

Tuesday, July 9, 2024



MEETING MINUTES

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, July 9, 2024 – 6:00 PM Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. **CALL TO ORDER - NOTE: This agenda has been amended since its initial publication.**

The Tuesday, July 9, 2024 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt MacKenzie at 6:02 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: Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochtermann, Andrew Goyke, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynior

ABSENT: Kevin Seefeldt (Excused), Jim Gregoire (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Max Lindsey, Public Works Director John Butler, Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, and other interested citizens.

The Mayor noted there was a quorum present.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Sztynior to approve the agenda as presented, carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **June 25, 2024 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Goyke to approve the minutes, 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:

Magge Ericson, 5 Fifield Row has been noticing vehicles "drag racing" across the newly paved

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drive between the marina and Kreher Park nearly every weekend causing a lot of noise. She also asked for a patch in the alley near Fifield Row be repaired.

Don Jaskowiak, 121 N Willis Avenue asked for Council to consider budgeting a donation toward next year's fireworks.

Mark Drolson, 2117 3rd Street West, Celebrations Inc, told of the cost of the recent fireworks and asked to be included in the City's budget for 2025.

Ed Monroe, 614 10th Avenue West, spoke to the placement of the planned new water intake pipe, and the possibility of a buried repair pipe already in place.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

Mac Kenzie noted the recent 4th of July celebrations in the community went well and without incident. He attended a Northwest Regional Planning Commission meeting in Hayward in June. The Ashland Foundation recently awarded funding for an upcoming Encore show at the Bandshell, and for a new refrigerator for the Brick. He also noted a number of local businesses that are relocating within the City, and advised of safety precautions with the warm weather in the forecast.

B. **Appointments**

A motion by Tochtermann and seconded by Sztynodor to approve the appointments, carried unanimously by voice vote. Those appointments include:

Beth Gehred to the Sustainability Committee for a term ending July 9, 2026; Joseph Mudd to the Historic Preservation Council for a term ending July 9, 2027; Nathan Lawyer and Carl Doersch to the BART Board, both reappointed for a term ending July 9, 2026.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Ashland, Ashland County and Bayfield County for Law Enforcement Software (Police, Fire and EMS Departments)**

Goyke moved, seconded by Sztynodor approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Approve to Reverse Emergency Declaration for the Purpose of Permitting the Timely Repairs of Suspended Sidewalk at 514-516 Main Street West per WI State Statute 62.15(1b) (Public Works) Roll**

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

- B. **Approve an Agreement for Professional Construction Engineering Services between the City of Ashland and Greeley & Hansen for the Lake Superior Intake Project** *(Public Works)* Roll

A motion by Jackson and seconded by Goyke to approve the agreement was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- C. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 922 Alcohol Beverages Regulation Regarding Class C Wine Licenses and Other Updates** *(Clerk)*

A motion by Sztynдор and seconded by Jackson to approve the ordinance was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

The agenda was amended on July 8, 2024 to remove the New Business item.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Goyke to enter into Closed Session, and allowing Butler to remain during Item 9A, and Hagstrom to remain during Item 9C, passed unanimously by roll call 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."** *(WI DNR Consent Agreement) (Mayor)*
- B. **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."** *(Personnel Claim - DWD Discrimination Complaint) (Administration)*
- C. **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."** *(Potential Claim - P VandenHurk) (City Attorney)*

- D. **Return to Open Session**

Charlie moved, seconded by Tochtermann to return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- E. **Report of Action Taken During Closed Session**

Mac Kenzie reported there was no action taken during Closed Session.

There was no action taken on Item 9A in Open Session.

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Sztynдор to deny the claim within Item 9B, passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion by Sztynдор and seconded by Ortman to disallow the claim within Item 9C, passed unanimously by voice vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk