MEETING MINUTES

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, January 14, 2025 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, Ana Tochterman, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman

ABSENT: Nancy Sztyndor (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew Mac Kenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Parks Director Sara Hudson, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Airport Manager Derek Hall, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **December 10, 2024 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the minutes, carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Clerk read the Rules for Citizen Participation, and the following offered their comments to the Council:

Sue Pearson, resident, spoke regarding her concerns of speculated drug use, homelessness and drug related activity in and around the Ellis Park neighborhood.
Zyg Jablonski, 916 6th Avenue West, spoke regarding the stated donations for the East End Skating Rink.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

Mac Kenzie announced that the developer of 514 Main Street West has rescinded from the development of the property due to inability to secure appropriate funding to move forward. He has had conversations with the WI DNR regarding the increased deer nuisance in town and will update Council as discussion continues.

6. CONSENT AGENDA (Voice)

A. **Allow the Public Works Department to Perform Public Construction without Advertising for Competitive Bids for Demolition of Bayview Pier** *(Public Works)*

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Accept a Professional Services Proposal from Energenecs, Inc for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Upgrades at the Drinking Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants** *(Public Works)* Roll

A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Ortman to approve the professional services proposal for $65,000 passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 750 (1770) Property Maintenance, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Planning and Development)* Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Tochterman to approve the proposed ordinance passed 5-1 by roll call vote; Gregoire opposed.
File #2025-2007

C. **Approve an Ordinance to Create a Chapter 840 (2025-2008) Short-Term Home Rentals, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Planning and Development)* Roll

A motion by Gregoire and seconded by Ortman to approve the proposed ordinance passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #2025-2008

D. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 165 Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Clerk)* Roll

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Ortman to approve the proposed ordinance passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #2025-2009

E. **Approve the City of Ashland Parks Master Plan** *(Parks & Recreation)* Roll

A motion by Jackson and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the proposed plan passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Consider a Resolution to Combine Wards and Establish the Polling Place for the February 18, 2025 Spring Primary Election and April 1, 2025 Spring Election** *(Clerk)* Roll

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the resolution passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #17807

B. **Consider an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 201 (934) General Conduct Ordinance, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Clerk)* Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the proposed ordinance passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #2025-2010

C. **Consideration of a Resolution to Issue a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Allow a Fence in Excess of Six (6) Feet in Height at 1635 Maple Lane, Parcel No. 201-04893-0000, Zoned Public Institutional (PI) with a Gateway Overlay (GTWY-O), Applicant: Tamarack Health** *(Planning)* Roll

A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Ortman to approve the resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote; Gregoire abstained.
File #17807

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk