

MEETING MINUTES

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL **Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – 6:00 PM** Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, May 30, 2023 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt MacKenzie 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: Sarah Jackson, Andrew Goyke, Laura Graf, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall

ABSENT: Kevin Seefeldt (Excused), Ana Tochtermann (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other interested citizens. The Mayor noted a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MacKenzie requested to move Item 6D to the end of New Business at the Administrator's request. Goyke moved, seconded by Graf to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **May 9, 2023 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

Pufall moved, seconded by Jackson 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 Avenue West, spoke to Agenda Item 8D, and the City's insurance reimbursement of a sewer issue.

Kyle Balk, Manager of Wal-Mart, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7A, asking Council to consider more discussion regarding the definition of "grocery" as pertains to Chapter 922.

Scott Bretting, Owner of River Rock, spoke to the need for sewer repairs along US Highway 2 as compared to a recent repair on Main Street West, and the costs for legal representation the City had incurred.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Presentation by Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce**

Mary McPhetridge, Director of the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation regarding the activities and events sponsored by the Chamber, and the Chamber's support to the local economy.

B. **Announcements**

Mackenzie noted the recent Memorial Day celebration over the past weekend, as well as Mother's Day and Armed Forces Day. He also mentioned road work being done throughout the City.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

B. **Approve the Agreement for Construction and Naming Rights for Amenities at the City of Ashland Bayview Park as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Ashland and the Ashland Rotary for Maintenance of a Splash Pad (Parks)**

C. **Approve Amendments to the City of Ashland Utility Service Disconnection Policy (Public Works)**

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

D. **Approve the Revised City of Ashland Employee Handbook (Administrator)**

Ortman moved, seconded by Pufall to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 922 (1488) Alcohol Beverages Regulations, Ashland City Ordinances (Clerk) Roll**

Jackson moved, seconded by Graf to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Discussion and Action as to Whether Right of Way Permits Should be Issued to Zygmund Jablonski, Jr., or His Companies (e.g. A to Z Plumbing & Heating, Inc.) (City Attorney) Roll**

The item was introduced to Council by Wickman. Jackson moved, seconded by Goyke to approve to disallow the issuance of right of way permits to Zygmund Jablonski, Jr. or his companies. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Jackson moved, seconded by Goyke to approve to set

a term for the disallowance at one year from permits were held in abeyance . The motion passed 4-1 by roll call vote; Ortman opposed.

- B. **Approval to Accept a Grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Funding Program for the Bay City Creek Riparian Corridor Restoration Project** (*Parks and Rec Director*) Voice

Ortman moved, seconded by Graf to approve to accept the grant. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- C. **Approve License Applications for Alcohol Beverages, Including New Officers/Agents, Arcade, Recycling Facility/Salvage Operation, Pawn Broker, Taxicab, and Mobile Home Parks** (*Clerk*) Voice

Graf moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the listed license applications. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- D. **Approve a Resolution to Repeal Resolution 17666 Final Resolution Requiring Installation of Sewer Laterals and Providing for Assessment of Cost Under Wisconsin State Statue 66.0911 for the 6th Street East Street Reconstruction and Utility Replacement Project and the Portion of Resolution 17682 Amending Resolution 17666** (*Public Works*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Jackson to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17721**

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk