

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 1, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 1st day of June, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: City Council Member Michelle Libal

Others: Dan Linke, Ron Styskal, Lowell Krueger, Richard Hilske, Caleb Fjone, Suzi Nelson, Bill Krejci and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on May 25, 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 Lofberg to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Lofberg to approve second reading of Ordinance 1221 – Open Fire Exceptions.

Assistant City Attorney Meier read the Title of Ordinance 1221.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve second reading of Ordinance 1222 – Annexation of Continuous and Adjacent Land.

Assistant City Attorney Meier read the Title of Ordinance 1222.

City Administrator Quady said Parcel C was removed from the annexation. Assistant City Attorney Meier said that LB727 passed in the state legislature today. She said this will affect agriculture or horticulture related land over five acres. She noted this would include Cellar 426 Winery.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve Certificate of Substantial Completion for 2020 Sanitary Sewer Improvement.

City Administrator Quady said this is for the sewer line project through the alleys. She said they have been finished for at least a year but they had to come back to tar joints. She said this is the last piece to be completed and with approval of substantial completion the warranty period will begin.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve Contractor's Application for Payment #9-Final for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$7,732.42.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Lowell Krueger, owner of 106 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the Council regarding this nuisance property. He reviewed pictures showing the progress he made finishing the block foundation wall. He said this summer he will be working on finishing the exterior and on the porch. He added he renewed the building permit this afternoon. He reviewed the work schedule with the Council.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to table consideration of recommendation for abatement of nuisance at 106 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street until the July 6, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Discussion held regarding the abatement of nuisance at 1901 Boyd Street. Pictures of the property were reviewed. No further action was taken by the Council as the nuisance was cleaned up on Clean Up Day.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve consent agenda which included approval of the May 18, 2023 City Council meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$2,480.00 and for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$569.50.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve the second half of May 2023 Claims.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

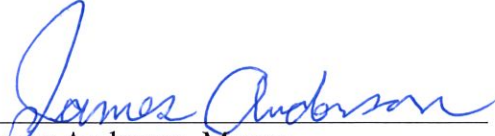
Mayor Anderson reported that the Cemetery Directory Kiosk is now installed.

Ashland Area Economic Development Director Fjone asked to the Council to share the Civic Center Survey.

City Administrator Quady said the water pooling on 30<sup>th</sup> Street was not caused by a grade change with the new construction. She said in the past there was a large ditch along the road and she is having the engineer look at it. She reported construction on the roundabout on Highways 6 & 66 will begin in about two weeks and the intersection will be open during construction. She said she is working on signage for the underpass and on staffing for the pool. She said the work is continuing for the Iron Horse development annexation. She noted there are two kiosks with maps for the bike trail.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to adjourn at 7:36 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 June 1, 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.