

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 1st day of December, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Acting Mayor/City Council President James Anderson
 City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
 City Council Member Chuck Niemeyer
 City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
 City Administrator Jessica Quady
 City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
 City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Ron Pletcher, Deb Pletcher, Ron Styskal, Marilyn Wright, Jason Anderson, Kirby Anderson, Lucas Craft, Brad Pfeiffer, Jerry Lofberg, Michelle Libal, Caleb Fjone, Suzi Nelson, Bill Krejci, Shane Larsen and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on November 24, 2022. The Acting 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.

Acting Mayor Anderson 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. Anderson noted the Open Meetings Act located on the south wall of the room.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to adopt the regular agenda.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Ron Styskal gave public comment regarding an east-side construction project that was using Dale Street as access to the construction site. He said they were pulling side-dumps up the road and one side dump rattled and banged. He said his son sleeps during the day. He said the road was torn up with wash-boards. He asked for courtesy for people who have to sleep during the day.

Acting Mayor Anderson opened a Public Hearing on Application #22-156 for Conditional Use Permit located at 103 South 14th Street at 7:04 p.m. Zoning Administrator Krejci said the Historic Preservation Committee and Planning Commission reviewed the application and the new sign complies with the City's sign standards. He said the existing sign will be replaced with one with the new company logo. He said the sign on the south end of the building will be removed. With no further comment, Anderson closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Acting Mayor Anderson opened a Public Hearing on Application #22-161 for Conditional Use Permit located at 103 and 111 North 14th Street at 7:05 p.m. Lucas Craft said they will be replacing glass in the windows in the front of the building and trying to make it as original as possible. He said they are going to repaint the doors yellow and paint everything else on the outside recycled glass. He said they have a lot of old pictures of the building. He answered questions of the Council. He said their non-profit organization will use the space. With no further comment, Anderson closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to approve Conditional Use Permit for 103 South 14th Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Crnkovich to approve Conditional Use Permit for 103 and 111 North 14th Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to approve Contractor's Application for Payment from M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc. for 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$35,979.08.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to approve change of Scope of Services for 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements.

City Administrator Quady said this is to add engineering onto the project for two blocks of necessary repairs needed on a section of water line from 6th and Elm south to 7th and Fir. She said there will be a change order in the future from M.E. Collins for the work. She said it is an old 1½" line.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to approve Final Plat – Oxbow Crossing with the condition that the City Engineer will sign the final plat when all public improvement plans have been reviewed and approved and the Final Development Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Acting Mayor Anderson stated the Final Plat - Courtyards at Iron Horse will be considered at the December 15th City Council meeting.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve consent agenda which included approval of the November 17, 2022 City Council meeting minutes; approval of the November 15, 2022

Planning Commission Meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$4,035.00, for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$8,843.70, and for Water Distribution Hydraulic Model in the amount of \$3,617.50.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Crnkovich to approve the second half of November 2022 Claims.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Acting Mayor Anderson thanked the Public Works Department staff for their work in putting up the Christmas decorations.

Acting Mayor Anderson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Council Member Wischmann for his service the last four years.

Acting Mayor Anderson presented Becky Grauerholz a proclamation honoring the late Mayor Richard Grauerholz.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to adjourn sine die at 7:21 p.m.

Acting Mayor Anderson opened the Annual Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

City Attorney Fahleson along with special guests Jason Anderson, Ron Pletcher and Kirby Anderson swore James Anderson in as the City of Ashland's Mayor.

City Attorney Mark Fahleson swore Michelle Libal and Gerald Lofberg in as City of Ashland's Council Members.

Council Member Crnkovich nominated Chuck Niemeyer as President of the Council. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Lofberg to approve Chuck Niemeyer as the President of the Council.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson welcomed the new Council Members. He welcomed his special guests in attendance at the meeting and watching by video. He commented that it is an honor to be Mayor of this community.

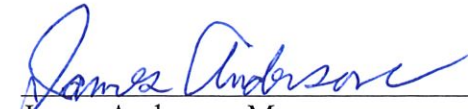
Motion by Crnkovich, second by Niemeyer to approve 2023 Mayoral Appointments.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried


James Anderson, 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 December 1, 2022 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.