

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, October 8, 2024 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 6:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochtermann, Andy Goyke, Jim Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, and interested citizens.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Council President's Report

Ortman passed along a reminder of the upcoming Harvest Fest on October 19, 2024.

Mac Kenzie asked to announce that the City was officially dismissed from the claim of Craig vs. City of Ashland.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy for Special / Standard Assessments (*Tochtermann*)

Tochtermann asked to review the current policy and determine whether any changes were needed. Butler spoke to the policies and answered questions from Council. Mac Kenzie recommended this may be a topic for the newly formed Communications Task Force.

No action was taken at this time.

B. Snow Clearing of Sidewalks (*Ortman*)

Ortman questioned if there should be a change in the policy, and the feasibility of the City to remove snow from sidewalks. Butler answered questions from the Councilors. It was determined that more information was needed to continue the conversation.

No action was taken at this time.

C. Review of Ordinance Regarding Rooming / Boarding Houses (*Seefeldt*)

Seefeldt requested a discussion regarding the potential for rooming houses for adults in the City. Wiley spoke to the ordinances and answered questions from Council. Seefeldt asked to have Planning Department staff review this item and return to Committee of the Whole in the future.

5. **Items for Future Discussion**

Sztyndor asked to continue to address the homeless issue in the City, particularly the safety of the community.

Tochterman confirmed the issue regarding siding materials is on the Plan Commission's next agenda.

6. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn by Goyke, seconded by Gregoire was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Oliphant, City Clerk