

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING **Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – 6:00 PM** Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

Meeting Items

1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, May 30, 2023 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Sarah Jackson, Andrew Goyke, Laura Graf, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other interested citizens.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Council President's Report

Ortman had nothing to report.

4. Administrator's Report

Kucera reported that he had completed the department managers' evaluations. The City plans to close on the purchase of 514 Main Street West on June 1, 2023. A ribbon cutting is planned for June 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. for the newly installed EV stations.

5. Committee Updates

Oredock Trust - no report

DPEAC - no report

Economic Development - no report

Harbor Commission - Pufall reported that discussions were had with the Apostle Island Cruise Service regarding the potential of having one of the cruises move in and out of the Ashland harbor.

Historical Preservation - Goyke noted recent discussion regarding historical designation on Fifield Row, and trees along MacArthur Avenue.

Housing Authority - no report

Housing Committee - no report

Main Street Board - Goyke noted the board met the consultant of the Main Street Board

Library Board - no report

Parks & Recreation - no report

Plan Commission - no report

Public Works committed - Goyke reported capital projects were reviewed, and received a sewer update.

Sustainability - Graf reported there will be a City-wide clean up day on June 3, 2023, Clean Sweep was scheduled for June 20, 2023 at Northwoods Technical College, the Green Tier Legacy and Great Lakes Friendly Restaurant Initiative were discussed.

6. Discussion Items

A. **Discussion and Presentation Regarding City Hall Facility Assessment Completed by Kraus Anderson Construction Company** (*Public Works*)

Tim Kittila of Kraus Anderson offered a presentation and answered questions from Council.

B. **Discussion and Approval of a Contract for Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Response System Services between Wisconsin Emergency Management and the City of Ashland Fire Department** (*Fire Chief*)

The item was introduced by Matthias. Graf moved, seconded by Pufall to move the item to Council for formal approval. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Delegated Agent Status with the Wisconsin DSPS, Associated Ordinance Updates, Agreement, and Fee Schedule Addendum** (*Planning Director*)

The item was introduced by Wiley. Pufall moved, Jackson seconded to forward the item to Council for formal approval. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

D. **Report and Discussion Regarding the 2023 Book Across the Bay and Event Permitting Process** (*Public Works*)

Butler began discussion with Council. No action was taken.

E. **Discussion Regarding Parking of Large Recreational Vehicles along Residential Streets** (*Councilor Tochterman*)

Mackenzie offered questions to Council for consideration. It was determined to return the item to a future Committee of the Whole with more information.

F. **Discussion Regarding Revisiting Chapter 45: Joint Ordinance to Reorganize the Airport Commission** (*Councilor Pufall*)

Pufall introduced the item and proposed questions for Council. It was agreed to continue discussion at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. Items for Future Discussion

There were no item for immediate consideration presented.

8. Adjournment

Jackson moved, seconded by Graf to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk