

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Goyke to approve the agenda was passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **January 30, 2024 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Ortman to approve the minutes, carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens who requested to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

Mackenzie made a reminder to submit area photos for display at City Hall. He also noted the benefits and encouraged all to shop local.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Approve to Hire a Part Time Laborer for the Water/Wastewater Utility** (*Public Works*)
- B. **Approve an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Ashland and Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) for the 2024 Water System Hydraulic Model Creation and Calibration** (*Public Works*)
- C. **Miscellaneous Minutes**
A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Goyke to approve the Consent Agenda, passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Approve a Resolution to Submit an Application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for State and Federal Aids for Recreation and Natural Resource Management Purposes** (*Parks and Recreation*) Roll
Ortman moved, seconded by Tochtermann to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #17767
- B. **Approve a Resolution to Vacate Undeveloped Right of Way Located at that Portion of 28th Avenue East between Lots Nine (9), Ten (10), and Eleven (11), and Lots One (1), and Two (2), Block Ninety-Seven (97) in the Lake Shore Addition to the North Line of Toll Road; Applicant Kevin Haas** (*Planning*) Roll
Ortman moved, seconded by Gregoire to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #17764
- C. **Approve a Resolution to Approve a Request to Transfer City-Owned Property Parcels No. 201-03742-0000, 201-03743-0000, and 201-03744-0000, Zoned Single-Family Residential (R-1). Applicant: Kevin Haas** (*Planning*) Roll
Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #17765
- D. **Approve a Resolution to Approve to Submit a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Application to financially Assist with the 514 Main Street West Adaptive Reuse Project** (*Planning*) Roll
Tochtermann moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
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- E. **Approve to Award a Contract to Republic Services, Inc. for Garbage and Recycling Service Provider for the City of Ashland** *(Administration)* Roll
Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the contract with Republic Services, Inc. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- F. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 279 (1838) Citations for Violation of City Ordinances, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Administration)* Roll
Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #1996
- G. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 544 (1026) Vehicular Stopping and Parking, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Administration)* Roll
Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #1997
- H. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 51 (1814) City Council Procedure, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Clerk)* Roll
Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #1995

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consideration to Approve a Resolution to Establish Water PropertyTax Equivalent for Water Utility, City of Ashland, Ashland and Bayfield Counties, Wisconsin** *(Public Works)* Roll
Ortman moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #17768
- B. **Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 194 (1848) Procurement of Goods and Services and Approval of Change Orders for Public Construction Projects** *(Clerk)* Roll
Seefeldt moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #1998
- C. **Consideration of an Appointment of Successor Agent for Black Bears Hotel C, LLC dba Chequamegon Grille at 101 Lake Shore Drive West, Ashland, Applicant Natalie Skinnies** *(Clerk)* Voice
A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Goyke to approve was passed unanimously by voice vote.
- D. **Consideration of an Original Alcohol Beverage license Appliation for Frankie's Family Pizza, LLC dba Frankies Pizza at 1317 Lake Shore Drive East, Ashland, and Agent Michael Welty** *(Clerk)* Voice
A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Tochtermann to approve was passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- 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)**
A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Ortman to enter into Closed Session, passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. **Return to Open Session**
A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to return to Open Session, passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. **Report of Action Taken During Closed Session** *Council may return to Open Session and take action on any item discussed in Closed Session.*

The Mayor reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Seefeldt to adjourn was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk