

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2019

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 21st day of March, 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 Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Others: Suzi Nelson, Jim Warrelmann, Ashley Larsen and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on March 14, 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

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on the Application for Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Funds at 7:02 p.m. Jim Warrelmann of Southeast Development District (SEND) spoke to the Council about the Trust Fund Grant the City of Ashland has agreed to apply for on behalf of the county. He stated that participating communities will contribute to the program with a 10 percent match. He said they are in the process of taking pre-applications to determine the total amount of the grant. He said all the funding and paperwork will funnel through Ashland. He added SENDD will sign housing management and administrative contracts with Ashland to manage and pay for the program out of grant

funds. He answered questions of the Council. Ashley Larsen stated the communities that have expressed interest in participating are Ceresco, Cedar Bluffs, Wahoo, Prague, and Yutan. She added she has been communicating with Mead about participating. Warrelmann said the pre-application was for \$300,000 but with a budget of \$315,000 the grant application will be for at least \$315,000; and the match would need to be \$31,500. He said the match is contributed up front and the maximum grant is \$500,000. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Lynn Spackman did not appear to speak on parking downtown during snow emergencies.

City Administrator Quady spoke on the writing of a letter to the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the proposed Ashland Viaduct Project. She said she wanted to wait until closer to the deadline in April to send the letter to gather additional information. She distributed a proposed letter. Discussion followed. Council Member Gossin said he would rewrite the letter and include additional comment regarding the traffic light.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter regarding the Viaduct Project to the Nebraska Department of Transportation pending amendments closer to the deadline April.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Silver Street Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$1,638.03.

Discussion was held regarding the recent flood and the bridge performance.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve Pay Request for Thiele Geotech Inc. for Whitetail Estates 1st Addition in the amount of \$868.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to approve placing a lien on 1400 Fairway Circle for unpaid utility bill in the amount of \$446.09.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the February 2019 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Official Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Reviewed Rescue Report.

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the March 7, 2019 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to approve the first half of March 2019 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Meyer, second by Gossin to approve February 2019 Treasurer's Reports.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady stated Clean Up Day will be April 27th 8 a.m. to noon.

Council Member Anderson said the Council should keep in mind extending 17th Avenue north especially for access to Oxbow Assisted Living facility during flooding of North 14th Street. Council Member Meyer said there were two emergency calls during the recent flooding that Ashland could not respond to.

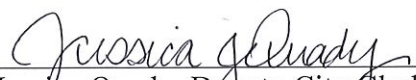
City Administrator Quady said she would check with Steve Mika of the county road department regarding asphalt for the recycling area.

Council Member Meyer thanked the Mayor and city staff for their work during the recent flooding. City Administrator Quady stated her appreciation for the efforts of emergency personnel.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Richard Grauerholz, Mayor


Jessica Quady, Deputy City Clerk



I, the above signed Deputy 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 21, 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.