

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland Community Resource Center on the 3rd day of September, 2020 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 Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Steve Williams, Josh Williams, Kiara Libal and Lane Zimmerman

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on August 27, 2020. 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 Wischmann to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Kiara Libal and Lane Zimmerman introduced themselves. They said they are students at Ashland Greenwood High School and are attending the meeting as a Civics' class assignment.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 1182 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, NEBRASKA, AS PROVIDED IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE; TO AMEND THE CITY'S FUTURE LAND USE MAP; TO AMEND THE CITY'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; TO ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1182.

City Administrator Quady said this affects Steve Williams' property, the No Frills property and the old Black Hill's Energy property. She showed pictures taken earlier in the day of Williams' property, as it had been declared a nuisance, to show how it currently looked. She said they have made a huge amount of progress and Williams' lawyer had said all the vehicles are licensed. Steve Williams stated this is a repair shop, he is working on the tractors and the trailer is used for scrap iron. Josh Williams said the propane tanks were his. Steve Williams confirmed that all the vehicles run and said he is fixing the bus for the school. He stated that he uses the dump truck, he is working on the tractors and he uses one tractor to move snow.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Niemeyer to approve second reading of Ordinance 1183 – Change of Zoning Map Permit #20-101 Lots 1-6 to be zoned R2; Lots 7-12 to be zoned B1 all in Block 43 Miller & Clark Addition to Ashland.
City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1183.

City Administrator Quady said this is for the block east of City Hall. She said part of the block was rezoned residential a couple of years ago using legal descriptions from the County website. She said the descriptions were wrong so this ordinance is to correct the zoning using the right legal descriptions.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve second reading of Ordinance 1184 – Adopt the 2020-2021 General Fund and Water Wastewater Budget Document.
City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1184.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1185 - Amend Section 6 – 318 Unlicensed and Inoperable Vehicles.
City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1185.

Fahleson said he rewrote the entire article and reviewed the ordinance. He noted this is a work in progress and asked for Council feedback. Discussion followed. Fahleson said he would update the ordinance and bring it back for consideration at the next meeting.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to postpone consideration of Ordinance 1185 until the next meeting.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding whether property owners should be required to place sidewalk over gravel driveways as part of the sidewalk program. City Administrator Quady reported on a discussion she had with the representative from the Federal Highway Department. She said the representative said in reviewing the standard it appears a homeowner would have to connect the two existing sidewalks. Wischmann confirmed the recommendation is to complete the sidewalk. Council Member Anderson said it is important to continue on the sidewalk. Niemeyer agreed the sidewalk needs to be continuous. Discussion followed.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to approve requiring property owners to continue sidewalk with 6" concrete over gravel driveways according to City Ordinance.

Council Member Anderson asked about the requirement of sidewalks through gravel alleys. Quady said by ordinance the alleys are supposed to be fixed or paved but this was not addressed in the letters to Phase 1 property owners. She said she has contacted the Federal Highway representative for her recommendation on alleys.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady reviewed photos related to a claim request made by Allen Hightshoe for a tire that was damaged when he hit a storm sewer cover.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to approve reimbursement to Allen Hightshoe for a damaged tire in the amount of half the cost of one tire or \$106.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve consent agenda which included approval of the August 20, 2020 City Council meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Wellhead Protection Planning in the amount of \$4,050.00 and for Public School Expansion in the amount of \$518.75.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

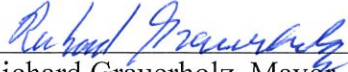
Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve the second half of August 2020 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz said the Council is invited to attend a Flood Recovery Open House on September 25th for the Ashland Guard Camp. He noted that Clean Up Day will be held on September 19th. He said the City will be applying for a grant to pay for used tire collection.

Council Member Niemeyer commented on the need to continue the sidewalk to Highway 6 from the underpass and for a painted crosswalk across Highway 6. Council Member Anderson said the City needs to address the condition of the pedestrian tunnel too.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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 September 3, 2020 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.