

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, October 29, 2024 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 6:28 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: Ana Tochtermann

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt Mackenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Treasurer Jacey Dean, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other interested citizens.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ortman asked that Item 6 be removed from the agenda per Kucera's request. A motion by Gregoire and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Council President's Report

Ortman offered no report.

4. Administrator's Report

Kucera noted that he signed to accept the \$250,000 grant for the Baron site project, and requested \$125,000 in advance. Kucera also spoke of the homeless encampments and the City's efforts to clean up these areas. He noted that staff has already disposed of multiple dump truck loads of garbage on city properties.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Proposed 2025 Fee Schedule Changes (*Clerk*)

Oliphant noted that not all proposed fees were available as yet, and if approved will bring any additional changes to Council for formal approval. Gregoire moved, seconded by Sztynдор, to forward the item to the November 12, 2024 Council meeting along with any additional changes, for formal approval. A motion by Gregoire, seconded by Sztynдор to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amending Chapter 711, Ordinance for a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) and Collection System (*Public Works*)

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Sztynдор to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

- C. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Submitting an Application to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for a Grant to Plan, Update, Create and Implement Interpretive Signs Along the Ashland Rails to Trails System (ARTS) and City Parks Telling the History of the Ashland (*Parks*)**

A motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Gregoire to allow staff to submit the grant application, passed unanimously by voice vote.

- D. **Discussion and Possible Action to Allow the Ashland Fire Department to Submit a Financial Assistance Application to the Department of Health Services for Emergency Medical Services (*Fire Department*)**

A motion by Jackson, seconded by Seefeldt to allow staff to submit the grant application, passed unanimously by voice vote.

- E. **Discussion and Possible Action to Allow the Fire Chief to apply for a HazMat Regional Emergency Response WHMRS Equipment Grant (*Fire Department*)**

A motion by Goyke, seconded by Sztynдор to allow staff to submit the grant application, passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. ***Continued Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Proposed 2025 Budget**

7. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Oliphant, City Clerk