

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

The Tuesday, May 27, 2025 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 7:45 PM.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Shawn Brede, Peter Levi, Jim Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор.

EXCUSED: Kevin Seefeldt, Andy Goyke

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, and other interested citizens.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Gregoire and seconded by Sztynдор to approve the agenda, carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Council President's Report

Ortman talked of the Emergency Response plan as relates to fire prevention and evacuation. Gregoire noted the recent law enforcement arrests and upcoming City-wide clean-up event.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Regulation of Parades within the City of Ashland (*Mayor*)

Mac Kenzie recommended creating an ordinance. After input from Councilors, Ortman suggested that a draft ordinance or policy be worked out and return to Committee of the Whole. No formal action was taken at this time.

B. Proposed Amendment to Chapter 840 (2025-2008) Short-Term Rentals and Chapter 154 (982) Accommodations Tax, Ashland City Ordinances to be Consistent in Language with WI State Statutes (*Clerk*)

The item was introduced by Oliphant. Sztynдор motioned and Levi seconded that this item be forwarded to Council for formal approval. This motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Paramedic Intercept Flat Fee For Basic Life Support Ambulance Services (*Fire & EMS*)

Matthias introduced the item and answered questions from Council. Gregoire motioned, seconded by Sztynдор to forward the item as it was recommended to Council for formal approval. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

D. Proposed Amendment to Chapter 165 Comprehensive Fee Schedule to Include Paramedic Intercept Flat Fees (*Fire/EMS Department*)

With the approval of Item 4C, Gregoire motioned, seconded by Sztynдор to forwarded the item to Council for formal approval. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

E. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Ashland and the School District of Ashland Regarding Shared Facility Use (*Parks & Recreation*)**

Mac Kenzie discussed the item and answered questions from Council. It was agreed to add an annual renewal to the MOU . Council asked that the item be forwarded to the school district for their approval and signatures before bringing it back to Council for formal approval. No formal action was taken at that time.

F. **Proposed Development of an Ordinance for Vacant Homes in the City of Ashland (*Administrator*)**

After much discussion, it was determined that this item was to return to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. No formal action was taken.

G. **City Administrator's Annual Review (*Mayor*)**

Councilors received an evaluation from the Mayor to be completed and returned by June 10, 2025.

5. **Items for Future Discussion**

Levi asked to have a conversation regarding the properties of Northland College.
Brede requested an item regarding the Ashland Marina and their reach of authority as pertains to the City's properties.
Sztynдор asked to revisit the potential of a municipal court.

6. **Adjournment**

Sztynдор moved, seconded by Gregoire to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk