

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 15th day of December, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
City President Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Council Member Michelle Libal

Others: Clark Vosler, Caleb Fjone, Mary Roncka, Lowell Krueger, Dan Linke, Suzi Nelson and Bill Krejci

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 8, 2022. 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 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 Lofberg to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Niemeyer to approve Final Plat – Courtyards at Iron Horse with the condition of final review and approval of public infrastructure by the City Engineer.

City Administrator Quady said the developer sent the final plans in on Tuesday. She said the City Engineer Ogden, the City Utility Superintendent and JEO Project Manager Henke all need to finish reviewing the public infrastructure plans. She said they have had a copy of the development agreement and everything is good with that.

Clark Vosler of Five & Five Development reported there was a slight change to the plat on the orientation of Lot 36 to improve grade.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Lofberg to approve Contractor's Application for payment from M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc. for 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$111,566.88.

City Administrator Quady said this invoice is for stored items on the new City shop property and for grading. She said there is one temporary construction easement that needs to be signed.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 8 from General Excavating Company for 2020 Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$29,339.80.

City Administrator Quady said this is payment for part of the retainage. She said this is not their final payment.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Lowell Krueger spoke to the Council regarding his progress on abating the nuisance on his property at 106 South 16th Street. Krueger said he has relocated building materials to the downstairs and installed a main header in the kitchen. He said by the January 19th meeting he will have the kitchen floor installed and the squash blocking addressed. He said he will probably need to apply for another building permit. Building Official Krejci said the floor joists in the kitchen are spliced.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to postpone abatement of nuisance at 106 South 16th Street to January 19, 2023.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson said the administrative reports are available for council review and comment. Reports include the Keno, Public Works Director's, Utility Superintendent's, Police Chief's, Building Official's, Library and AAEDC Reports. AAEDC Executive Director Fjone said the Creative District grant will be done tomorrow and will be sent to the Nebraska Arts Council next week. He said he attended the Tri-State Creative District meeting for Ashland as the Nebraska representative. Mary Roncka said they are writing a grant for the Towers or History.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of the December 1, 2022 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Niemeyer to approve the first half of December 2022 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve the November 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson complimented the Public Works department for their work putting up the downtown decorations. He said they showed off nicely for Hometown Christmas which was a great, well attended event.


Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and negotiations at 7:29 p.m.


Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to leave executive session at 7:59 p.m.

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Niemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 15, 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.