

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 21, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 21st day of April, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz  
City Council President Russell DeVries  
City Council Member James Anderson  
City Council Member Janece Mollhoff  
City Council Member Kyle Vest  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva  
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Ronald Styskal, Angie Goff, Rhonda Biede, Sean Brauckmuller, Tanya Brauckmuller, Linda Styskal, Eric Rosenboom

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on April 14, 2016. 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 DeVries, seconded by Vest to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Special Use Permit for a Domestic Dog Kennel in the R-2 Medium Density Residential District at Lot 10 & W ½ Lot 11, Block 12, Flora City Addition, located at 1718 Clay Street at 7:02 p.m. City Administrator Quady stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit and that this kennel had been approved in the past but that they have moved. She added they have had no issues that the police have responded to. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing to determine existence of a public nuisance regarding property at Lots 1-6, Block 36, Flora City Addition more commonly known as 201 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street including the trailer, vehicle and scrap iron piles at 7:03 p.m. City

Administrator Quady stated that the hearing notice was signed for and that the owner is aware of the public hearing tonight. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

City Attorney Fahleson recommended that the motion for Resolution 2016-5 include an abatement date inserted in the blank. Council Member Mollhoff stated she thought some work may have begun on the property.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Vest to approve Resolution 2016-5 – Declaring the Findings of the City Council regarding property at Lots 1-6, Block 36, Flora City Addition more commonly known as 201 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street with the date of May 18, 2016.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve Special Use Permit for a Domestic Dog Kennel at 1718 Clay Street.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Ron Styskal addressed the Council regarding the upcoming bike race. He said he has continued to get signatures of people who have objections to the race. He said their objective is to have the bike race moved out of the residential area. He said the signers are concerned about the safety factor of the race in the residential neighborhood. He said they have 120 signatures. He read a portion of Municipal Code 6-311. He said there have been complaints about people not being let through the barricades to access their homes. He stated he has spoken with two EMT's who had problems with access when they were called to the area. He added that parking is also a problem. He said that he will take pictures during the race of infractions.

Rhonda Biede addressed the Council stating that she is a tax payer, that she lives along the bike race route, that her grandsons' graduation party and a soccer game will be held on May 14 and that she will be leaving her driveway. She said that last year the race officials placed three bales of hay around there brick mailbox and after the race they did not collect it or trash left in the yard. She said that she wants the race moved out of the residential area. She also said that the only notification that she gets that the race is being held is hearing the loud speaker when the race begins. She also said that the bikes are going a lot faster than the 25 mile speed limit.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Nebraska Omnium Weekend Bike Race to be held on May 14. Community members Ron Styskal, Rhonda Biede, Linda Styskal, Sean Brauckmuller, Tanya Brauckmuller and Angie Goff made comments and asked questions. Topics included homeowner liability, access to homes, barricades and barricade monitoring, race heat warm ups, participant and spectator behavior, and notification to homeowners of race date.

Mayor Grauerholz and Council Members addressed the community members concerns. Discussion continued on providing the race officials, participants and spectators with restrictions and requirements for the race and to put them on notice that these must be followed in order to hold future races in the city. Grauerholz provide a list of these to City Administrator Quady and requested that additional suggestions be sent to her.

No action was taken regarding the Nebraska Omnium Weekend Bike Race.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Anderson to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for the Silver Street Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$3,770.00.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding skateboarding regulations. City Attorney Fahleson said he will draft an ordinance to update the code for the Council's consideration. Angie Goff expressed her willingness to help with the guidelines.

Reviewed the March 2016 Keno report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed the Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Inspector's Report.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the April 7, 2016 City Council meeting minutes, approval of the March 31, 2016 Planning Commission meeting minutes and approval to Deb Zobel and Michelle Libal as members of the Ashland Rescue Squad.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Vest, seconded by DeVries to approve the first half of April 2016 Claims.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

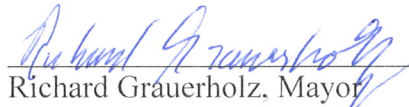
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Vest to approve March 2016 Treasurer's Report.

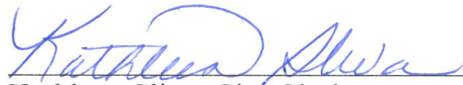
Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Council Member DeVries reported that fundraising is continuing for the splash pad.

Council Member Vest invited the Council to the quarterly Economic Development Corporation event.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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 21, 2016 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.