

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 16th day of February, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
City President Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Michelle Libal
City Administrator Jessica Quady

Absent: City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Ron Styskal, Suzi Nelson and Caleb Fjone

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on February 9, 2023. 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 Libal to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson opened Public Hearings on Application for Licenses to Sell Fireworks by Hometown Fireworks Inc. at 103 South 22nd Street, Ka-Boomer's Enterprises, Inc. at 2242 Silver Street, and ROC Youth Center at 198 U.S. Highway 6 at 7:02 p.m. City Administrator Quady stated that all of these companies have sold fireworks in Ashland for a number of years and that the City has not had problems with them. With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the Public Hearings at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve applications for license to sell fireworks by Hometown Fireworks Inc. at 103 South 22nd Street, Ka-Boomer's Enterprises, Inc. at 2242 Silver Street, and ROC Youth Center at 198 U.S. Highway 6.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to authorize the Mayor to sign firework stand license agreement with 1517 Midwest, LLC contingent upon obtaining a license to sell fireworks from the City of Ashland.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve contractor's application for payment from M.E. Collins Contracting, Inc. for 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$33,833.63.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to postpone abatement of nuisance at 106 South 16th Street to March 2, 2023.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to set date for hearing to determine existence of public nuisance regarding property at 1642 Boyd Street on March 2, 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.

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of the February 2, 2023 City Council meeting minutes and approval of the January 2023 Treasurer's Report.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve the first half of February 2023 Claims.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Mayor Anderson gave the Mayor's Report. He reported on the upcoming conference that he and other City officials would be attending.

Mayor Anderson asked AAEDC Director, Caleb Fjone to announce the award of a \$250,000 grant for the Creative District.

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All

Motion Carried


James Anderson, Mayor


Jessica Quady, Deputy City Clerk



I, the above signed Deputy 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 16, 2023 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.