

MEETING MINUTES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Common Council of the City of Ashland met as the Committee of the Whole on **October 11, 2022** immediately following the City Council meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, October 11, 2022 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Eric Lindell at 7:45 PM.

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Sarah Jackson, Eric Lindell, Charles Ortman, Dick Pufall.

ABSENT: Ana Tochtermann (excused), Laura Graf.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, and other concerned citizens.

2. Approval of Agenda

Lindell requested to remove Item 5 from the agenda. Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Council President's Report

Lindell recognized the importance of Indigenous People Day on October 10, 2022. The Whistlestop Festival is scheduled for the coming weekend. Lindell attended the AARP walk through Ashland's Downtown last week.

4. Administrator's Report

Kucera announced the City has hired a Planning Director. Steven Wiley will begin on October 31, 2022, and is coming from Marshfield, WI.

5. Discussion Items

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Budget Proposals and ARPA Funds (*Council*)

Kucera gave an update regarding the dedicated ARPA funds, and a presentation of the capital budgets.

B. Discussion Regarding Wisconsin Department of Transportation Preliminary Design for Ellis Avenue/State Highway 13 Reconstruction Project (*Public*)

Works)

Butler explained the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's plans for the Ellis Avenue/State Highway 13 Reconstruction.

Due to Time restraints, Seefeldt moved to extend the meeting in order to address the remaining items. The motion failed as there was no second.

Ortman moved, seconded by Jackson to table Item 6C in order to discuss the last item. The motion carried 4-1 by voice vote; Seefeldt opposed.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Long Term Projection of Water & Wastewater Utility Rates *(Public Works)*

Butler made a short presentation and explanation of the item.

6. Items for Future Discussion

There was no discussion of this item.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk