

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 5th day of September, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President Paul Gossin
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Mathew Meyer
City Council Member Janece Mollhoff
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
Attorney Anthony Aerts

Others: Hayden Hanna, Hunter Tucker, Hayden Hayes, Michael Smith and Suzi Nelson

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on August 30, 2018. 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 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Mayor Grauerholz noted the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mollhoff to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on the 2018-2019 budget document at 7:04 p.m. City Administrator Quady reviewed the budget document with the Council. She said the assessed property value increased 6.86%. She added since the City no longer collects the Public Safety tax for the Fire Hall Addition, the amount the City is bringing in from taxes is down 0.24%. She said larger budgeted items include the completion of exterior work on City Hall, bunker gear for the Fire Department, a payment on the Rescue squad, reinstallation of the 14th Street decorative lighting, completion of the Silver Street Bridge,

the 9th Avenue paving project, replacement of mechanical equipment at the pool and making a lease payment for ballfield light replacement. She said Water/Sewer budget items includes the completion of the Silver Street water line and, if approved, adding on the alternate bid items and installation of the water/sewer mains for the Whitetail Development. She said the were no major changes in the general revenue budget and an 1.8% increase in water/sewer revenue. She added salaries will increase an average of 3%. Discussion followed and Quady answered questions of the Council. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Gossin, second by Mollhoff to approve Resolution 2018-8 – Resolution Setting the 2018-2019 Property Tax.

City Administrator Quady stated the general ad debt tax levies are staying the same.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 1158 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE GENERAL FUND AND WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND BUDGET STATEMENTS TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND TO AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Attorney Aerts read the Title of Ordinance 1158.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to approve placing a lien for unpaid mowing on 2102 Dawes Street in the amount of \$120.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding the bids for the 14th Street Decorative Lighting. No action taken at this time.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to approve change order for the Silver Street Water Main Project.

City Administrator Quady said the change order incorporates adding the alternate bids that were bid out with the Silver Street Water Main to increase four blocks of water main from 2” to 6”. She said this will greatly improve flow for those people on the main. She said this will change the substantial and final completion dates.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for the Water 2017 Silver Street Project in the amount of \$9,955.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Mollhoff to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for the Whitetail Estates in the amount of \$20,027.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for the Silver Street Bridge Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$18,836.90.

City Administrator Quady said they are still working final design and cost for the bridge embankment proposal.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request from Olsson Associates for 9th Avenue Paving in the amount of \$9,937.98.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to accept the bid submitted by TCW in the amount of \$498,999.25 for 9th Avenue Paving project.

City Administrator Quady reported that JEO did a recommendation letter. She said TCW had only done one job for Ashland in the recent past and there were issues with it. She added they are known for their flat concrete work and their bid is \$150,000 lower than the other bid. She said both JEO and Olsson have had recent projects with them including streets and the references TCW have, have come out fine. She said additional oversight and testing could be done by JEO. Mayor Grauerholz said the company is larger now.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the August 16, 2018 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Mollhoff to approve the second half of August 2018 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Mayor Grauerholz reported the Eagle Scout Project Gaga Pit is being built now. He said the Public Works department is going through the process of hiring an employee. He

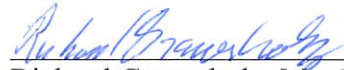
mentioned there will be a fundraising committee meeting for the ballfield in the morning. He said the 30th Street Rehab project by Saunders County is underway.

City Administrator Quady said she would discuss with Utility Superintendent Torpy the status of the Furnas Street water main project.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mollhoff to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Kathleen Sliva, City Clerk


Richard Grauerholz, Mayor



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 5, 2018 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.