

Tuesday, July 8, 2025



MEETING MINUTES

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – 6:00 PM Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, July 8, 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: Shawn Brede, Peter Levi, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор

ABSENT: Kevin Seefeldt (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Parks and Recreation Director Catlyn Nowicki. and other interested citizens

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion by Gregoire, seconded by Goyke to approve the agenda, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **June 24, 2025 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

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

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens who requested to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

The Mayor attended the Northwest Regional Planning Committee meeting in Hayward on June 25, 2025. He also attended a roundtable discussion regarding mental health issues recently. He

offered to Council the opportunity to ride along with property maintenance, public works crew and police officers. The Fourth of July festivities was well attended throughout the community.

B. Appointments

A motion by Gregoire, seconded by Szyndor to approve the reappointment of Tom Buzzi to the Board of Zoning Appeals, term to expire in July 2028, passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kucera introduced the newly hired Parks and Recreation Director, Catlyn Nowicki, who began with the City on June 30, 2025. Planter barrels have been placed along Main Street. There are plans for doing additional native and perennial plantings in the tree wells yet this year. Wisconsin State Statutes were changed shortly after the introduction of the EV charging stations owned the City, making them no longer available for use to customers beyond the City's fleet. He attended the Wisconsin City Managers' Association conference in Sturgeon Bay at the end of June. The City will be hosting a meeting in the Fall of 2025 with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, along with the City of Superior, to present and discuss brownfield area revitalization. The Administrator and Mayor will both be meeting with Northland College staff in the upcoming week.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Accept a Boreal Waters Scholarship Grant for Paramedic Tuition Assistance** (*Fire Department*)
- B. **Planning and Development Permit and Property Maintenance Reports**
- C. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Approve a Development Agreement between the City of Ashland and Vision, Inc. for Development of the Former Roffers Site** (*Planning and Development*) Roll
A motion by Ortman, seconded by Levi to approve passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. **Consider a Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing through the State of Wisconsin Clean Water Loan Program (CWLP) for the FY2026 Turner Road Lift Station Improvements Project** (*Public Works*) Roll

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

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9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk