

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2019

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 18th day of April, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President Paul Gossin
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Matt Meyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Suzi Nelson, Mike Ware and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on April 11, 2019. 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 that is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on the Application for Firework License for Hometown Fireworks Inc. at 103 South 22nd Street at 7:03 p.m. Mike Ware, owner of Hometown Fireworks, spoke regarding the firework application. He said he is asking for grace as they missed the deadline for the license application and they would like to continue operating a stand in Ashland. He said the same kids will operate the stand. City Administrator Quady stated the City has not had any issues with them. Mayor Grauerholz noted that the Firework Stand Plot Plan did not include distance from existing structures. A new plot plan with this information will be put with the application. Grauerholz said he had contacted the State Fire Marshal's office as a name on the License for Sale of Fireworks

from has the wrong name on it and he was told it is still valid. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance 1165 to at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to recess the Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance 1165 Modify the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ashland Nebraska until the next City Council meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Attorney Fahleson noted that no one appeared to speak.

Public Hearing was recessed at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by Meyer, second by Wischmann to approve Firework License for Hometown Fireworks Inc. at 103 South 22nd Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve awarding bid for Salt Creek Bank Stabilization (Group A) and Drainage Ditch Improvements (Group B) to High Plains Enterprises of Martell, Nebraska.

City Administrator Quady said there were four bids. She said High Plains was significantly lower and they did the dirt work on the bridge for Simon Contracting. She said the NRD has agreed to pay for half of the bank stabilization project and 1/3 of the drainage project with Bob Luebbe paying the remaining third. She said the total cost to the City for these two projects is a little under \$62,000 with a start date of April 30th. She added the date for substantial completion is June 7th. Discussion was held regarding what to do with the excess dirt.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Commission regarding Special Designated License for various dates in May 2019 for Glacial Till Vineyard at 1432 Silver Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Silver Street Bridge Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$1,479.67.

City Administrator Quady reported the walk through for the punch list was completed. Discussion was held regarding the new monument location, the bridge lights and a ribbon cutting ceremony for the bridge.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Salt Creek Bank Stabilization and Drainage Ditch Improvements in the amount of \$4,078.80.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Source Water Study in the amount of \$617.50.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Whitetail Estates in the amount of \$387.50.

City Administrator Quady said they are waiting for the water/sewer contractor, T.J. Osborne, to complete the punch list items including the landscaping. She said she is waiting to hear from the bonding company of TCW to finish the drive paving.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady spoke about the SENDD Owner Occupied Housing Rehab grant program. She said SENDD is hoping we will do a minimum of 16 houses in Saunders County and so far, Ashland, Wahoo, Prague, Ceresco and Yutan have committed to the program. She said SENDD is estimating that the matching for one home will be \$3,150. She said each town will contribute to that and she suggested the City's contribution be \$15,750 or five homes. She said it is not known what any community will get until after the applications come in but the SENDD office did receive eleven pre-applications from Ashland. She said AAEDC has agreed to contribute \$7,500 toward the City's contribution so the City's share will be \$8,250 to be paid out in October.

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve matching funds for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab grant utilizing City funds and AAEDC funds in the amount of \$15,750.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the March 2019 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the April 4, 2019 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve the first half of April 2019 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve March 2019 Treasurer's Reports.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady reminded the Council that Clean Up Day will be April 27th 8 a.m. to noon.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 7:48 p.m.

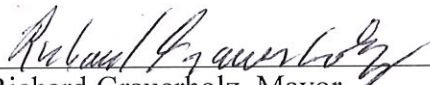
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to leave executive session at 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 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 April 18, 2019 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.