

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 5th day of October, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
City Council Member Michelle Libal

Others: Brian Whitehead, Mike Alger, Maxine Alger, Lowell Krueger, Tom Danahy, Cindy Danahy, Dan Linke, Ronald Styskal, Caleb Fjone, Bill Krejci and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on September 28, 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 Niemeyer to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mike Alger, owner of 1526 Ash Street, spoke to the Council regarding the clean-up of his property. He said he has had foot surgery and that is limiting some of the things he can do. He said he had started to clean up the property prior to receiving the nuisance letter. He said he has an inside spot for the car and everything else is on trailers. He said everything in the shop is down to two rows and cars. He added there is one trailer there that won't be in there once the clean-up is finished and he is planning on licensing the box truck once he gets the title. Alger said the Saab under the cover is licensed and insured. Mayor Anderson recommended postponing consideration of Resolution 2023-11 to allow Alger time to license the vehicles. Council Member Niemeyer commented that the property has improved a lot.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to postpone consideration of Resolution 2023-11 until the November 2, 2023 Council meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 1228 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 1 OF THE ASHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1228.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Brian Whitehead appeared before the Council to discuss extending the keno contract for BW's Pub by about 8 years, making it a 10-year contract. He said there is new software that allows mobile betting for about \$20,000 and he doesn't want to spend this amount of money with the current contract. Discussion continued. The Council directed the City Attorney and City Administrator to work with Whitehead on a contract for the Council to consider.

Lowell Krueger, owner of 106 South 16th Street, spoke to the Council regarding his nuisance property. He said he submitted a schedule for the rest of the year. He said he has been working on the porch. Discussion followed.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to table consideration of recommendation for abatement of nuisance at 106 South 16th Street until November 2, 2023.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve consent agenda which included approval of the September 21, 2023 City Council meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$4,647.50, for Water Distribution Hydraulic Model in the amount of \$1,670.00, and for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$2,083.25.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

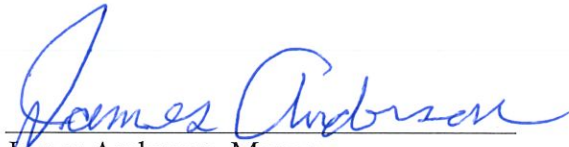
Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve the second half of September 2023 Claims.


Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Caleb Fjone, AAEDC Executive Director, said there will be a partnership meeting with Czech Republic and Texas representatives next week.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Niemeyer to adjourn at 7:30 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 5, 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.