

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

The Tuesday, August 12, 2025 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 6:35 PM.

1. **Roll Call**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Utility Supervisor Brian Ledin, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion by Gregoire, seconded by Sztynдор to approve, passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman did not offer a report.

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

A. **Amendment to the 2024 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Internal Service Funds Budgets Per Wis. State Statute 65.90(5)(a) (*Finance*)**

Vaillancourt offered a presentation and answered questions from Council. A motion by Goyke, seconded by Sztynдор to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. **Wastewater Utility Rates (*Public Works*)**

Butler and Ledin introduced the item and discussed questions from Council. No formal action was taken at this time.

C. **Continued Review of Vacant Housing Ordinance Draft (*Administrator*)**

Kucera offered and explained handouts describing potential fees and exemptions. After suggestions, Council agreed to view this item once more at the next Committee of the Whole meeting before moving to the Council agenda.

D. **Dissolution of the Housing Committee by Repealing Resolution No. 17112, Passed July 29, 2014 (*Mayor*)**

Mac Kenzie explained the reason for potentially dissolving the Housing Committee. A motion by Gregoire, seconded by Sztynдор to forward the item to the Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Restructuring Public Works/Utility Administrative Manager Position (*Public Works*)

Butler introduced the item and answered questions from Council. A motion by Goyke, seconded by Sztynodor to forward the item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Items for Future Discussion

Sztynodor asked to continue discussion about a municipal court and a tourism commission.
Levi asked to research the impact the college's closing has on the City's future revenue.

6. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk