

MEETING MINUTES

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL **Tuesday, July 11, 2023 – 6:00 PM** Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, July 11, 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**

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Sarah Jackson, Laura Graf, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall

ABSENT: Ana Tochtermann (Excused), Andrew Goyke (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Matthew MacKenzie, Brant Kucera, Denise Oliphant, Tyler Wickman, John Butler

MacKenzie noted there was a quorum present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **June 27, 2023 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

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

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no citizens present wishing to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

MacKenzie mentioned that the Fourth of July festivities including the parade and fireworks went off without incident and in between rain showers over the recent holiday. He attended an Economic Development meeting this morning, collaborating with the Main Street Board Coordinator and the Chamber. A Duluth news station will be featuring Ashland on Friday, July 21, 2023 during its live broadcast from the Chequamegon Hotel. Kathy Beeksma, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, will be doing a presentation at the next Council meeting. Overflow camping was allowed at the Superfund Site over the holiday weekend. The City completed its annual Joint Review recently, and he attended a Northwest Regional Planning meeting the previous week in Hayward.

B. **Appointments**

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the Mayor's appointment of Victoria Peters to the Main Street Board, term to expire July 10, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 245 (1131) Construction Limits, Adoption of a Fire Code, and Authorization of Fire Inspections, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Clerk)* Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Graf to approve the ordinance. Wickman noted there were minor typos corrected which did not affect the meaning of the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 748 (1984) Building Inspector, Building, Housing, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Clerk)* Roll

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

C. **Approve an Ordinance to Create Chapter 749 (2023-1985) Residential and Nonresidential Building Inspections** *(Clerk)* Roll

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Approve an Original Alcohol Beverage License Application for Class B Intoxicating Liquor for Applicant Taqueria La Monarca, LLC, 311 Main Street East, Ashland, and Agent Greta Blancarte** *(Clerk)* Roll

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Jackson to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Ortman to enter into Closed Session. Kucera requested that Butler remain during discussion of Item 9A; the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A. **Pursuant to WI Stat. 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"** *(Bay View Pier)*

- B. **Pursuant to WI Stat. 19.85(1)(g): "Conferring with legal counsel who either orally or in writing will advise governmental body of strategy to be adopted with the respect to current or likely litigation."** (*Jablonski notice of claim dated on page 1 of June 16, 2023*)
- C. **Return to Open Session** (voice)
Ortman moved, seconded by Jackson to return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- D. **Report on Action Taken during Closed Session**
MacKenzie reported that there was no action taken on Item 9A during Closed Session.
- MacKenzie reported that there was no action taken on Item 9B during Closed Session. Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to deny the claim as recommended by Wickman. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk