

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2018

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 1st day of March, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: City Council President Paul Gossin

Others: Jodi Rinne, Jim Sanders, Amanda Roe, James Garmin Jr., Susan Cerny and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on February 22, 2018. 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, seconded by DeVries to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Jodi Rinne, HSMC Orizon, presented the 2016-2017 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report to the Council. She said she performed the audit as of September 2017 and the City received an unmodified opinion. She said this is the best type of opinion the City could get as everything is presented in accordance with the standards. She said they do a report on internal controls and there were no non-compliance issues. She noted the management and analysis section.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve second reading of Ordinance 1148 – Zoning Change from TA Transitional Agriculture to R-1 Low Density Residential and RE Residential Estates at approximately 18200 262nd Street.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1148.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Mollhoff to approve second reading of Ordinance 1149 – Zoning Change from B-2 Downtown Commercial to PUB Public and Semi-Public at approximately 13th and Ash Streets.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1149.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Proposals for 14th Street Lighting were not considered at this time.

Motion by DeVries, second by Anderson to approve Pay Requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for the Water 2017 Silver Street Project in the amount of \$804.50 and \$2,358.00.

City Administrator Quady reported the work is scheduled to begin the first part of April.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Mollhoff to approve Pay Requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Whitetail Estates Project in the amount of \$12,682.50 and \$16,757.50.

City Administrator Quady reported that JEO had met with the Whitetail Developers and it was decided to put the lift station on the Whitetail side of the highway.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to approve pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Silver Street Bridge Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$7,091.53.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by DeVries to approve placing lien on 104 North 18th Street for unpaid utility bills in the amount of \$539.54.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady asked for direction from the Council regarding the vacation and leasing of streets and alleys at the potential campground. She said they can be vacated and leased back to the campground operator allowing the City to retain ownership. City Attorney Fahleson said the issue of assessment of property taxes if leased is up in the air. Mayor Grauerholz said the major water line that feeds the whole eastside of town needs to be protected to ensure a good, stable water supply now and into the future. He said by retaining ownership this will expedite the City to make corrections on leakage or breakage or allow for the addition of a water line if needed to serve the east side of town. City Administrator Quady said there currently is a 10” water line and an 8” sewer line. Council Member Anderson concurred with the Mayor.

Grauerholz said that the campground is a very good use for this land. Quady said the vacation would require an ordinance with three readings and a lease put together by the City Attorney. Council Member DeVries said that anytime the City maintains ownership of land that the city has something on, problems will be eliminated down the road. Council Member Mollhoff said it makes sense to vacate the property so the campground can be built and to maintain our ownership by leasing it to him. She said there were concerns the Utility Superintendent had regarding grading and fill dirt being put on top of the lines and this should be addressed in the lease. Anderson mentioned a gas line that is in the 13th Street right of way along with four or five valves. Quady said the valves and manholes need to be visible. Grauerholz confirmed that the consensus of the Council is to have the City Administrator and Attorney proceed with negotiations on this. Quady said they will bring the lease and ordinance back to the Council.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the February 15, 2018 City Council meeting minutes; approval of the February 28, 2018 City Council Special Meeting minutes; and approval of the January 25, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Mollhoff to approve the second half of February 2018 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

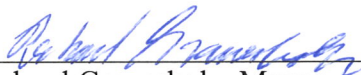
Mayor Grauerholz reported on a meeting with AYBA representatives stating they are gearing up to proceed with the ballfield project. He also reported attendance at the League of Nebraska Municipalities Conference.

City Administrator Quady reported OPPD will be installing pole lights at the two new City parking lots and adding two lights to existing poles by the Buckmaster property in one or two weeks. She said she will check if the lights will be LED. She reported that the NDEQ has a couple of other communities to review before Ashland's Wellhead Protection review.

Mayor Grauerholz said they are looking for input on when to hold Clean-Up Day.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mollhoff to adjourn at 7:38 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 March 1, 2018 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.