

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

The Thursday, September 21, 2023 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at (6:06 PM).

Present- Kevin Seefelt, Sarah Jackson, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall

Excused- Ana Tochtermann, Andy Goyke

Also Present- City Administrator Brant Kucera, Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, Deputy Clerk Kevin Haas, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt

2. Approval of Agenda

Seefelt Motion, Pufall Second. Carries Unanimously by voice vote.

3. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the 2024 Budget Development, and Confirmation of Date and Time of Future Budget Work Sessions

Vaillancourt presented the budget report to council. Discussion on the availability on increase in operations levy, based on net new construction. Discussion on debt levy. Vaillancourt discussed changes from the State Shared Revenue and how it impacts the budget. Vaillancourt also discussed the closure of TIF Districts 6 and 9, and how those impact and improve the financial situation of the City. Pufall asked if the city is on the hook for paying back to the Town of Sanborn, Vaillancourt confirmed that the city does not have to pay back to Sanborn, but could not speak for the County, School District, and Technical College District. Kucera reported that health insurance negotiations have concluded, and the city will see a 17% increase to premiums. Seefelt requested a reminder email for the upcoming Budget Sessions before the end of the year, Haas confirmed an email will be sent.

4. Adjournment

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