

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 6, 2022

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 6th day of January, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President James Anderson
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
City Council Member Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Administrator Jessica Quady

Others: Susan Cerny, Tom Danahy, Cindy Danahy, Dan Linke, Paul Carlson, Karen Carlson, Joseph Baudler

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 30, 2021. 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 located on the south wall of the room.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to approve Resolution 2022-1 – Engine Braking Fine.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Crnkovich to amend resolution to fine amounts of \$200 and \$250 if not paid after 5 days.

Police Chief Joe Baudler said when an officer hears the jake braking a citation can be issued. He explained that the State of Nebraska is going to require E-Tickets in the future and until then a sticker will need to be attached to the department's current tickets. He said if the fine is not paid the Police Secretary will follow-up with a letter and if still unpaid, it

can be sent to Court. City Attorney Fahleson said the judge may adjust the fine. Baudler said he thinks very few will go to court. He said engine braking often happens when people pull out in front of a semi. He said he sat up by the corner of Highways 6 and 66 and counted about 100 trucks going through with only three violations. Council Member Niemeyer said he is concerned about the trucks coming down the hill on Highway 66. Baudler said he didn't think the proposed round-a-bout will make a difference. He added new trucks don't have this feature. Council Member Anderson said based on the Chief's comments he would like to leave the fine as is. Baudler said he has been talking to truckers about the engine braking and raising the fines. He said the worst time of year is during harvest season. Niemeyer said he would also like to leave it at \$100 and see how it goes.

Mayor Grauerholz called for a vote on the amendment to Resolution 2022-1.

Roll Call: Ayes: None Nays: All Motion Failed

Mayor Grauerholz said the City owns some emergency vehicles that have this type of brakes.

Mayor Grauerholz call for the vote on Resolution 2022-1 as proposed.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve consent agenda which included approval of the December 16, 2021 City Council meeting minutes and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$9556.25, for Ashland Road Program in the amount of \$3,000.00, for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$8,182.50, for Sanitary Sewer Replacements-Alleys in the amount of \$4,618.75 and for Highway 6 Blight Study in the amount of \$2,875.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to approve the second half of December 2021 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

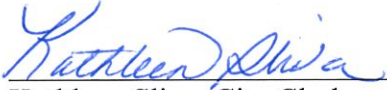
Mayor Grauerholz reported on a meeting with Kelly Bacon with the Nebraska State Historical group in reference to becoming a local certified government. He asked the Council to submit dates for a Council Workshop. He mentioned an article in the Ashland Gazette that said 50 years ago there were 21 permits issued for the year.

Council Member Crnkovich said he would be gone for the next meeting.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to adjourn at 7:20 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 6, 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.