

# ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 2019

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 20th day of June, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz  
City Council President Paul Gossin  
City Council Member James Anderson  
City Council Member Matt Meyer  
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva  
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Suzi Nelson, Mike Lesley, James Garman, Jerry Otto, Shirley Niemeyer,  
Tim Murman and Dale Simon

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on June 20, 2019. 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 Gossin to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

James Garman Sr. of 1909 Boyd Street addressed the Council regarding his property that has been declared a nuisance. He reported on vehicle problems that have prevented him from taking loads from the property. He said he wished the Council would give him another extension as he doesn't want to pay someone else to do it. Mayor Grauerholz asked Garman if he recalled a conversation they had in March when Garman said he would get it cleaned up and not let it get back into this condition. Garman said yes but since March he has had nothing but bad luck. He said that he has been ticketed by the police department for blocking the alley and for the nuisance. Council Member Anderson said the Council has

been working with Garman on cleaning up his property for 5 years. He said Garman cannot do this kind of activity in a residential neighborhood and if he wants to do this, he needs to find a place that is properly zoned. Council Member Wischmann asked Garman if he would like an extension for one month. Jerry Otto said he has offered equipment to Garman to help with the cleanup and he is the mortgage holder on the property. He added that he suggested Garman call a company like All Metals to bring in a dumpster for the metal. He thought it should only take a few days with the equipment to clean it up. Garman said a company in Alvo may bring a dumpster for him. City Administrator Quady reviewed photos of Garman's property she had taken earlier in the day. Garman said he would get it cleaned up and it would stay cleaned up.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to grant an extension of completion date for nuisance property at 1909 Boyd Street to July 18, 2019.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Gossin to postpone consideration of bids for cleaning up nuisance property at 1909 Boyd Street until July 18, 2019 meeting.

City Administrator Quady said she will contact additional companies for bids. She said the companies she has gotten bids from can have the work done in one day.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Mike Lesley addressed the Council about his nuisance property at 2602 Adams Street. He stated he has continued to get work done on the property and they have been to York to look at a modular house. He said they want to make revisions to the house plan they have chosen and they will get with the City's Building Official to review the plan to assure it will meet the City's codes. He shared with the Council how he is disposing of vehicles by storing offsite or by selling. Council member Gossin noted that Lesley is making movement in cleaning up the property. Lesley said the tin shed and canvas storage will go as that is where the house will be placed.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Meyer to grant extension of completion date for nuisance property at 2602 Adams Street until July 18, 2019.

Council Member Gossin asked Lesley to set some targets to be completed by July 18. Lesley agreed to get rid of the tires, the truck cab and the yellow shed and to meet with the Building Official on the house. City Administrator Quady said the number of vehicles is limited to two in the back and side yard and they must be on a hard surface. She said there is no limit in front as long as the vehicles are on pavement or concrete and everything has to be licensed and operable.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to place lien on 408 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street for unpaid mowing bill in the amount of \$140.00.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for Special Designated Licenses for Glacial Till Vineyard and Winery at 1419 Silver Street for July 1 through July 21, 2019.

Tim Murmán of Glacial Till told the Council they are using the SDL's to license the new space as the Fire Marshall has given conditional occupancy while a few things are brought to code. He said once they are brought to code then they will get the regular license.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve Change Order #1, #2 and #3 for the Silver Street Bridge Replacement and Paving Project for a total decrease of \$7,636.00.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve Pay Request #16 and Final from Simon Contractors for the Silver Street Bridge Replacement & Paving Project in the amount of \$153,244.57.

City Administrator Quady mentioned some drainage issues and said a meeting will be set up with JEO Consulting Group and the contractor to look into it further.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding the recycling program. City Administrator Quady explained the increase in rates effective July 1 for the recycling dumpsters and the trash compactor. The consensus of the Council is to continue the recycling program as planned with the trash compactor and a reduction of dumpsters to two for a 90-day trial period.

City Administrator Quady informed the Council about a water line problem on Dawes Street between 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets. She said this is a 2" main with a water flow that has been decreasing in the last three weeks. She said the Utility Superintendent is concerned that the line will become completely blocked and these homes won't have any water. She added that she has obtained an opinion of cost from JEO Consulting Group of \$111,350 including engineering. She said her idea is to go ahead with the engineering on this so that the bid opening can be by October 1. She said it will be an emergency situation if the flow stops completely. She said the line will be a 6" line with approximately 15 taps.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve the engineering costs for the water line replacement on Dawes Street from 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Reviewed the May 2019 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Official's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the June 6, 2019 City Council meeting minutes and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group for the Source Water Study in the amount of \$3,100.00 and for the Water 2017 Silver Street project in the amount of \$447.50.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve the first half of June 2019 Claims.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve May 2019 Treasurer's Reports.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady said the City is to get sales tax for the homes built in the city limits such as those built in Whitetail Estates. Discussion was held on how that is reported and if there is a way to ensure the tax is collected.

Council Member Gossin reminded the Council of the upcoming AAEDC Quarterly Meeting to be held on June 26, 2019 at 7 p.m. He added there have been interviews for the Executive Director position.

Motion by Wischmann, seconded by Gossin to go into executive session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

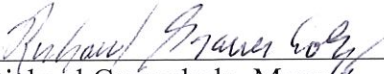
Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Anderson to leave Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 8.46 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 June 20, 2019 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.