

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, September 16, 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**

Roll call was taken, a Moment of Silence was held, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztzyndor

ABSENT: Shawn Brede, Peter Levi (Both Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Max Lindsey, Public Works Director John Butler, Parks Director Catlyn Nowicki, Officer Larry Koivisto, and other interested citizens.

The Mayor noted there was a quorum of the City Council present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **August 26, 2025 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Seefeldt 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:

Barbara Borges, camper at Kreher RV Park, requested that action be taken by the City regarding another camper's dog that attacked her dog last year, and another dog this year.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

Mac Kenzie read a proclamation naming September National Preparedness Month, and another naming September 9, 2025 as C.G. Bretting Manufacturing Co. Inc. Day. He noted that Tyler Wickman, City Attorney, was hosting a gathering for a group of high school students from Spain. There are rumors of the City purchasing the Northland College ball fields and other property, which are not true.

B. **Appointments**

A motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Carlie Ortman to approve the Mayor's recommended appointments which include Rachel Mysilvy for the Sustainability Committee, term to expire in September 2027; Edward Calhan, reappointed to the Public Works Committee, term to expire in September 2030, and Rachel Mysilvy to the Parks and Recreation Committee as the Community Garden representative. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kucera noted that he spoke with Ms. Borges earlier in the day regarding her concerns about the dog who attacked her dog in the Kreher RV Park, and will follow up accordingly. He offered a construction update stating that this has been a very successful year for the City. The Library is anticipating a completion date of December 19, 2025 which is ahead of schedule. Demolition began today on the vacated home on 2nd Avenue East, now owned by the City.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

B. **August Permitting and Property Maintenance Reports** (*Planning*)

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Goyke to accept the Consent Agenda, passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Approve a Consulting Contract between the City of Ashland and CIVILIS Consultants to Perform a Feasibility Study for Reuse of Northland College Campus** (*Administration*) Roll

A motion made by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the contract, passed 4-1 by roll call vote; Gregoire opposed.

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- B. **Accept Grant Funding from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for Improvements of Interpretative and Informational Signage along the Waterfront Trails** (*Parks & Rec, Public Works*) Roll

A motion made by Seefeldt and seconded by Goyke to accept the grant funding, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consider an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 544 (1026) Vehicular Stopping and Parking, Ashland City Ordinances, to Remove a Designated Reserved Parking Place** (*Clerk*) Roll

A motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Sztynodor to approve the ordinance passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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- 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 Replacement Sewer Jetter Truck Purchase** (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Sztynodor to approve the resolution passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk