

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, October 29, 2024 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie at 6:00 p.m.

A. **Roll Call, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Sarah Jackson, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор

ABSENT: Ana Tochterman

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, Library Director Sarah Adams, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mac Kenzie requested to postpone Item 5B to allow for advertising. A motion by Sztynдор and second by Seefeldt to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **October 3, 2024 Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes**

B. **October 8, 2024 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

C. **October 16, 2024 Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Ortman to approve the minutes as presented, passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens who requested to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

Early voting continues through Friday, October 31, 2024 in the Clerk's office which have provided extended hours. To date, approximately 25% of the City's registered voters had cast their ballot. Veteran's Day will be observed on Monday, November 11, 2024. A picnic was planned on Wednesday, October 29, 2024 starting at 5:30 p.m. as an appreciation to the volunteers who serve on the City's boards and committees. Mac Kenzie signed a proclamation on October 15, 2024 to recognize White Cane Safety Day. Administration will hold a budget meeting with Council on Thursday, November 7, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. City staff continue to address the illegal encampments on public property throughout the City. As a reminder, Mac Kenzie asked that Council take note that those who speak during citizen participation are not under oath.

B. **Appointments**

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the Consent Agenda, passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$4,340,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024A to Fund Library Projects** *(Finance)* Roll

Sean Lentz, Senior Municipal Advisor of Ehlers presented the item and answered questions from Council. A motion by Ortman and seconded by Jackson to approve the resolution passed unanimously by roll call vote.

File #17800

B. **Approve a Resolution to Exempt the City of Ashland from the Ashland County Library Levy** *(Administration)* Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Goyke to approve the resolution passed unanimously by roll call vote.

File #17799

C. **Approve to Accept the Wisconsin Department of Administration Flexible Facilities Program Grant for \$3,386,967.00 to Renovate the Third Floor of the Vaughn Public Library Building** *(Library)* Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to accept the grant passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. **Approve an Agreement between the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation (OEI) and City of Ashland for a Rural Energy Start-Up Grant Program to Fund a Solar and Micro-Grid Feasibility Assessment** *(Planning)* Roll

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

- E. **Approve a Contract between Jolma Electric LLC and City of Ashland, WI for \$75,000 of Professional Services to Conduct a Solar and Micro-Grid Assessment under the Public Service Commission (PSC) Rural Energy Startup Program (Planning)** Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Goyke to approve the contract for \$75,000 passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consider a Resolution to Approve a Final Condominium Plat for Property at 208 3rd Avenue West, Ashland, Lot 1 of CSM No. 788 Recorded in the Ashland County Register of Deeds Office on September 22, 2023 in Volume 5, Pages 162-163, as Document No. 362998, Zoned City Center (CC). Applicant: Patrick McKuen (Planning)** Roll

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

File #17801

- B. **Consideration of an Alcohol Beverage License Application from The Union on Main dba The Union, and Agent Jeanne Aspenson, 100 Main Street West, Ashland, WI (Clerk)** Roll

A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Szyndor to approve passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Oliphant, City Clerk