

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 15, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 15th day of February, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
Council Member Michelle Libal
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
Assistant City Attorney Sarah Meier

Absent: City Council Member Jerry Lofberg

Others: Jen Haschenburger, Trevor Haschenburger, Carol Clough, Dan Linke, Steve Pfeiffer, Ron Styskal

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on February 9, 2024. 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 Libal, second by Niemeyer to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson opened Public Hearings on Firework License applications for Ka-Boomer's Enterprises, Inc. at 2242 Silver Street, ROC Youth Center at 198 Highway 6, and 1517 Midwest LLC at 115 South 10th Street at 7:01 p.m. With no comments, Mayor Anderson closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve Resolution 2024-1 – Enter into Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Creation of a Mutual Finance Organization.

City Administrator Quady said this is an annual agreement for a MFO with other villages and cities in Saunders County that will bring in about \$23,000 for the fire department through the Legislature.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Crnkovich to approve second reading of Ordinance 1231 – Amend No Parking Regulations.

Assistant City Attorney Meier read the Title of Ordinance 1231.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Jen Haschenburger of Breadeaux Pizza, located at 1425 Silver Street, spoke to the Council regarding pick up only parking between 14th and 15th Streets on Silver Street. She stated there are currently two handicap spots and two 10-minute parking spots leaving 33 unaccounted spots to supply 19 downtown businesses. She said they get complaints from customers that the 10-minute parking spots are full and there is no other parking available except a block and a half away. She said she purchased two ‘pick up only’ signs for all to utilize. She said they were out for two weeks before receiving an email saying this was not allowed. She said she is asking the Council to allow her to continue using the signs that she purchased for the use of all downtown business pickup needs. Discussion followed. Council Member Crnkovich said these are public parking and private entities cannot be allowed to dictate public parking, he would like the Chamber to bring forward a plan, and this is a good problem to have because of the vibrant downtown. Haschenburger suggested additional signage options for the parking lots to increase use of those lots. Steve Pfeiffer, Ashland Auto Supply, said they put out signs on Fridays after lunch and on Saturdays. City Administrator Quady said she sent the email to Breadeaux because of resident complaints. Council Member Libal said she thinks the signs are a good idea. Council Member Niemeyer said he can see expanding City signage for pick up only parking. Mayor Anderson suggested the Chamber come up with a plan for the Council to consider and implement.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve Firework Licenses for Ka-Boomer’s Enterprises, Inc. at 2242 Silver Street, ROC Youth Center at 198 Highway 6, and 1517 Midwest LLC at 115 South 10th Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Crnkovich to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign maintenance agreement for 2024 with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Snow Removal.

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.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of the February 1, 2024 Council meeting minutes, approval of the January 25, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes, approval of the December 2023 and January 2024 Treasurer's Reports and approval of Jake Palensky as a member of the Ashland Rescue Squad.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

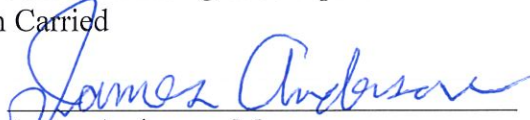
Motion by Libal, second by Crnkovich to approve the first half of February 2024 Claims.


Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson reported Assistant City Attorney Meier will be moving as she has taken a new position out of the state.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 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 February 15, 2024 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.