

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

The Tuesday, April 15, 2025 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 7:35 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Shawn Brede, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор

ABSENT: Peter Levi (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman spoke of appreciation to staff for continuing to work to find solutions to bring back for discussion in order to afford construction projects.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**

A. **Splash Pad MOU between Ashland Rotary and the City of Ashland (*Public Works*)**

Butler noted an agreement continues to be discussed with the Ashland Rotary. Rotary members Ben Martinsen, Dale Keln, and Denise Kontny spoke to the conversations. Council agreed to allow for continued conversation and bring back an agreed-upon MOU for the Committee of the Whole to review.

B. **Proposed Special Assessments Policy for 2025 Street Construction (*Mayor*)**

Mac Kenzie requested guidance from Council regarding the special assessments. Council voted by voice 6-0 that they still supported special assessments on sidewalks, carriage walks, etc., although no formal action was taken at this time.

5. **Items for Future Discussion**

Goyke asked to have property maintenance personnel review the process of notice to property owners, and continued violations and noncompliant offenders.

Sztynдор requested discussion regarding potentially creating a focus group to help address the homeless issues.

Seefeldt asked to review if the Ashland Emergency Shelter and Superior Cottages are following

their internal policies and the conditions of use that Council approved to allow those projects to operate.

6. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk