

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 6:00 PM** Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

Meeting Items

1. **Roll Call**

The Tuesday, June 13, 2023 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 6:33 PM.

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

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

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman offered no report.

4. **Administrator's Report**

Kucera invited all to a ribbon cutting on June 15 at the EV Charging Station at 1:00 PM. He confirmed that the City closed on the purchase of 514 Main Street West, and noted there were recent improvements made at the former Baron site, adding gravel and picnic tables. He received the EPA site concept plans for the ore dock upland and will bring this back to Council for discussion. Plans are being made for music and beer garden events at Pearson Plaza over the summer.

5. **Discussion Items**

A. **Discussion on Revisions to City Policies and Ordinances Related to Special Assessments** *(Public Works)*

Butler and Erickson presented this item and answered questions from Council.

B. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Resolution in Support of Vaughn Public Library Proposed Future Renovations** *(Councilor Ortman)*

Jackson moved, seconded by Seefeldt moved to accept the resolution presented. The motion carried 5-2 by voice vote to move this item forward to Council; Graf and Pufall opposed.

C. **Discussion and Possible Action Allowing the Fire Department to Apply for the FY2023 Forest Fire Protection Grant** *(Fire Department)*

Tochterman moved, seconded by Graf to approve. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Evaluation Process for the City Administrator *(Mayor)*

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Jackson to follow the process as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Proposed *Good Governance for the City of Ashland* *(Councilor Ortman)*

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Jackson to approve to move the item forward to Council. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Items for Future Discussion

Jackson requested an update regarding the housing development at the former Timeless Timber site.

Goyke suggested a field trip to view projects throughout the City.

Goyke requested a discussion of the waterfront development, especially the coal dock areas.

Jackson requested an update on the Bay View pier.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk