

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 2, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd day of September, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President James Anderson
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
City Council Member Chuck Niemeyer
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Council Member Bruce Wischmann

Others: Susan Cerny, Caleb Fjone, Suzi Nelson, Ron Styskal, Ryan Kennedy, Karen Kennedy, Ashley Welch, Ceylon Herath and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on August 26, 2021. 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 located on the south wall of the room.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to adopt the regular agenda.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Ron Styskal gave public comment about the Beetison House. He provided information from the US Department of Interior and the State Historical Society regarding the house. He said an acre of land goes with the house; if the house is moved, it will no longer be on the historic site list; and he would hate to see the community lose the history that goes with the house. He also commented that trees along the streets on the east side of town need to be trimmed.

Ceylon Herath, a friend of the AAEDC Director Caleb Fjone, introduced herself.

Motion by Anderson, second by Niemeyer to approve second reading of Ordinance 1198 – Adopt the 2021-2022 General Fund and Water Wastewater Budget document.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1198.

City Administrator Quady reminded the Council that the public hearing for the budget must be at a separate meeting. She said the hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. on September 16, 2021.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Ashley Welch spoke to the Council regarding an Open House event for Salt Creek Mercantile on October 1st that will require a Special Designated Liquor License and the closure of N. 15th Street. She said the event is Practically Magic; that there will be a showing of the movie; Glacial Till will set up a wine and cider bar on one side; attendees will be able to use the shop restrooms; and staff will check ID's. She said they will be using hay bales to designate the area. Mayor Grauerholz recommended to the Council that the request be denied due to clean-up issues at a similar event held two years ago. Discussion followed. Council Member Niemeyer commented the panels the Chamber uses for events would be available and he would like to have the event as it can be positive for downtown.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for a Special Designated License for Salt Creek Mercantile Open House on October 1, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Ryan Kennedy and Karen Kennedy spoke to the Council regarding a live band event they are planning for Friday, October 8, 2021 at KC's Eastside Saloon. He said the band would play from 8 p.m. to midnight. Ryan Kennedy said there was a noise complaint the last time the band played. Discussion followed.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for a Special Designated Liquor License for Live Band at KC Eastside Saloon on October 8, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to approve Pay Request #3 from General Excavating for 2020 Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$52,155.99.

City Administrator Quady gave an update on the project. She said they are at least five weeks out for completion; they will be running a camera through the line behind the shop to locate all the taps; and they are doing the project live.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady reviewed photos and gave updates on the Garman and Smith nuisances.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to approve consent agenda which included approval of the August 19, 2021 City Council meeting minutes; approval of the August 19, 2021 Special Workshop meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Replacements-Alleys in the amount of \$2,093.75; for Public School Expansion in the amount of \$1,705.00; for Wellhead Protection Planning in the amount of \$1,375.00; and for Utility Rate Study in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Crnkovich to approve the second half of August 2021 Claims.


Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz gave the Mayors Report. He said in a recent Omaha World Herald article Ashland was listed as the ninth fastest growing community in Nebraska. He said he and Council Member Niemeyer attended a legislative hearing on flood control and recreational uses on the lower Platte into the future.

City Administrator Quady said a tentative date for Fall Clean Up Day has been set for October 23.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 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 September 2, 2021 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.