

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

The Tuesday, January 13, 2026 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 6:50 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Parks & Recreation Director Catlyn Nowicki, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman welcomed all back and thanked those who were in attendance.

4. **Items for Discussion and Possible Action**

A. **Naming of the Former Baron Radiator Site as a City of Ashland as Miskwaa Park (*Parks & Recreation*)**

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

B. **Draft Resolution for an Application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Vibrant Spaces Program to Benefit 112 Main Street West, Ashland (*Planning and Development*)**

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

5. **Items for Future Discussion**

Mac Kenzie: He intends to bring the Hydrocorp issue for discussion when the City receives direction from DSPS as to next steps.

Seefeldt: Questions regarding the City's new water intake to benefit Enbridge; concerns about a potential incoming data center.

Goyke: Requested an update regarding Northland College. Mac Kenzie offered there is no update available at this time.

Ortman: Concerned of the citizen's comments regarding a property seizure.

6. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk