

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

The Tuesday, August 8, 2023 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 6:20 PM.

1. **Roll Call**

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

ABSENT: Kevin Seefeldt (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman noted that the City of Ashland is now a Monarch City.

4. **Administrator's Report**

A staff picnic was well attended last week. Sara Hudson, Parks Director, attended a Wisconsin Waterways Commission meeting in Wausau, WI regarding the Kreher Park boat launch facilities project. Kucera has confirmed plans to introduce native plantings near the Bretting Center. New signage was placed at the EV charging stations although there have been WiFi issues to be worked out. Although the City is not directly affiliated with Superior Cottages, the housing development announced it has begun taking applications.

5. **Discussion Items**

A. Presentation by Cooper Kohlman, Intern with Wickman, Anich & Lindsey SC

Cooper Kohlman, Intern with Anich Wickman & Lindsey SC, offered a presentation to the Council regarding Wisconsin Public Records and Wisconsin Open Meetings Laws.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Upgrades to the Audio/Visual System in the Council Chambers (*Councilor Pufall*)

Pufall requested a solution to improve the audio system in the Council Chambers. Suggestions were discussed but no action was taken at this time.

6. **Items for Future Discussion**

Ortman asked Councilors to review what had already been mentioned for discussion, and bring any suggestions forward for the next agenda.

MacKenzie noted a new policy regarding overflow camping would be brought forward in the near future.

Tochterman requested information on the access road near Maple Lane.

Jackson reminded Council of the Library renovation discussion happening on August 9 and 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Mackenzie mentioned a picnic event was planned for September 8, 2023 to recognize and thank the numerous volunteers who make up the boards and committees of the city.

7. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk