

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland Community Resource Center on the 6th day of August, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City President James Anderson
City Council Member Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
Assistant City Attorney Dave Bargaen

Others: Suzi Nelson, Ray Elwood, Susan Cerny and Jill Wischmann

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on July 30, 2020. The Mayor and all Council Members received advance notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda as shown by the Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Grauerholz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Mayor Grauerholz noted the Open Meetings Act located on the south wall of the room.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Ray Elwood gave public comment regarding the sidewalk program and governmental overreach. He said he is concerned for people who may not be able to afford the sidewalk repairs.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing regarding the purchase of certain real property at 7:08 p.m. City Administrator Quady said this is to purchase property owned by Helen Strode. She said the Resolution needs to be amended as the property description is wrong. She added Lot 12 needed to be removed. She said this property includes a building that can be used by Public Works for storing lawn mowers. She said the City owns the land around this property. She added that Strode has agreed to the purchase price of \$4,000. Grauerholz said Public Works has a lot of stuff that could be put under a roof to keep it in better condition. Council Member Wischmann commented that the building has a door that will need to be repaired or sided over, a sliding door that faces the railroad tracks and a dirt

floor. Grauerholz recommended installing a more secure locking system. Council Member Anderson noted the shop is very crowded in the winter and putting the mowers in a different place would be a plus. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to remove Lot 'Twelve (12)' from Resolution 2020-10.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve amended Resolution 2020-10 – To Authorize the Purchase of Certain Real Property.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve on third and final reading of Ordinance 1180 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ON SILVER STREET WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

Assistant City Attorney Bargaen read the Title of Ordinance 1180.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve second reading of Ordinance 1181 – Change of the Future Zoning Map.

Assistant City Attorney Bargaen read the title of Ordinance 1181.

City Administrator Quady said this will change the old Black Hill's building from semi-public to general commercial on the Future Land use map.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve second reading of Ordinance 1182 – Change to Zoning Map.

City Administrator Quady said this will change the south half of the No Frills block, the Williams' property and the old Black Hills' building to commercial. She said this does not include the William's house site.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady reviewed photos related to a claim for a damaged tire from Maryanne Hanger. She said the tire was damaged at 16th and Euclid by driving over a storm

drain. She said this has happened one other time and the Council agreed to pay for half of a new tire.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve request for reimbursement by Maryanne Hanger for a damaged tire in the amount of \$98.93.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding the installation of sidewalk across gravel driveways as a requirement of the sidewalk program.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to table consideration of sidewalk placement in driveways.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding development of a new concrete dumpsite. The consensus of the Council is to continue using the current pile location and to allow people to dump clean broken up concrete on the pile.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to approve consent agenda which included approval of the July 16, 2020 City Council meeting minutes; approval of the July 28, 2020 meeting minutes; approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Replacements – Alleys in the amount of \$267.50; for source Water Study in the amount of \$715.00; for Water 2017 Silver Street in the amount of \$1,009.25; for Wellhead Protection Planning in the amount of \$5,355.00; for GIS Water System Update in the amount of \$535.00; and for Public School Expansion in the amount of \$508.75; and approval of Alan Parsons as a member of the Ashland Fire Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to approve the second half of July 2020 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

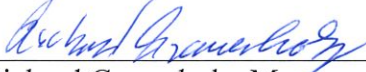
Mayor Grauerholz stated that Windstream has received a grant to provide broadband to Ashland. He said at the Legislature, LB1021, Senator Groene's bill passed the first reading but with five days left in the session it probably won't go any further. He said he has spoken to a few Senators in reference to the proposed dam on the Platte River who have felt that the dam does not have a lot of support in the legislature. He said he has spoken to a couple of people that are interested in the open Council vacancy. He noted that the Fire and Rescue departments will be doing training on confined space rescue.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to enter into executive session to protect the public's interest to discuss potential purchase of property at 8:12 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to leave executive session at 8:36 p.m.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Richard Grauerholz, Mayor


Kathleen Sliva, City Clerk



I, the above signed City Clerk of Ashland, Saunders County, Nebraska hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the proceedings had and done by the Council on August 6, 2020 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty four hours prior to said meeting; that said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten business days or prior to the next convened meeting of said body.