

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, February 14, 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, Utility Supervisor Brian Ledin, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ortman moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 31, 2023 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Jackson moved, seconded by Goyke to approve the minutes as presented. 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 noted the report available from Evergrow Learning Center as requested by Council, and the Vaughn Public Library newsletter for Councilors to review. Also at each Councilor's seat is the 2022 Clean Sweep results. He wished all a happy Valentine's Day, and offered a reminder of the Primary Election happening on February 21, 2023. All in-person voting would take place at the Bretting Community Center. The Book across the Bay is

Saturday, February 18, 2023, and the Main Street Board is hosting a Winter Market on Vaughn Avenue near the Vaughn Library. MacKenzie offered his congratulations to former Council President Kevin Haas selected as Division III College Hockey Announcer of the Year. He asked Councilors to remind their constituents of the odd-even parking rules, and asked all to refrain from using TikTok with any City-owned devices as a new policy.

B. Appointments

Graf moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the appointment of Shawn Brede to the Harbor Commission, whose term is to expire July 31, 2026. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Minutes

Tochterman moved, seconded by Goyke to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 463: Policies and Procedures for Parks, Facilities, and Recreation Areas, Ashland City Ordinances (*Parks and Recreation*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve Ordinance 2023-1975. The motion passed 6-1 by roll call vote; Tochterman opposed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between the City of Ashland and Greeley and Hansen, LLC for the New Lake Superior Water Intake Project, and Presentation of the Progress of the Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Ted Bluver and Katie Richardson of Greeley and Hansen, LLC gave a short presentation showing the timeline and progress of the Lake Superior Water Intake Project. Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the amendment to the agreement as proposed. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Approve to Purchase a Detergent Injector, Extractor and Multi-Purpose Dryer for Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment (*Fire Department*) Roll

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Graf to approve the purchase for not more than \$25,000. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. CLOSED SESSION (ROLL) Council may return to Open Session and take action on any item discussed during Closed Session.

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Goyke to enter into Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Any Councilors who were attending virtually were allowed to remain during Closed Session.

A. Pursuant to WI Stat. 19.85(1)(e): "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." (Possible Real Estate Purchase) (*Administration*)

B. Return to Open Session

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

C. Report of Action Taken During Closed Session

MacKenzie reported that no formal action was taken during Closed Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Graf moved, seconded by Goyke to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk