

## ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, May 26, 2026 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt MacKenzie at 6:00 p.m.

A. **Roll Call, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

**PRESENT:** Kevin Seefeldt, Shawn Brede, Peter Levi, Andrew Goyke, Paul Vig, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор (7:03)

**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, Treasurer Jacey Dean, Police Chief Brandon Marten, Public Works Administrative Manager David Garrington, and other interested citizens.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion by Goyke, seconded by Vig to approve the agenda as presented, passed 6-0 by voice vote.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **May 12, 2026 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve, passed 6-0 by voice vote.

### 4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Clerk read the Rules for Citizen Participation, and the following offered their comments to the Council:

*Zygmund Jablonski, 916 6th Avenue West, spoke to the proposed contract with Hydro Corp.*

### 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

Mac Kenzie asked all to remember the reason for the past Memorial Day holiday. He mentioned that summer has begun along with construction projects in the area. He asked everyone to be aware of the increased traffic and activity, and be wary of woodticks and heat exposure while enjoying the outdoors.

## 6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kucera offered a thank you to the public works crew who quickly hung the flower baskets throughout Main Street before the Memorial Day weekend.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING

### A. **Public Hearing on Facilities Plan for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades (Public Works)**

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Seefeldt to enter into Public Hearing was approved 6-0 by roll call vote. Council heard from Jeremiah Wendt of Short Elliott Hendrickson regarding the proposed plan. Zygmund Jablonski requested to speak during the public hearing. There were no comments received prior to the meeting. Hearing no further comments, Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to close the public hearing. This motion was approved 6-0 by voice vote.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### A. **Approve Facility Plan for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades (Public Works) Roll**

A motion by Levi, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the proposed plan, passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

### B. **Award Bid for 2026 Crushed Aggregate Contract to Jake's Excavating & Landscaping LLC (Public Works) Roll**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the bid for \$27,300, passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

### C. **Agreement for Professional Services from Long Island Engineering, LLC for the 2026 13th Avenue East CDBG Street & Utility Improvements Project Construction Services (Public Works) Roll**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Brede to approve the agreement for \$40,500, passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

### D. **Contract with Hydro Corp for Cross Connection Services (Public Works/Utility) Roll**

Goyke moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the contract for \$43,036.12. During discussion, Brede moved, seconded by Ortman to allow Jablonski to address Council, which passed 5-1 by voice vote; Goyke opposed. The motion on the table passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

### E. **Accept 2026 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fire Fighter Protection Grant Award Payment (Fire Department) Voice**

A motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Goyke to approve, passed 6-0 by voice vote.

F. **Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 35 (1467) Economic Development - Revolving Loan Fund Advisory Board, Ashland City Ordinances** *(Clerk)* Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Vig to approve the ordinance, passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

**File #2026-2039**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Resolution to Issue a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Allow a Wireless Telecommunication Facility at 2704 County Hwy A, Parcel No. 201-04595-0100, Zoned Future Development District (FD). Applicant: Karl Gerber of Buell Consulting on behalf of City Switch** *(Planning and Development)* Roll

Ortman motioned, seconded by Brede to approve the resolution. Sztynдор joined virtually during the discussion. A motion by Ortman, seconded by Brede to allow Scott Buell of Buell Consulting, who applied for the CUP on behalf of City Switch, to speak, which passed unanimously by voice vote. The motion on the table passed 3-2-2 by roll call vote; Seefeldt and Goyke opposed; Levi and Sztynдор abstained.

**File #17877**

B. **Resolution to Combine Wards and Establish the Polling Places for the August 11, 2026 Partisan Primary Election, and the November 3, 2026 General Election** *(Clerk)* Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Goyke to approve the resolution, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**File #17876**

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,  
City Clerk