

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. **Roll Call**

The Tuesday, July 29, 2025 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 6:58 PM.

PRESENT: Shawn Brede, Peter Levi, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynodor

ABSENT: Kevin Seefeldt (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, Parks Director Catlyn Nowicki, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion by Gregoire, seconded by Brede to amend the agenda by moving Item 4D to the beginning of the discussion items. The amended agenda passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman did not offer a report.

4. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

D. **Allow the Ashland Fire Department to Submit a Grant Application for Bayfield County 2025 EMS Staffing Grant (*Fire Department*)**

Matthias introduced the item and answered questions from Council. Ortman moved, seconded by Sztynodor to approve submitting the grant applicaiton. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A. **Vacant Housing Ordinance Draft for Review and Discussion (*Administrator*)**

Kucera introduced the item and answered questions from Council. Council asked for changes and to bring the item back to the Committee of the Whole for another review.

B. **Continued Discussion Regarding Property Maintenance: Consistency in Issuing Letters and Citations (*Councilor Sztynodor*)**

Sztynodor introduced the item and discussed solutions with Wiley and Council.

C. **Proposal to Utilize CampSpot Registration Software for Campsite Reservations for the City of Ashland Campgrounds (*Parks & Recreation*)**

Nowicki introduced the item and answered questions from Council. Sztynдор moved, seconded by Gregoire to forward the item to the Council agenda for formal approval. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Downtown Facade Upgrade Program (*Administration*)

Kucera introduced the item to Council and reviewed the draft RFP. A motion made by Goyke, seconded by Sztynдор to forward the item to the Council agenda for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

F. Consideration of Dissolving the Ashland Ore Dock Trust (*Mayor*)

Mac Kenzie introduced the item and answered questions from Council. He agreed to bring this item back to the Committee of the Whole after discussing more with the City's attorney.

5. Items for Future Discussion

Goyke requested an update on the EV charging stations.

Sztynдор passed along the compliments she had been hearing on the improvements along the waterfront.

Mac Kenzie noted the news of the passing of one of the City's homeless persons.

6. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk