The CITY of ASHLAND WISCONSIN

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. **Roll Call**

The Tuesday, September 10, 2024 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 6:15 p.m.

RESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochterman, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztyndor

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, Treasurer/Comptroller Jacey Dean, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman did not offer a report.

4. **Administrator's Report**

Kucera shared progress is being made on the 2025 budget and reviewing department requests. He plans to include budgeting for increased beautification and has found a grant that may assist with those expenditures.

A. **Progress Update of 501 3rd Street West (Former Baron Radiator Site)**

Kucera explained the decision to demolish the current building and has architectural plans to share at a future meeting. He also found someone who would "run" the new facility as a multi-use center. He noted the renovations of the former Baron Radiator site are included in the approved Strategic Plan.

5. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Allowing the City of Ashland to Participate in the State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool** *(Finance)*

Treasurer Jacey Dean presented the item with handouts, and answered questions from Council. A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Goyke to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Potential Agreement between the City of Ashland and the Towers of Wisconsin BTS, LLC to Lease City-Owned Parcel No. 201-05120-0210 for the Placement of Communications Facilities and Associated Access** *(Planning)*

Planning Director Steven Wiley presented the item with a draft of the agreement, and answered questions from Council. A motion by Gregoire and seconded by Goyke to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WI DOT) State Municipal Agreements for 11th Avenue East and 11th Street West Resurfacing Projects** *(Public Works)*

Public Works Director John Butler presented the item and answered questions from Council. A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Gregoire to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. **Discussion and Possible Action on Capital Projects 460 - Public Works Equipment and USDA Grant Application** *(Public Works)*

Butler introduced the item and answered questions from Council. A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Goyke to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. **Discussion and Possible Action on Private Lead Service Lateral (LSL) Program** *(Public Works)*

Butler presented the item and answered questions from Council. No action was taken on this item.

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

Butler began discussion on the item and answered questions from Council. A motion by Goyke and seconded by Sztyndor to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

G. **Discussion and Possible Action on 2025/2026 Project for Upgrades to Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations** *(Public Works)*

Butler presented the item and answered questions from Council. A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Sztyndor to forward the item to Council for formal approval, including a consultation with a representative from SEH, Inc. at that time, passed unanimously by voice vote.

H. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Process of Scoring Local Roads for Potential Repair** *(Mayor)*

Butler offered a presentation of the systematic approach to scoring roads for repairs. No action was taken on this item.

6. **Items for Future Discussion**

Goyke requested an update of the Ore Dock Waterfront Access Road Project, and an update regarding the potential Spash Pad Project. Seefeldt requested a discussion with the planning department regarding conditional use permits, and the process of determining what is allowed per the City's Ordinances.

7. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk