

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt MacKenzie at 6:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 15, 2025 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Goyke 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:

Larry Lee, 3050 City Heights Road, submitted a letter to Council and spoke regarding paving the road in front of his property.

Murray Riddel, 923 Chapple Avenue, spoke regarding replacement of sidewalks and functioning fire hydrants on Chapple Avenue.

Zygmund Jablonski, 916 6th Avenue West, spoke to the recommended bid for the Turner Sewer Lift Station Project and the proposed special assessments for Chapple Avenue's reconstruction project.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

Mac Kenzie noted that staff and Council recently attended a productive retreat session, and completed the baseline for the Strategic Plan for the City for the next five years. He also reminded all that the City is fully into construction season and to take care while driving in these areas. The Board of Review is scheduled for May 21, 2025 in the City Hall Chambers beginning at 1:00 PM.

B. **Appointments**

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the following appointments/reappointments, passed unanimously by voice vote: Ed Monroe was reappointed to the Police and Fire Commission for a term to expire May 6, 2030; Nancy Sztynдор was reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee as a citizen member for a term to expire April 30, 2028; and Betty Braunstein was appointed to the Beautification Council for a term to expire February 15, 2028.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kucera thanked Council and staff for their time and input on the City's next five-year Strategic Plan.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Approve to Accept a Bid and Award a Contract for the 2025 Turner Lift Stations Improvements Project to Ritola, Inc. (Public Works) Roll**

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the base bid from Ritola, Inc. for \$334,312.00, resulted in a 3-3-1 roll call vote; Goyke, Ortman and Sztynдор objected; Brede abstained. Mac Kenzie voted yes to break the tie vote and approve.

B. **Approve a City of Ashland Resolution to Repeal and Replace City of Ashland Resolution No. 17829 to Amend the Commitment of Matching Funds for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for the 2026 13th Avenue East Reconstruction Project (Public Works) Roll**

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

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- C. **Approve a Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments under Municipal Police Power Pursuant to Sec. 66.0703, WI State Statute for the 2025 Chapple Avenue Reconstruction Project** (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the resolution. Z. Jablonski was warned by the Mayor to silence his comments during Council's discussion, and at 6:30 PM was asked to be removed from the Chambers due to his disruption. The motion passed 6-1 by roll call vote; Ortman opposed.

File #17833

- D. **Approve a Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments under Municipal Police Power Pursuant to Sec. 66.0703, WI State Statute for the 2025 Ellis Avenue Pavement Replacement Project** (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the resolution passed 6-1 by roll call vote; Ortman opposed.

File #17834

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consider an Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 50 (2020-1934) Main Street Board, Ashland City Ordinances** (*Clerk*) Roll

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

File #2025-2015

- B. **Consider an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 806 (201-1884) Ordinance to Approve a Planned Unit Development-General Development Plan (PUD-GDP), Ashland City Ordinances, to Allow a Multi-Family Use in the Mixed Residential/Commercial (MRC) with Gateway Overlay (MRC-GTWY) Zoning District, Parcel No. 201-00356-0000, Located in the 400 Block of Beaser Avenue between Beaser Avenue and 11th Avenue West; Applicant: Vision, Inc, Superior, Wisconsin** (*Planning and Development*) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Szyndor, to approve the ordinance. Wickman recommended corrections to the proposed ordinance for readability and reference of the attachment. Council approved the changes to the ordinance unanimously by voice vote. The motion to approve the amended ordinance was approved 6-0-1 by roll call vote; Seefeldt abstained.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk