

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2023

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 19th day of October, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: City Council President Chuck Niemeyer

Others: Phil Ruhlman, Tim Adams, Ron Styskal, Dan Linke, Susan Cerny, Aiden Washburn, Colton Cerveney and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on October 12, 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 Lofberg, second by Libal to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson opened a Public Hearing for a new Class C Liquor License for MOCR LLC dba Ruhlman's Steakhouse at 603 Highway 6 at 7:02 p.m. Phil Ruhlman said he was the sole owner of MOCR LLC and he is requesting a Class C license for on and off sale of alcohol. He spoke briefly on the progress for the total project and steakhouse. He stated they are planning on opening in April with a total occupancy of 284. He reported that all of the retail space in Oxbow Crossing has been leased. Mayor Anderson commented that this will be an excellent development for the community. With no comment, Mayor Anderson closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for a Class C Liquor License for MOCR LLC dba Ruhlman's Steakhouse at 603 Highway 6.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to approve M.E. Collins Contracting Co. Inc. for 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$74,695.94.

Tim Adams, JEO Consulting Group, updated the Council on the Dennis Dean Road project which is about 25% complete. He recommended approval of the Pay Request.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to approve Form No. 2 – Change of Scope of Services with JEO Consulting Group for 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Tim Adams spoke to the Council regarding Change Order No. 4 for the 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements project. He said the change order option for \$12,385 is for removal of limestone at the lift station site and the addition of water main and steel casing used to cross the Lincoln water main and the extension of contract time for substantial completion to June 15, 2024 and final completion to July 15, 2024. He said the second option is those same items with the addition of over excavation and the addition of top soil adjacent to the Styskal property. He said at this time the engineer is still looking at what will be the best ground cover for the slope. City Administrator Quady said at this time it would be best to approve option one for \$12,385 and to these additional items at a later time.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to approve Change Order #4 for 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$12,385 and to approve the time extension.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson said the administrative reports are available for council review and comment. Reports include the Keno, Public Works Director's, Utility Superintendent's, Police Chief's, Building Official's, Library and AAEDC Reports.

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of the October 5, 2023 Council meeting minutes, approval of the September 28, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes, and approval of the September 2023 and FY 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to approve the first half of October 2023 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

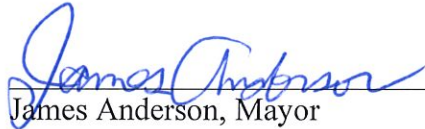
Council Member Jake Crnkovich arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Anderson said he attended a round table session hosted by OPPD on October 9th. He said on October 11th an event with the representatives from Ashland Guard Camp, Texas National Guard, Czech Republic Army and city officials was held. He read two proclamations related to the event.

Mayor Anderson welcomed Ashland-Greenwood Civics students Aiden Washburn and Colton Cervený to the meeting.

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 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 October 19, 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.