

Tuesday, May 14, 2024



MEETING MINUTES

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 6:00 PM Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt MacKenzie at 6:00 p.m. It was noted there was a quorum present.

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, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор

ABSENT: Andrew Goyke (Excused)

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, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **April 16, 2024 City Council Reorganizational Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Tochtermann and seconded by Gregoire 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:

Ken Culloden, 409 Vaughn Avenue Apt 2, feels there should be a sign near the artisan well encouraging public etiquette while utilizing the well.

John Kovach, 718 East 11th Street, requested information regarding plans for the riparian corridor restoration project.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

The Mayor made note that the City will be holding Open Book appointments on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, and the Board of Review on Monday, June 3, 2024, both at City Hall.

B. **Appointments**

Mac Kenzie noted that Ms. Tochtermann requested another Councilor take her place on the Ore Dock Charitable Trust as her scheduled does not allow her to attend meetings in the mornings. A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Tochtermann was approved unanimously as follows:

Ashland Ore Dock Charitable Trust	Ana Tochtermann
Disabled Parking Enforcement Assist. Council	Nancy Sztynдор
Economic Development/Revolving Loan Advisory Bd	Charlie Ortman
Harbor Commission	Jim Gregoire
Historical Preservation Commission	Nancy Sztynдор
Municipal Library Board	Sarah Jackson
Parks and Recreation Committee	Kevin Seefeldt
Plan Commission	Ana Tochtermann
Public Works Committee	Andy Goyke
Sustainability Committee	Charlie Ortman
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jim Gregoire

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Seefeldt motioned, seconded by Ortman, to remove item 6B from the Consent Agenda for further discussion on this item. This motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

B. **Approve to Accept the City of Ashland Bicycle Plan** *(Public Works)*

C. **Approve Adding the Former Baron Radiator Property to the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)** *(Planning)*

D. **Accept the WI DNR Forest Fire Protection Grant Award** *(Fire Department)*

E. **Approve to Accept Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Riparian Corridor Restoration of Bay City Creek** *(Parks)*

A motion by Tochtermann and seconded by Ortman to approve the Consent Agenda without item 6B, was approved unanimously by voice vote.

After a brief discussion, Seefeldt moved, seconded by Tochtermann to approve item 6B was approved unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 925 (1443) Cigarettes and Tobacco Products, Ashland City Ordinances, to Include Regulations for Vaping Products** *(Clerk) Roll*

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

Seefeldt moved, Ortman seconded a motion to approve the resolution. After Butler requested to table the item under new business until the May 28, 2024 City Council meeting, a motion by Sztynodor and seconded by Tochtermann to table the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A motion by Gregoire and seconded by Ortman to enter into Closed Session, passed unanimously by roll call vote. Ortman moved, seconded by Gregoire to allow Butler to attend the closed session. This motion was approved unanimously by voice 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."** *(Bay View Pier) (City Attorney)*
- 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**
Mac Kenzie reported that Council took no action 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

