

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, March 11, 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, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Katie Posewitz, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Airport Manager Derek Hall, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **February 25, 2025 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Gregoire to approve the minutes, carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens who requested to address the Council.

5. PRESENTATION OF ASHLAND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FROM LISSA RADKE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR, EXTENSION ASHLAND COUNTY

Lissa Radtke of the UW-Extension for Ashland County presented the planning process for the County's Comprehensive Plan.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

Renovation work had begun on the Library building, and demolition work continues on the Bay View Pier. Mac Kenzie noted the passing of Fran Ante who was the first female mayor of Ashland. Absentee ballots were mailed today, March 11, 2025, and in-person absentee voting was to begin in one week, March 18, 2025.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

B. **Approve to Reverse Emergency Declaration for the Purpose of Permitting Timely Repairs of Elevator Shaft on the South Building Wall of 514 Main Street West per WI State Statute 62.15(1b) (Public Works)**

C. **Approve the John F. Kennedy Memorial Airport Ashland, Wisconsin Airport Hangar Ground Lease (Airport Commission)**

D. **Approve Recommended Amendments to the Utility Disconnection Policy (Public Works)**
A motion by Ortman and second by Seeldt to approve each item of the Consent Agenda, passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 51 (1841) City Council Procedures, Ashland City Ordinances (Clerk) Roll**

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

File #2025-2012

B. **Approve a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Ashland and Managing Results, LLC. for Strategic Planning Consulting (Administration) Roll**

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Goyke to approve the agreement not to exceed \$30,000, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. **Approve a Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid for JFK Memorial Airport (Airport) Roll**

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

File #17819

D. **Consider Approval of a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Ashland and Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc for Engineering Services for the 2025 Ellis Avenue Watermain Replacement Project (Public Works) Roll**

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A motion by Seefeldt and seconded by Gregoire to approve the agreement for \$86,750, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 612 (1046) Street And Utility Construction Standards And Special Assessment Policies, Ashland City Ordinances** (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the ordinance, was held to a 3-3 tie by roll call; opposed were Gregoire, Ortman and Sztynodor. Mac Kenzie broke the tie by voting yes, thus approving the ordinance.

File #2025-2013

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Consider a Resolution to Allow the City Clerk to Advertise for Candidates to Fill the Alderperson District 3 Vacancy** (*Clerk*) Roll

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

File #17820

B. **Consider Accepting a Bid Proposal for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising Project, and Approve a Contract Agreement between the City of Ashland and Green Bay Pipe & TV** (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Gregoire and seconded by Ortman to accept the bid and approve the agreement for \$40,106, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk