

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, July 14, 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, Paul Vig, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор

ABSENT: Andrew Goyke (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Director of Public Works John Butler, Director of Planning and Zoning Steven Wiley, Officer Jeremy Pagac, Deputy Clerk Chianne Schweitzer and other interested citizens.

The Mayor noted a quorum of the Common Council was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **June 30, 2026 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

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

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens who requested to address the Council.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Announcements**

The Mayor mentioned the City celebrated the 4th of July with fireworks, the fire run, the farmer's market, and the parade downtown. The Ashland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Bay Days this weekend beginning Friday, July 17. There is a Concert in the Park on July 23. There is a blood drive scheduled for July 23 at the Ashland High School from 10am-4pm. UW-Extension has a couple of upcoming meetings on the topic of data centers scheduled for July 27 from 6-8pm and July 28 from 1:30-3:30pm at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. The Dock of the Bay Fest is coming up on August 1st. August 11th will be the August Partisan Primary Election and absentee ballots are still being issued with in-person absentee voting scheduled to begin at City Hall on July 28. There have been signed letters sent out regarding lemonade stands throughout the City and the requirement of those lemonade stands to take place on private property rather than public property.

B. **Appointments**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jackie Rupnik to the Beautification Council, passed 6-0 by voice vote. Rupnik's appointment will expire in July 2029.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The City Administrator provided an update on the recruitment of the Public Works Director position. Councilor Levi asked about an interim plan while the position is being recruited. The plan is for the City Administrator to meet with division heads regularly to ensure that Public Works projects continue to run smoothly. The downtown flowers and trees look great, and the City Administrator appreciates the staff that have contributed to taking care of them. There appears to be more activity downtown this year, loosely compared to last summer.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Miscellaneous Minutes**

A motion to approve the miscellaneous minutes on the consent agenda by Ortman, seconded by Szyndor to approve, passed 6-0 by voice vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$177,190 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto, and Approval of Related Financial Assistance to Benefit Turner Road Lift Station Upgrades (Public Works) Roll**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve, passed 6-0 by roll call vote.
File #17885

B. **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$371,886 Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect to, and Approval of Related Financial Assistance Agreement to Benefit the Chapple Avenue and Prentice Avenue Reconstruction-Watermain Projects (Public Works) Roll**

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Sztynodor to approve, passed 6-0 by roll call vote.
File #17886

- C. **Authorization to Perform Professional Engineering Services between Cedar Corporation and the City of Ashland for Curb Ramp Design for the 2027 3rd Street West Mill & Overlay Project** *(Public Works)* Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the contract for \$52,225, passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

- D. **Authorization to Perform Professional Engineering Services between Cedar Corporation and the City of Ashland for Curb Ramp Design for the 2027 Beaser Avenue Mill & Overlay Project** *(Public Works)* Roll

A motion by Ortman, seconded by Brede to approve the contract for \$36,100, passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

- E. **Ordinance Creating Chapter 508 (2026-2044) Operation of Golf Carts** *(Police Department)* Roll

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

File #2026-2044

- F. **Ordinance to Amend Chapter 889 (2022-1963) Mobile Food Establishments, Concessions And Food Vendors to Align with Wisconsin State Statutes** *(Clerk)* Roll

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

File #2026-2043

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Alcohol Beverage license Application for Class B Fermented Malt Beverages and Class C Wine for The Boathouse Cafe LLC dba The Boathouse Cafe at 620 Lake Shore Drive East, Agent Tony Eng** *(Clerk)* Voice

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Ortman and seconded by Levi to adjourn was passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chianne Schweitzer,
Deputy Clerk