

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, June 10, 2025 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt MacKenzie at 6:02 p.m.

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

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, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Police Chief Willis Hagstrom, Library Director Sarah Adams, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 27, 2025 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

A motion by Gregoire, seconded by Sztynдор 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:

Nick Eliot spoke in support of the resolution naming June as Pride Month for the City.

Kate Ullman thanked Council for the support of Pride Month in Ashland.

Beth Gehred invited Council and attendees to join the rally to celebrate Flag Day on June 14, 2025 at Memorial Park.

Mary McPhetridge spoke of the visitors due to the upcoming In-Line Marathon being held on Madeline Island.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

The City had a successful spring clean-up over the previous weekend, and intends to hold another in the fall. The Clean Sweep for hazardous waste items was slated for June 14, 2025 at Northwood Technical College. The Fire Department responded to a fire on 3rd Street West. The Wisconsin Court of Appeals determined against the filer and upheld the decision for the City of Ashland regarding circuit court case no. 2021SC250 alleging breach of contract.

B. **Appointments**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve to reappoint Ryan Long to the Board of Review for a term to expire in June 2030, passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. AMINSTRATOR'S REPORT

Kucera thanked Ashland County and the City Attorney for assisting to clean up a couple of properties in the City. They are currently working on two others for the near future. The adopted encampment clean-up policy is working well. He offered his appreciation to the public works and police departments for responding quickly to requests for cleaning these locations up. He also took the opportunity to clarify rumors regarding the hanging flower baskets in the downtown.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

B. **Planning and Development Permit and Property Maintenance Reports**

Seefeldt moved, seconded by Goyke approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 154 (982) Accommodations Tax, Ashland City Ordinances to be Consistent in Language with WI State Statutes (Clerk) Roll**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve was passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #2025-2017

B. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 840 (2025-2008) Short-Term Rentals, Ashland City Ordinances to be Consistent in Language with WI State Statutes (Clerk) Roll**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve was passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #2025-2018

- C. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 165 Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Ashland City Ordinances to Include Paramedic Intercept Flat Fees (Fire/EMS Department)** Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Sztynдор to approve was passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #2025-2019

- D. **Consider a Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing through the State of Wisconsin Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) for the SFY2026 Prentice Avenue Phase 2 Water Main Replacement Project (Public Works)** Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve was passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #17837

- E. **Consider a Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing through the State of Wisconsin Safe Drinking Water Loan Program for SFY2026 Chapple Avenue Water Main Replacement Project (Public Works)** Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Goyke to approve was passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #17838

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consider Approval of License Applications for the Sale of Alcohol Beverages including New Officers/Agents, Arcade and Game, Pawn Broker, Recycling and Salvage Operation, and Mobile Home Parks (Clerk)** Voice

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- B. **Consideration of Change Order No. 1 to Ritola, Inc for the 2025 Lead Service Lateral Replacement (Public Works)** Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the change order for the amount of \$157,052.05, was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- C. **Consideration to Accept Bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC and Award a Contract for the 2025 Roadway Chip Sealing Project (Public Works)** Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the bid for \$56,683.20 including contingency, was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- D. **Accept a Bid Proposal from Northwoods Paving Company for 2025 Roadway Maintenance: City Heights Road (Public Works)** Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the bid in the amount of \$63,640.76 including contingency, was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- E. **Consideration to Approve Prime Contract Change Order #001 (PCOs 1-9) from Howard Immel Inc. for the Vaughn Library Renovation Project (Library)**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Goyke to approve the change orders for the amount of \$617,319.00, was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk