



MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, March 10, 2026 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: Shawn Brede, Peter Levi, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор

ABSENT: Kevin Seefeldt (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Engineer Niles Fetter, Events Coordinator Jennifer Fanucci, Firefighter John Swanson, Officer Justin Cegler, Deputy Clerk Chianne Schweitzer-Monahan, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **February 24, 2026 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 (Each Speaker is limited to 3 minutes/15 minute limit total)

There were no Citizens who requested to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

The Mayor, Administrator, Economic Director, and Planning Director attended a ground breaking event at the Vision Inc development site.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Update from Events Director Jennifer Fanucci

Fanucci offered a report of the recent Book Across the Bay event, and shared upcoming and new events planned for the year.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Minutes

B. Planning Dept Reports of Permits & Property Maintenance

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider a Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$2,740,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A (*Finance*) Roll

Gregoire moved, seconded by Goyke to begin conversation of the item. Josh Low of Ehlers offered a presentation to Council regarding variables involved with the potential promissory note. A motion by Ortman, seconded by Mac Kenzie to postpone the item to the next Council meeting, passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Consider a Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$2,825,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes Series 2026B (*Administration*) Roll

Low reviewed the item with Council. A motion by Ortman, seconded by Sztynдор to approve the resolution, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

File #17870

C. Accept a Bid from Jake's Excavating & Landscaping, LLC and Award a Contract for the 2026 Prentice Phase II Watermain Replacement Project (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Goyke to approve the bid and contract for \$299,954.00, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Accept a Proposal for City of Ashland Kreher Park Boat Launch Contract Administration and Construction Observation Services from SmithGroup for the 2026 Kreher Park Boat Launch Project (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Sztynдор to approve the proposal for \$248,900.00, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve to Appropriate \$119,308 from the General Fund, and \$38,100 from Special Revenue-Breakwall Maintenance Fund for Construction Contingency the 2026 Kreher Park Boat Launch Project (*Public Works*) Roll

A motion by Sztynдор, seconded by Ortman to approve to appropriate funds in the amount of \$157,408.00, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consider Increasing the Downtown Facade Grant Award for Applicant Tim Pavlish, 417B Main Street West, Ashland from \$11,517.45 to \$16,043.07 (Administration)** Roll
A motion by Ortman, seconded by Goyke to approve passed 5-0 by roll call vote; Levi abstained.
- B. **Enter into an Updated Professional Services Agreement between the City of Ashland and EPLEX, LLC (DBA E-Plan Exam, LLC) as the Delegated Agent with the Wisconsin DSPS for Plan Review Services (Planning & Development)** Roll
A motion by Ortman, seconded by Sztynдор to approve passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- C. **Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 165 (2021-1945) Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Ashland City Ordinances, to Update Fees Associated with Plan Review Services (Planning & Development)** Roll
A motion by Ortman, seconded by Sztynдор to approve the ordinance, passed unanimously by roll call vote.
File #2031

10. CLOSED SESSION - Council may reconvene in Open Session to take action on any item discussed during Closed Session.

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Gregoire to enter Closed Session, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- A. **Pursuant to WI Stat. 19.85(1)((e): Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (IAFF Local 875-AFD Union Agreement)**
- B. **Return to Open Session**
Charlie moved, seconded by Gregoire to return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. **Report of Action Taken during Closed Session**
Mac Kenzie reported no action was taken during closed session. While in open session, motion by Nancy Sztynдор, seconded by Charlie Ortman to approve the agreement, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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The CITY of
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Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk