

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

The Tuesday, July 9, 2024 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 7:02 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**

PRESENT: Sarah Jackson, Ana tochterman, Andrew Goyke, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion by Goyke, seconded by Jackson to approve the agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman had nothing to report.

4. **Administrator's Report**

Kucera offered his appreciation to the Mayor and Public Works crew for participating in the 4th of July parade.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Above-Garage or Accessory Dwelling Living Quarters** *(Councilor Ortman)*

The item was introduced by Wiley, although no action was taken.

B. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Regulations of Private Wells on Personal Property** *(Councilor Jackson)*

Butler introduced the item and answered questions from Council. No action was taken.

C. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amending Chapter 194, Procurement of Goods and Services, Ashland City Ordinances, to Allow for Greater Efficiency Obtaining Signatures on Contracts** *(Public Works)*

Butler introduced the item and answered questions from Council. A motion by Tochterman and seconded by Sztynдор to forward this item to the Council agenda for formal approval, was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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D. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Wisconsin Department of Transportation Urban Area Boundary**
(Public Works)

Wiley and Butler spoke to the item and answered questions from Council. Although no action was taken at this time, Council requested more research be done and be brought back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

E. **Presentation and Discussion on Future Streets Projects** *(Public Works)*

Butler offered a presentation for Council. No action was taken at this time.

F. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Budgeting to Assist Funding for 4th of July Fireworks** *(Councilor Seefeldt)*

In his absence, an email from Seefeldt was read into record regarding the potential assistance in the funding of the 4th of July fireworks through the City's 2025 budget. A motion by Goyke and seconded by Jackson to recognize Tom Stankard to speak to Council was approved unanimously by voice vote. Councilors requested research be done and return this item to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

G. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Request to Support Redesignation of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore as a National Park** *(Councilor Ortman)*

Ortman introduced the item. It was recommended to ask a representative of Mr. Tiffany's to come to a meeting for further information.

6. **Items for Future Discussion**

Mac Kenzie asked for a presentation of how City streets are scored and prioritized for future work or improvements.

Goyke asked for a conversation regarding local ATV routes and enforcement of rules involving these vehicles.

7. **Adjournment**

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Jackson to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk