

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, October 25, 2022 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie at 5:30 p.m. It was noted there was a quorum present.

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

ABSENT: Dick Pufall (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Max Lindsey, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, Treasurer Jacey Dean, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 6, 2022 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes

B. October 11, 2022 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

MacKenzie attended the League of Wisconsin Municipalities conference in LaCrosse last week. A reminder was made that the General Election was coming up on November 8, and encouraged all to vote.

B. Appointments

Lindell moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the appointment of Alex Peterman to the Parks and Recreation Committee as the Community Garden Member, whose term would expire on May 1, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Recognition of Beautification Council and Beauty Spot Award Winners

The Mayor recognized the Beautification Council for their hard work over this past year. He also awarded certificates to those who won Beauty Spot awards for both residential and commercial properties.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes to be approved.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation and Discussion of the City of Ashland 2021 Audit (*Finance*)

Kim Shult of Baker Tilly was present virtually and reviewed the City of Ashland 2021 Audit and answered questions from Council.

B. Approve a Resolution to Exempt the City of Ashland from the Ashland County Library Levy (*Finance*) Roll

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Lindell to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17701**

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. Pursuant to WI Stat. 19.85(1)(g): "Conferring with legal counsel who either orally or in writing will advise governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation." (*Bayview Pier*) City Attorney

Ortman moved, seconded by Lindell to enter into Closed Session. Kucera requested to allow Hudson to remain during Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Return to Open Session

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

C. Report of Action Taken During Closed Session

MacKenzie reported that Council conferred with the City Attorney in Closed Session, and there was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk