

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie at 6:00 p.m.

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, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Ortman to approve the agenda as presented, was carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 27, 2024 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

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

Bill Sann, 521 Willis Avenue, expressed that he felt harassed by the city's property maintenance

personnel. He also suggested having a citizen patrol assigned to monitor the traffic along the waterfront trail.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

The Mayor shared the recent news regarding Northland College's efforts to raise money to maintain educational opportunities in Ashland.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Minutes

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve a Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments under Municipal Police Power Pursuant to Sec. 66.0703, WI State Statute for the 2024 Ore Dock Access Road Project (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Jackson to approve the preliminary resolution was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

File #17770

B. Approve a Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments under Municipal Police Power Pursuant to Sec. 66.0703, WI State Statute for the 2024 Prentice Avenue Phase 1 Reconstruction Project (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Ortman to approve the preliminary resolution was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

File #17771

C. Approve to Accept Bid from Ritola, Inc and Award a Contract for the 2024 Ore Dock Access Road Project (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to approve to accept the bid for \$1,757,622.75 from Ritola, Inc. was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of a Bid Proposal from Green Bay Pipe & TV for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising Project (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Jackson to approve the bid proposal from Green Bay Pipe & TV for \$47,352.61 was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- B. **Consider to Approve a Contract Agreement between the City of Ashland and Meyer Group Architecture to provide Architectural Design Services for the Baron Radiator Adaptive Reuse Project** (*Planning*) Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Tochtermann to approve the contract with Meyer Group Architects for \$50,000 was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- C. **Consider a Proposal from Fish Creek Restoration LLC for Assessment and Concept Plan for the Bay City Creek Riparian Restoration Project** (*Parks*) Roll

A motion by Jackson and seconded by Seefeldt to approve was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- D. **Consider an Original Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application Submitted by The Landing LLC dba The Landing, 101 Lake Shore Drive West, Ashland, Wisconsin, and Agent Natalie Skinnies** (*Clerk*) Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to approve was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A motion by Pufall and seconded by Ortman to enter into Closed Session, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Ortman moved, seconded by Goyke to allow Butler to remain during Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- A. **Pursuant to WI Stat. 19.85(1)(c):** "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." (*Public Works*)

- B. **Return to Open Session**

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 reported that there was no action taken during closed session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk