

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – 6:00 PM**  
**Ashland City Hall Council Chambers**

The Tuesday, October 28, 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, and Nancy Sztynдор

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Fire Chief Stuart Matthias, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman requested financial information to begin working on a strategy to help the City keep up with inflation.

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

A. **Paramedic Training Tuition Reimbursement for Ashland Fire Department Staff (*Fire/EMS*)**

Matthias introduced the item and answered questions from Council. A motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Sztynдор to forward this item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. **Apply for Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Idle Sites Grant of up to \$250,000 for the Redevelopment of the Former Roffers Construction site, Parcel No. 201-00356-0000. (*Planning and Development*)**

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

C. **Submit Applications for Streets Grants: State of Wisconsin DOT Surface Transportation Program and Local Road Improvement Program for Future Road Improvement Projects (*Public Works*)**

Butler introduced the item and answered questions from Council. There was no action requested at this time.

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

**E. Proposed City of Ashland Property and Commercial Insurance Renewal Quotes (Clerk)**

Oliphant introduced the item and answered questions from Council. A motion by Sztynдор, seconded by Gregoire to forward this item to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

**F. Proposed 2026 Fee Schedule Changes (Clerk)**

Oliphant discussed the item with Council and answered questions. A motion by Gregoire, seconded by Sztynдор to forward a final proposed fee schedule to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

**G. 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar (Clerk)**

Oliphant introduced the item and took recommendations from Council. A motion by Gregoire, seconded by Seefeldt to forward a final proposed 2026 meeting calendar to Council for formal approval, passed unanimously by voice vote.

**5. Items for Future Discussion**

Levi offered he would reach out to citizens regarding ICE presence and the City's stand on the subject.

**6. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,  
City Clerk