

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, October 24, 2023 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Council President's Report

Ortman deferred a report.

4. Administrator's Report

Kucera noted that he and the Mayor both participated in the Whistle Stop races, and the event was enjoyable and well organized.

5. Discussion Items

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Proposed 2024 Ashland Common Council Meeting Calendar *(Clerk)*

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Goyke to approve to move the item forward for formal approval. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Applying for a Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant to Update the City of Ashland's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) *(Parks Director)*

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Tochtermann to approve to apply for the grant. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Continued Presentation and Discussion Regarding the 2024 City of Ashland Budget *(Finance)*

Vaillancourt introduced the budget summary, and Kucera reviewed the departments' budgets for Council.

Pufall left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

At 9:00 p.m. Seefeldt moved, seconded by Gregoire, to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes to allow Council to complete review of the budget items. The motion carried 4-2 by voice vote.

6. Items for Future Discussion

Ortman requested to plan to discuss the playground equipment as mentioned during the Council citizen comment period.

Mackenzie forgot to note the fire training that took place over the past weekend, which allowed for training for 48 people.

Jackson requested an update on the housing development on the east end of town.

7. Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk