

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, August 12, 2025 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie at 6:00 p.m.

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

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, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Treasurer Jacey Dean, Parks and Rec Director Catlyn Nowicki, Officer Larry Koivisto, Utility Supervisor Brian Ledin, and other interested citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion by Goyke, seconded by Gregoire to approve the agenda as presented, passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **July 29, 2025 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Sztynдор and seconded by Goyke 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:

Beth Gehred, Citizen of Ashland, invited Councilors to an upcoming event at Pearson Plaza on September 1, 2025, and expressed her concern of the surge of funds going to the Department of Homeland Security.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

The recent Dock of the Bay festival was a successful event. He invited citizens and business owners to make an appointment for conversation during "Coffee with the Mayor" on Wednesdays between 9:30 am and 11:30 am to talk about their concerns. Mac Kenzie took a local photographer to the bell tower to photograph the lake and area.

B. **Appointments**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Sztynodor to approve the Mayor's re/appointments to the Ore Dock Trust, passed unanimously by voice vote. Ed Monroe, Dawn Rivard, Kerri Trubachik, and Jean Ronning will each be serving another two-year term.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kucera expressed his appreciation to staff who assisted with the successful Dock of the Bay festival. He and Public Works Director John Butler attended a Beautification Council pot luck event. The City continues with downtown improvements including the flower planters and planting in the tree wells. Plans for next summer include removing red brick sections in the downtown sidewalks and planting annuals.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Request for Proposals (RFP) for Downtown Facade Upgrade Program** *(Administration)*

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

C. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

Goyke moved, Ortman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which included a request for proposals (RFP) for the Downtown Facade Upgrade Program, Planning and Development permit and property maintenance reports, and miscellaneous minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Approve an Agreement between RezPlot dba CampSpot and the City of Ashland for Campsite Reservation Software for the Kreher RV Park and Prentice Park Campgrounds** *(Parks & Recreation)* Roll

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk