

MEETING MINUTES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Common Council of the City of Ashland met as the Committee of the Whole on **March 14, 2023** immediately following the City Council meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, March 14, 2023 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 7:45 PM.

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochtermann, Laura Graf, Andrew Goyke, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall.

ABSENT: None

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

2. Council President's Report

Ortman asked that Councilors review "Good Governance for the City of Ashland" and be prepared for discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera deferred his report.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Discussion Items

A. Discussion on Status of 2017 Master Plan for City Drinking Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, and Streets Projects (*Public Works*)

Butler reviewed and answered questions regarding the status of the utility and water master plans for Council.

B. Presentation of the Revised City of Ashland Employee Handbook (*Administration*)

Kucera asked that Council review the City of Ashland Employee Handbook to begin discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. His goal is to

adopt the revised handbook at the first meeting in May.

6. Items for Future Discussion

Ortman commented that he would like to begin discussion and review to revise the Council Handbook at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Jackson asked for discussion regarding the room tax for the City. She also mentioned a students' art show at various locations in the community.

MacKenzie mentioned that he agreed to have Northland College apparel and items for sale at City Hall to assist the college.

Kucera noted that he and the Mayor will begin to have conversations with area leaders including the Tribes and schools as part of the Strategic Plan.

7. Adjournment

Jackson moved, seconded by Pufall to adjourn. the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk