

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 3, 2016

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 3rd day of November, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President Russell DeVries
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Paul Gossin
City Council Member Janece Mollhoff
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Absent: City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: John Craven

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on October 27, 2016. 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 DeVries, seconded by Gossin to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator stated the document was put together by JEO and has been used in several other communities. She added that the Public Works Director and the Utility Superintendent have given input that has been incorporated. She said there will be a signature page for the homeowner or contractor to sign. Quady answered questions of the Council stating ADA codes will have to be followed, it will cover paving and alleyways, and the permit will have a time span.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to approve Resolution 2016-11 – Establishing Infrastructure Standards & Specifications.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve Resolution 2016-12 – Establishing a Subdivision Review & Fee Schedule pertaining to the adopted Infrastructure Standards & Specifications.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator said this was last updated in 2011. She said this list increased fees for two items and removed others that the City no longer owns. She added that the City typically doesn't do a lot of this work but if done a charge needs to be set for it.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Gossin to approve Resolution 2016-13 – Updating Fees for City Equipment.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to indefinitely postpone consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign contract with Nebraska Total Care.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Anderson to authorize the Mayor to sign maintenance agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads.

City Administrator Quady answered questions of the Council regarding the proposed maintenance agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads. She stated nothing has changed in the agreement from last year and the fee is \$1,720 for snow removal.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding Precision Concrete's proposal to repair city owned sidewalk. City Administrator Quady recommended that the Council approve repairs to the sidewalks at the shop, cemetery, trail, and Carnegie Library in the amount of \$5,631.95. She added that next spring other City owned sidewalks can be evaluated.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to approve sidewalk repair for the shop, cemetery, trail and Carnegie Library to be done by Precision Concrete in the amount of \$5,631.95

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Council Member Gossin gave a brief update regarding planning for the final phase for the Jack Anderson Ballfields. He said that a committee has been formed to work toward

completing the fields. He said they would like to pattern the fundraising similar to that done for the Ashland Community Resource Center. He said they would like to engage Research Associates to complete a Needs Assessment to determine if there are major donors to participate in the project. He asked the Council to approve the needs assessment which would be funded through the parks budget in the amount of \$14,000. He added that if the assessment is positive the City would further contract with them to do an additional City survey and fundraising. Gossin and City Administrator Quady answered questions of the Council about the project. Quady said that if the project moves forward the City would be reimbursed for the Needs Assessment cost through fundraising or possibly from Keno. Gossin said that he has reached out to Landscape Unlimited for a bid estimate for the project.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Gossin to approve the needs assessment by Research Associates for the ballfields in the amount of \$14,000.

Further discussion was held regarding the current ballfields and the proposed project.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to authorize the Mayor to sign contract with TR Construction for parking lots.

City Administrator Quady said that the City Attorney has signed off on the contract. She said that that TR Construction said that they may be able to start and finish the Gaebel lot this fall and that OPPD and ABC Electric will be working on installation of the charging stations. She said permission was given to TR Construction to do additional tree removal.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Anderson to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group Inc. for blight study.

City Administrator Quady said the City Attorney has approved the agreement; this needs to be done prior for TIF financing and would correct some of the other areas of town that was done with the last blight study. She said the City will be reimbursed for this by Ashland Investments. She said the study will include the White Tail Run area outside of City limits, the east side, downtown and the highway commercial area. She said the cost is \$6,000.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady spoke to the Council about the need of a sewer service line for 1328 Euclid Street. She shared a diagram showing how the homeowners would like to

connect to the City sewer main. She said one option would be to install a main along 14th street for this and one other property or another option would be to give a 10 foot easement across City owned property to the north of the house to an existing main. She said if the property next door is built on it could use the easement for a service line as well. She said the house is currently using a septic tank. She said the land where the easement would run is currently used as vacant park land. She said the cost for the project is to be paid by the property owner.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Gossin to approve placement of sewer service line with a 10 foot easement from 1328 Euclid Street to sewer main with the property owner reimbursing the City for legal costs.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding the placement of a new street light near the corner of 14th and Furnas Street. City Administrator Quady will speak to OPPD about the light.

City Administrator Quady informed the Council that the Nebraska Department of Roads swept 14th Street earlier in the day. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the City sweeping the state highway in the future.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Gossin to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the October 20, 2016 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to approve the second half of October 2016 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

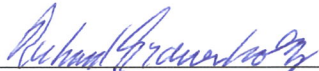
Communications were given. City Administrator Quady said that additional trees were removed near the parking lot at the old Gas n' Shop site and that the contractor will be ready to move on the Gaebel parking lot months earlier than planned.


Quady gave a brief update to the Council on the downtown handicap parking situation. She said they are researching custom handrails.

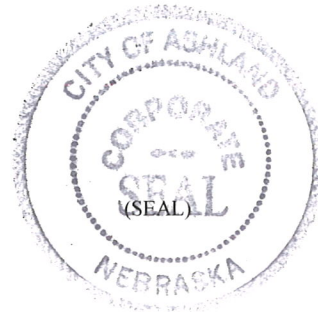
Quady informed the Council that the City of Papillion has declined moving and using the Silver Street Bridge. She said she would reach out to committee if they came up with any other salvage opportunities.

Council Member Anderson stated that when the downtown improvement project was completed, handicap parking on the south side of the street was looked at, but the elevation was not conducive to be put in. He said the Council has tried to work and find a solution. Quady said the City has to meet current ADA codes.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 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 November 3, 2016 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.