

## ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, May 12, 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**

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

**PRESENT:** Kevin Seefeldt, Shawn Brede, Peter Levi, Andrew Goyke, Paul Vig, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynodor (6:05)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Parks Director Catlyn Cornelius, Utility Engineer Madison Krzciok, Officer Jeremy Pagac, and other interested citizens.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mac Kenzie requested to remove Item 8E due to the bid coming in lower than expected. A motion by Ortman, seconded by Levi to approve the amended agenda, passed unanimously by voice vote.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **April 21, 2026 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the minutes, passed 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:

*David Seigler, 700 Chapple Avenue, spoke in favor of amending Chapters 888 and 889.*

*Greg Trush, 716 6th Avenue West, supports the amendment of Chapters 888 and 889.*

*Summer Olsen, 1201 Prentice Avenue #3, spoke in response to the City's actions of removing belongings from homeless encampments.*

### 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Presentation by Millie Rounsville, Executive Director of Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency**

Executive Director Millie Rounsville offered a presentation to update Council on the progress of the transitional housing apartment complex.

B. **Announcements**

Council and department heads attended a Council Retreat on May 7, 2026. The splashpad well is now in place. The Ashland Farmer's Market begins their season this coming weekend, along with the Folk Fest happening on May 16 2026 at the Bohemian Hall. Mac Kenzie did proclamations to raise awareness of Poppy Month and Williams Syndrome. City stakeholders attended a meeting to discuss the future of the Northland College properties. The Mayor also offered an update regarding the City's EV charging stations, and pointed out that road construction season has begun.

## 6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Members from America in Bloom will be visiting Ashland in July to do an assessment and assist the City's beautification plans, and a committee meeting led by Parks Director Cornelius will take place next week. Work on the downtown sidewalks will begin in another week or two. Kucera and Butler attended a phone meeting with a recruiter regarding the Public Works Director position.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

B. **April 2026 Permitting and Property Maintenance Reports**

A motion by Goyke, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the Consent Agenda, passed unanimously by voice vote.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Ordinance to Amend Chapter 888 (2022-1962) Transient Vendors, Transient and Permanent Merchants, and Door to Door Solicitors, Ashland City Ordinances (Clerk) Roll**

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

**File #2026-2037**

B. **Ordinance to Amend Chapter 889 (2022-1963) Mobile Food Establishments, Concessions and Food Vendors, Ashland City Ordinances (Clerk) Roll**

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

**File #2026-2038**

- C. **Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Chapter 601 (1017) Municipal Parking Lots, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Clerk)* Roll  
A motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Ortman to approve the ordinance, passed unanimously by roll call vote.  
**File #2026-2035**
- D. **Accept Quote from EcoNorth and Award a Contract for Invasive Species Removal in the Bay City Creek Area** *(Public Works)* Roll  
A motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Sztynodor to approve to award the contract for \$89,806.50, passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- E. **Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Ashland and MSA Professional Services for an Invasive Species Management Plant and Additional Environmental Services** *(Public Works)* Roll  
*Removed from the agenda.*

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Contract Agreement between the City of Ashland and Hydro Klean, LLC for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising Project** *(Public Works)* Roll  
A motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Goyke to approve the agreement for \$60,557.82, passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. **Introduction of Resolution to Discontinue Undeveloped Right-of-Way Located at that Portion of 21st Avenue East Adjacent to Parcel Nos. 201-03768-0000 and 201-03717-0000, and Undeveloped Right-of-Way Adjacent to Parcel Nos. 201-03717-0000 and 201-05077-0200.** *(Planning and Development)* Roll.  
A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to forward the item to the Plan Commission, passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- C. **Alcohol Beverage License Application from Rhinelander Café and Pub Inc. dba Breakwater Restaurant at 1808 Lake Shore Drive East, and Agent Rebecca Day, for the Sale of Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class B Intoxicating Liquor** *(Clerk)* Voice  
A motion by Ortman, seconded by Sztynodor to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- D. **Alcohol Beverage License Application from Rhythm and Rye LLC dba Rhythm + Rye and Agent Nicole Larson, for the Sale of Class B Fermented Malt Beverages and Class B Intoxicating Liquor at 705 Main Street West, Ashland** *(Clerk)* Voice  
A motion by Sztynodor, seconded by Ortman to approve with a change of agent, passed unanimously by voice vote.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,  
City Clerk

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, May 12, 2026  
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

