

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

1. Roll Call

The Tuesday, December 10, 2024 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 7:25 p.m.

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

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Council President's Report

Ortman commented there were several outstanding agenda items that he would be reviewing and adding to the agenda accordingly.

4. Administrator's Report

Kucera thanked the finance department for their work during the recent 2023 audit. This report showed very positive results and that the City is exceeding standards.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding City of Ashland Parks Master Plan (*Parks & Recreation*)

Hudson introduced Emily Soderberg of MSA who reviewed the Parks Master Plan took questions and comments from Council.

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

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Allowing the Public Works Department to Perform Public Construction without Advertising for Competitive Bids (*Public Works*)

Butler introduced the item with Council regarding allowing the Public Works staff to perform the demolition of the Bay View Pier to save costs to the City.

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

- C. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Professional Services Proposal from Energenecs, Inc. for Supervisory Data and Acquisition Control (SCADA) Upgrades at the Drinking Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants (*Public Works*)**

The item was introduced by Butler who answered questions from Council.

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

- D. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Revisions to Chapter 750 (1770) Property Maintenance, Ashland City Ordinances (*Planning and Development*)**

Wiley introduced the item and answered questions from Council.

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

- E. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance (*Planning and Development*)**

The item was introduced by Wiley who answered questions from Council.

A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Sztynдор to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed 6-1 by voice vote; Gregoire opposed.

- F. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Amendments to Chapter 165 (1952) Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Ashland City Ordinances (*Planning and Development*)**

Wiley 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.

- G. **Discussion and Possible Action to Allow the Ashland Fire Department to Apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (*Fire/EMS Department*)**

Kucera discussed the item in Chief Matthias' absence.

A motion by Tochtermann and seconded by Jackson to submit the application was approved unanimously by voice vote.

6. **Items for Future Discussion**

Ortman requested further discussion with staff regarding the 2023 City of Ashland Audit results. Gregoire suggested for Plan Commission to address "tiny homes" in the future. Goyke asked to allot time for discussion on vagrancy.

7. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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The CITY of
ASHLAND
WISCONSIN

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk