

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie at 6:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was taken, a Moment of Silence was held, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, Treasurer Jacey Dean, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor asked to amend Item 5A to correct the vacant district from District 4 to District 5. Seefeldt moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 21, 2023 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session

B. September 26, 2023 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Ortman 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. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FILLING DISTRICT 5 COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Goyke to approve to fill the District 5 vacancy. The motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote; Pufall opposed.

A. **Consideration and Approval of District 5 Alderperson Applicant** *(Roll)*

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Tochtermann to accept and approve applicant James Gregoire as District 5 Alderperson. This motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote; Pufall opposed.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

MacKenzie passed to the Councilors, the 2024 Evaluation Goals for the City Administrator, asking for comments or questions before the October 24, 2023 Council meeting. A listening session will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Chambers regarding the proposed funding for the Vaughn Public Library renovation project. The Chambers is hosting the Whistlestop this coming weekend. Staff continue to work on the budget. The Superior Days event in 2024 will be focused on the City of Superior and Douglas County, and the Mayor does not plan to attend this as in the past.

7. CONSENT AGENDA (Voice)

A. **Approve an Agreement by and between the City of Ashland and Town of Marengo for Emergency Medical Services** *(Fire Department)*

B. **Approval of Ashland's Parks and Recreation Policy 612: Overflow Camping** *(Parks & Recreation)*

C. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

Kevin Seefeldt moved, seconded by Goyke, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. CLOSED SESSION - Council may return to Open Session and take action on any item discussed during Closed Session.

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Pufall to enter into Closed Session. 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."** *(6th Street West - Coleman Engineering) (City Attorney)* Roll

B. **Return to Open Session** *Voice*

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. **Report of Action Taken during Closed Session**

MacKenzie noted there was no action taken during Closed Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk