

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 6, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 6th day of February, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz  
City Council Member James Anderson  
City Council Member Matt Meyer  
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
Assistant City Attorney Sheila Bentzen

Absent: City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Others: Susan Cerny, Suzi Nelson, Janece Molhoff, Chuck Niemeyer, Justin McWilliams and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on January 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 that is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Susan Cerny addressed the council regarding the previous junkyard site at the Highway 6 and 66 intersection. She noted that she has been communicating with a professor of landscape architecture at UNL who may have some interest in having his students do some work at this site.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing for new Class C Liquor License for RNK Kennedy LLC dba KC's Eastside Saloon at 649 Highway 6 at 7:08 p.m.

City Administrator Quady stated that KC's Eastside Saloon has changed hands and the new owner has applied for their liquor license. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve second reading of Ordinance 1173 – Modification of Zoning Ordinance.

Assistant City Attorney Bentzen read the Title of Ordinance 1173.

Assistant City Attorney Bentzen noted that City Attorney Fahleson did change a portion of the language from the first reading. Mayor Grauerholz expressed some concerns about neighbors being confused about their right to shoot if they do not live in the TA district. Grauerholz also mentioned that the police would need to be informed or that could cause a problem.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Meyer to recommend approval of the new Class C Liquor License to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for RNK Kennedy LLC dba KC's Eastside Saloon.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Meyer, second by Wischmann to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for grant for project Ashland-Securing Clean Water for the Future.

Quady stated that this was a grant that was received for an expanded wellhead protection plan and would include funds to help surrounding citizens to abandon old wells. Quady also noted that the LPSNRD has agreed to contribute to this project.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO for Ashland Wellhead Protection Plan.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Wischmann addressed the council regarding the need to slow traffic down on Clay Street. Quady stated that Police Chief Baudler did sit on Clay for an hour one morning and noted that the large majority of drivers were either under the speed limit or within 5 miles of the speed limit. Wischmann stated he believes that the City should install two additional stop signs on 20<sup>th</sup> and Clay Streets, creating a four-way stop and switch the stop signs on 18<sup>th</sup> and Clay, to stop the flow of traffic on Clay instead of 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Quady noted this would need to be done by a resolution at a future meeting.

Quady informed the Council that during annexation, a couple of residents that live on 30<sup>th</sup> had inquired about a slower speed limit on 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Meyer stated that he sees many kids playing on 30<sup>th</sup> Street and that he feels the speed limit should be lowered.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the January 16, 2020 City Council meeting minutes; approval of the Mayoral Appointment of Chuck Niemeyer as Ward 1 City Council member, approval of Mayoral Appointment of William Krejci as Zoning Administrator and Building Official, approval and certification of volunteer emergency responders: Michael Meyer, Bradley Dill, Julletta Meyer, Chad Yochum, Mathew Meyer, Caleb Alcorn, Tylor Kennedy, Chad Hart, Dalton Smith, Logan Smith, Shaun Washburn, Adam Peterson, Josh Wade, Jennie Blodgett, Stan Smith, Michelle West, Renae Hart, Heather Kennedy and Tiffany Alcorn; approval of Heather Kennedy as the 2020 rescue volunteer certification administrator and Julletta Meyer as the 2020 fire certification administrator; approval of Alexander Smith and Skylar Pehrson as members of the Ashland Fire Department; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for general engineering in the amount of \$860, for Source Water Study in the amount of \$268.75 and for Water Dawes Street 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$387.50.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Assistant City Attorney Bentzen swore Chuck Niemeyer in as Ward 1 City Council member.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Meyer to approve the second half of January 2020 Claims.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Meyer, second by Wischmann to elect Anderson to City Council President.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported on an upcoming meeting with the school and a conversation he has had with a member of the Rural Fire District regarding the need for an updated agreement between the City and the District. Grauerholz also reminded the Council members that the League conference is coming up at the end of the month. He also informed everyone that the recycle bins are continuing to be abused and that Teresa has had to clean up after people who leave items on the ground and put trash in the bins.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to enter into executive session regarding a potential real estate transaction at 7:54 p.m.

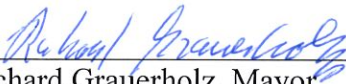
Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to leave executive session at 8:16 p.m.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

  
Richard Grauerholz, 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 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.