

## ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Tuesday, July 28, 2026 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt MacKenzie at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Shawn Brede, Peter Levi, Paul Vig, Charlie Ortman (call-in), Nancy Sztynдор, Andrew Goyke

**ABSENT:** Kevin Seefeldt (Excused)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, Deputy Clerk Chianne Schweitzer, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Director of Public Works John Butler, Director of Planning and Zoning Steven Wiley, Lieutenant Cory Chard, and other interested citizens.

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

Charlie Ortman was present via telephone. Due to technical difficulties he was muted from 6:00pm until 6:21pm. He voluntarily reconfirmed his voice votes at 6:21pm when he was able to rejoin the meeting.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. **July 14, 2026 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Sztynдор and seconded by Levi to approve the minutes, passed 6-0 by voice vote.

### 4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

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

*Mollie Osness, 1820 6th Street West*, requested the City consider a plan for the regular maintenance and mowing of the parcel of land located adjacent to the east of Bayview Park on Highway 2.

*Zygmund Jablonski Jr., 916 6th Avenue West*, expressed concerns regarding Tuesday, July 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole agenda item 4D.

## **5. MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Announcements**

The Mayor mentioned the completion of the Prentice Avenue Phase II construction and the road being reopened. The Splash Pad well is still being worked on. Beginning the week of August 3, Public Works will be picking up brush that was a result of the July 17 storm. Residents should put their brush near the boulevard to be picked up. The Kreher Park Boat Launch is still underway. 3rd Street and Beaser Avenue are undergoing sidewalk ramps in compliance of ADA regulations. The 13th Avenue East Reconstruction is still underway. A water meter and section of pipe was stolen from one of the bulk water fill stations was stolen recently. The water was left running after the meter was removed resulting in approximately 1,000 gallons of water were lost, estimating roughly \$6,500 in value. In-person Absentee Voting has begun in preparation for the August 11 Election. Due to the election, there will be no City Council or Committee of the Whole meeting on August 11. Since the last meeting, the area suffered from smokey skies and low air quality due to the wildfires to the Northwest of the City. America in Bloom is visiting the City today and tomorrow.

### **B. Appointments**

A motion by Goyke, seconded by Sztynдор to approve the Mayor's appointments of Joyce Goglin to the Beautification Council and Paula Anich to the Municipal Library Board, passed 6-0 by voice vote: Goglin's appointment will expire February 2027 and Anich's appointment will expire October of 2028.

## **6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor postponed the Administrator's report until his arrival later in the meeting due to an appointment. The City Administrator arrived at 6:30pm. The City Administrator shared that America in Bloom representatives are visiting the City for tours followed by an evaluation of the City's efforts of preservation and beautification.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Permitting and Property Maintenance Reports for June 2026 (Planning and Development)**

### **B. Miscellaneous Minutes**

Goyke moved, seconded by Sztynдор approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Ordinance to Create Chapter 850 (2026-2045) Registration and Maintenance of Vacant Properties, Ashland City Ordinances** (*Planning & Development*) Roll

A motion by Levi, seconded by Goyke to approve, passed 6-0 by roll vote.

**FILE #2026-2045**

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## 9. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Ordinance to Amend Chapter 165 (1952) Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Ashland City Ordinances** (*Clerk*) Roll

A motion by Levi, seconded by Sztynдор to approve the fees assigned in Ordinance 850 (2026-2045) to the Comprehensive Fee Schedule passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

**FILE #2026-2046**

B. **Ordinance to Amend Chapter 781 (1764) City of Ashland "Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)", Ashland City Ordinances, to Define and Permit "Local Farm Products - Sales" as a Permitted Home Occupation** (*Planning & Development*) Roll.

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

**FILE #2026-2043**

C. **Appointment of Agent for Alcohol Beverage License and Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License for Krist Oil Company dba Krist Food Mart #65 at 521 Lake Shore Drive East, Ashland; Agent Kristie Starr-Hoffman** (*Clerk*) Voice

A motion by Goyke, seconded by Vig to approve the change of agent, passed 6-0 by voice vote.

D. **Purchase Safety Equipment**

A motion by Vig, seconded by Sztynдор to approve the purchase of \$87,499 plus 10% contingency for safety equipment for the Police Department passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Sztynдор to adjourn at 6:32pm was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chianne Schweitzer,  
Deputy Clerk

