

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2017

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 19th day of January, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President Russell DeVries
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Paul Gossin
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Council Member Janece Mollhoff

Others: Lenora Isom, Karen Stille, Mike Krass, Monica Payne and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on January 12, 2017. 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 DeVries, seconded by Anderson to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on a request for a lot split at Lots 7-12, Block 43, Miller and Clark Addition, located at 2235 Adams Street at 7:03 p.m. Zoning Administrator Isom stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the lot split request. She said that Block 43 has a residence on the northeast quadrant with the remainder of the block used as business property. She said the request is to parcel off the northwest quadrant for another residence. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing for a Zoning Change from B-1 General Commercial to R-2 Medium Density Residential at Lots 7-12, Block 43, Miller and Clark

Addition, located at 2235 Adams Street at 7:06 p.m. Zoning Administrator Isom stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval and stated that it will be nice to have another single family residence in city limits. Monica Payne said that she will love being a part of the Ashland community. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1134 – Zoning Amendment from B-1 General Commercial to R-2 Medium Density Residential.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1134.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve lot split at Lots 7-12, Block 43, Miller and Clark Addition, located at 2235 Adams Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, seconded by DeVries to approve awarding bid for 2016 Water Main Improvements to Van Kirk Bros. Contracting in the amount of \$104,150.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady presented the proposed One and Six Year Road Plan which will officially come before the board in February with a public hearing. She said that nothing has changed from last year with the Silver Street Bridge in the One Year Plan and paving of gravel roads in town in the Six Year Plan. She said that this plan does not include sidewalks.

Motion by Gossin, seconded by Anderson to postpone authorizing the Mayor to sign a transport agreement with Cass County Emergency Management.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady spoke to the Council regarding the placement of handrails in downtown. She presented a drawing of a proposed handrail along with a bid for two in the amount of \$875. Discussion was held regarding the design and placement of the handrails. She said that the Public Works employees will install the handrails. Karen Stille of Midwest Physical Therapy said that the hand rail could be a straight up post with a loop placed at the edge of the curb for people to pull themselves up onto the curb. The Council requested a new design that would not hang over into the parking area. Quady said she would have a mock up of the handrail available for the Council to see.

City Administrator Quady spoke to the Council regarding the nuisance property at 601 South 8th Street. She said the certified letter that she sent informing the owner, Richene Perkins, regarding the property was returned and that she has sent an additional non-certified letter. Council Member Anderson said that he will talk to and deliver the letter to

Perkins regarding the property. Quady said that she has two bids for demolition. Anderson requested that additional bids for demolition be obtained.

Motion by Gossin, seconded by Anderson to postpone consideration of nuisance property at 601 South 8th Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, seconded by DeVries to send blight study to Planning Commission for recommendation.

City Administrator Quady stated that this is a formality and that the Council will get the Blight Study back for consideration after the Planning Commission makes its recommendation at their February meeting. She said JEO Consulting Group completed the draft of the study; the last study was done in 2007; and the Whitetail Run plat has changed since then. She said there will be commercial property along Highway 66. Discussion was held regarding access to the highway and the possibility of round-a-bouts. Discussion continued regarding the development, TIF procedures and annexation.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the December 2016 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed the Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by DeVries to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of item #3, which included approval of the January 5, 2017 City Council meeting minutes and Ricky West as members of the Ashland Rescue Squad

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve the first half of January 2017 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve December 2016 Treasurer's Report.

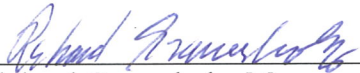
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Mayor Grauerholz gave the Mayor's report. He stated the compost pile is being ground into mulch and a meeting on the monument sign design will be held on Monday.

Council Member Gossin reported that the needs assessment on the ball fields has gone out this week.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Richard Grauerholz, 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 January 19, 2017 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.