

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, March 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 (6:02), Ana Tochtermann, Laura Graf, Andrew Goyke, 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, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MacKenzie requested to move up Item 5C from the Mayor's Report to the beginning of the agenda. Goyke moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the amended agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MacKenzie congratulated Kevin Haas for being voted Hockey News Division 3 National Broadcaster Champion. He also recognized Madison Burns, Ashland High School sophomore, for her first place finish at the Girls D3 State Wrestling Tournament. Also mentioned but not present were the Ashland Gymnastics Team for their 10th place finish at their state competition, and Ashland Daily Press reporter Rick Olivo on his recent retirement.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 28, 2023 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Clerk read the Rules for Citizen Participation, and the following offered their comments to the Council:

Zygmund Jablonski, representing himself and AtoZ Plumbing & Heating, spoke about the claims involving himself and his business, and the City of Ashland.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

MacKenzie commented about receiving more compliments than complaints regarding the good job that the public works crew is doing with now removal.

B. Appointments

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Graf to approve the appointments. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote; Ortman abstained.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Minutes

Kevin Seefeldt moved, seconded by Ana Tochtermann to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Formally Approve Purchase Offer for 514 Main Street West from Ashland County (Administration) Roll

Graf moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the purchase for \$80,000 contingent upon a structural analysis. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote; Pufall abstained.

B. Approve an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Ashland and Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Replacement and 2023 Sanitary Sewer Collection System Repair (CIPP) Projects (Public Works) Roll

Goyke moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve for a cost of \$324,000. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Approve an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Ashland and Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) to Complete Watermain Replacement for the 2024 Prentice Avenue Phase 1 Reconstruction Project (Public Works) Roll

Graf moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the agreement for \$93,500. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Approve an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Ashland and Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc (SEH) for Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Grant Administration Services for the 2023 MacArthur Avenue Reconstruction Project (Public Works) Roll

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the agreement for \$33,000. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve a Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing through the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund for SFY2024 MacArthur Avenue Reconstruction Project (Public Works) Roll

Tochtermann moved, seconded by Goyke to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File No. 17712**

F. Approve a Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing through the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund for SFY2024 New Lake Superior Water Intake Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File No. 17713**

G. Approve a Contract Agreement between the City of Ashland and Hydro Klean, LLC for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising Project (*Public Works*) Roll

Graf moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the agreement for \$73,775.41. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Graf moved, seconded by Seefeldt to enter into Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A. **Amended*

PURSUANT TO SEC. 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. (*City Attorney*) (*A to Z Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Zygmund Jablonski, Jr., included but not limited to Cases No. 23CV08, 22FO04, 22FO03, 21SC239, 21SC250, and 21FO429*)

B. Return to Open Session (Voice)

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

The Mayor reported that there was no action taken during Closed Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk