

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, October 24, 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, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Max Lindsey, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, Library Director Sarah Adams, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 10, 2023 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

B. October 19, 2023 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes

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

4. SWEARING IN APPOINTED DISTRICT 5 ALDERPERSON

Jim Gregoire was sworn in as Alderperson for District 5, by Oliphant.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Clerk read the Rules for Citizen Participation, and the following offered their comments to the Council:

Gwen Gilbert expressed her disappointment in the new Prentice Park playground equipment.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Recognition of Beautification Council and Beauty Spot Award Winners**

Recognized were businesses Country Blossoms, Court Manor, Memorial Medical Center, Our Lady of the Lake, and the Red Bicycle, and property owners Suzan Mackenzie-Smith, Doug and Lisa Warren, Jannae Gilles, Jackie Rupnik, and Shirley Evrard.

B. **Announcements**

Mackenzie mentioned that staff continues to work on the 2024 City budget.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

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

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Hearing and Possible Action Considering a Denied Alcohol Server License for Applicant Sherry Lasko** *(Clerk) Roll*

After conducting a hearing, Ortman moved, Goyke seconded to approve to grant the appeal of the alcohol license. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote; Gregoire opposed.

B. **Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,365,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and the Issuance and Sale of a \$1,365,000 Note Anticipation Notes in Anticipation Thereof** *(Finance) Roll*

Josh Low, Municipal Advisor, offered a presentation on behalf of Ehlers. Ortman moved, seconded by Gregoire to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

File #17747

C. **Presentation and Discussion of the Pre-Sale Report and Consider a Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$3,065,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023A** *(Finance) Roll*

Tochterman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the resolution. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote; Pufall opposed.

File #17745

D. **Consider a Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$1,615,000 Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023B** *Finance(Roll)*

Gregoire moved, seconded by Goyke to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

File #17746

E. **Consider an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 705 (1415) Water Utility Rules, Rates, and Regulations, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Clerk) Roll*

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

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- F. **Consideration of Revision #2 State Municipal Agreement (SMA), Dated August 16, 2023, for the State Highway 13 Pavement Replacement Project (Public Works)** Roll
Ortman moved, seconded by Tochtermann to approve Revision #2. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- G. **Consider a Resolution in Support of the Vaughn Public Library Renovation (Library Director)** Roll
Seefeldt moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
File #17744
- H. **Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Preliminary and Final Condominium Plat for the Property at 806 and 808 Main Street West (Parcels # 201-00198-0000 and 201-00199-0000), Zoned City Center (CC) (Planning Director)** Roll
Seefeldt moved, seconded by Ortman to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
File #17743

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk