

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 31, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, January 31, 2023 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, Andrew Goyke, 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, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, Utility Supervisor Brian Ledin, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MacKenzie asked to remove Item 7C as requested by the Fire Chief. Ortman moved, seconded by Goyke to approve the amended agenda . The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 10, 2023 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Pufall moved, seconded by Seefeldt 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

The Mayor was invited to talk with area high school students regarding how they view the city and what they wish to see in its future. He continues to work with the planning department on the Housing Committee. Ashland was visited by Governor Evers and Lt. Governor Rodriguez, and he and Kucera met with them, the Northland College Interim President, and the Business After 5 group last week. MacKenzie asked Councilors to mark April 27, 2023 for a potential Spring Retreat.

B. Appointments

The Mayor requested approval of the following appointments, striking the appointments for the Airport Commission at this time:

Housing Authority: Jennifer Eng, a reappointment, term to expire January 2028, and Michael Anderson, replacing Thomas Mathison (resigned), term to expire January 2027.

Beautification Council: Susan Askue, Jeanne Spruell, Shawna Johnson, and Christine Oreskovich, reappointments, terms to expire February 15, 2026.

Municipal Board of Canvass: Gordy Gilbertson, replacing Virginia Quay (resigned), term to expire January 1, 2024.

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve as amended. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Minutes

B. Approve to Permit the Ashland Area Farmers Market to Become a Sub-Committee of the Main Street Board (*Parks and Recreation, Main Street Program*)

Pufall moved, seconded by Tochtermann approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve a Resolution to Proclaim the Third Weekend in May as the Observed World Migratory Bird Day in Ashland, Wisconsin (*Parks and Recreation*) Roll

Goyke moved, seconded by Pufall to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17709**

B. Approve a Resolution to Apply for a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Vibrant Spaces Grant for the Ashland Rotary Bayview Splashpad (*Parks and Recreation*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17710**

C. Approve Ambulance Service Provider Agreement between Bayfield County and Ashland Fire and EMS (*Fire & EMS Department*) Roll

Tochtermann moved, seconded by Graf to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Authorize the Purchase a Replacement Equipment Trailer for the Public Works Department (*Public Works*) Roll

Tochtermann moved, seconded by Graf to approve to allow Public Works staff to purchase an equipment trailer. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve to Purchase a Schwarze Avalanche Street Sweeper from RNOW Equipment, Inc. for the Public Works Department (*Public Works*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Goyke to approve the purchase of a Schwarze Avalance street sweeper for a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$333,100.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Approve a Resolution to Approve the Addition of Price County to join the BART Commission as an Amendment to the BART Charter (*Mayor*) Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17711**

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk