

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 15, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 15th day of December, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others: Tim Adams

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 8, 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 Mollhoff to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on a Special Use Permit for a Ground Sign in the Transitional Agriculture District at SE SW 34-13-9 located at 552 Ashland Road at 7:02 p.m. Grauerholz stated that this replaces the existing sign. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve Resolution 2016-15 – Declaration of Intent to Incur Indebtedness for Off-Street Parking Facilities.

City Administrator Quady stated that in order to bond out the parking lots, the Council has to approve this Resolution. She said this allows the City to include bills that were

already paid. She noted that a legal will be running in the paper taking bids for off-street parking which is also a requirement for bonding the parking lots.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Gossin to approve Special Use Permit for ground sign in the Transitional Agriculture District at 552 Ashland Road.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Anderson to approve Change Order #1 for Well 2016-1 for an increase on \$11,742.75.

Tim Adams, of JEO Consulting Group Inc. gave an update to the Council on the well project. He said the past elevated arsenic levels have come down by about a third with the additional pumping; the pumping capacity of the well has improved to 450 gallons per minute; and the construction schedule has been adjusted with an August 1, 2017 completion date. He added the construction of the well and the splash pad will be coordinated.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve pay request #2 from Sargent Drilling for Well 2016-1 & Water Supply Improvements in the amount of \$11,903.69.

Tim Adams stated that this is for stored materials and the extra pumping that was included in Change Order #1.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for Professional Services for 2017 Wiggernhorn Park Splashpad.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, seconded by DeVries to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for Professional Services for the Ashland Water 2017 Silver Street Improvements.

Tim Adams answered questions of the Council. City Administrator Quady noted that only the design phase was budgeted for this fiscal year.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Reviewed the November 2016 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed the Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Inspector's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the December 1, 2016 City Council meeting minutes, the November 29, 2016 Planning Commission meeting minutes, approval of Brody Elliott as a member of the Ashland Fire Department and Brody Elliott and Caleb Alcorn as members of the Ashland Rescue Squad.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve the first half of December 2016 Claims.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mollhoff to approve November 2016 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz gave the Mayor's report. He said that he has met with the NRD regarding an erosion area; that Hometown Christmas was a good event; and that he had attended a Rescue Squad meeting. He said that at the meeting Mike Meyer was presented an award for 35 years of service, it was reported that Bob Mason made 121 calls last year and that the Squad has made 321 calls in 2016.

City Administrator Quady reminded the Council of the Ashland Area Economic Development meeting on December 20.

Council Member Mollhoff stated that she had attended the Lower Platte River Consortium regarding development of a drought contingency plan.

City Administrator Quady stated that she will call the electrician to repair the flashing red light at 14<sup>th</sup> and Silver Streets.

Quady said that OPPD is looking at putting a light on an existing pole in the area of 14<sup>th</sup>


and Furnas Street.

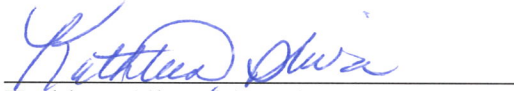
Quady said that a fabricator is still being sought to make the handrails for downtown curbs.

Quady said the charging stations have been installed in the parking lot but are not online for use yet. She said there will be a ribbon cutting for them.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Gossin to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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 December 15, 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.