

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, March 28, 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, Dick Pufall

ABSENT: Charlie Ortman (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Planning Director Steven Wiley, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 14, 2023 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Graf moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the minutes. 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, 916 6th Ave West spoke regarding the amount of money the City has spent on legal expenses.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Mackenzie made note of a learning opportunity for Councilors that was available through the Wisconsin League of Municipalities. The City has learned of multiple areas in the city with rough roads and potholes, and these are getting needed attention as staff's available.

B. Appointments

Pufall moved, seconded by Seefeldt to rescind approval of the Mayor's appointment of Carol Ortman to the JFK Airport Commission. The motion failed 1-4-1; Seefeldt, Jackson, Tochtermann, and Graf opposed; Goyke abstained.

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Goyke, and approved unanimously by voice vote, the Mayor's appointments as follows:

Historic Preservation Commission: Jeff Muse, term to expire April 1, 2026

JFK Memorial Airport Commission: John Coffey, term to expire February 2029

Parks and Recreation Committee: David Ullman and Jen Weiler, terms to expire April 30, 2026

Plan Commission: JoAnn Erickson, term to expire April 30, 2026

Housing Committee: Tom Buzzi and Priscilla Neiman, terms to expire TBD

Board of Review: Jeffrey Beirl, term to expire June 10, 2028

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve to Accept Funds from Bayfield County Ad Hoc Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (*Fire Department*)

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval to Accept a Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program Urban River Fund for the City of Ashland Kreher Park RV Campground (*Parks and Recreation Director*) Roll

Jackson moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve. The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote; Pufall abstained.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant, City Clerk

