received by many last weekend. MacKenzie also met with Tom Tiffany to discuss area projects. Finally, he gave his thoughts regarding the Housing Committee versus a Housing Task Force.

B. **Presentation and Possible Discussion Regarding the Established Emergency Snow Routes in the City of Ashland**

MacKenzie introduced the item as a discussion started to show Councilors what the Public Works' snow removal policy entailed, and a map showing the emergency routes in place. After some discussion, it was decided that if there were more thoughts on the City's snow removal plan, this would come back to the Committee of the Whole for deeper discussion.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Miscellaneous Committee Meeting Minutes**

Lindell moved, seconded by Ortman approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. **OLD 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 in the amount of $217,964.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Presentation from Millie Rounsville, Executive Director of Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency to Update Council on the Homeless Shelter Located at 2300 Lake Shore Drive West, Ashland** *(Clerk)*

Millie Rounsville presented to Council an update as to the progress the homeless shelter has made in the past months, and plans for the future of the site. Pufall asked to correct the address of the site from East to West.

B. **Approve Final Payment to Michels Corporation for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Collection System Repairs Project** *(Public Works)* Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the final payment in the amount of $43,653.95. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. **Approve a Combined Authorizing Resolution for the Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant and Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grant Programs** *(Parks & Recreation)* Roll

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

D. Approve a Resolution to Issue a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Operate Two Short-Term Vacation Rentals at 309 Main Street East, Parcel No. 201-01340-0000, Zoned City Center. Applicant: Anna Morley and Scott Johnson *(Planning & Development)* Roll

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk