

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
December 20, 2018

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 20th day of December, 2018 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, Janece Mollhoff, Sam Farmer, Fayth Withrow, Tony Rogers, Logan Kellogg, Harry Wells, Brennen Powers, Jayden Basa, Scott Wischmann, Jill Wischmann, Lenora Isom and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 13, 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 7:00 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 Gossin to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Janece Mollhoff gave public comment thanking the Council, Mayor, City Attorney and City staff for their assistance during her tenure on the Council. She added that she and City Administrator Quady had been talking with OPPD about LED street lights as they will save the City about 25% per year on a \$60,000 street light bill. She said last week the OPPD board voted to start the transition to LED street lights in 2019.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit for Exterior Alterations at W 12' Lot 1 & E 26' Lot 2 Block 31 Flora City Addition, located at 1411 Silver Street at 7:05 p.m. Zoning Administrator Isom spoke for the applicant Bob Luebbe, stating this building is on the south side of Silver Street with brick painted different colors that is chipping and fading that he is wanting to repaint. She said the Historic Preservation Committee requested the application be held over one meeting so she could check on the artistic significance of the painted bricks. She said she talked with the former building owner and found none. Isom reviewed the color choices. She added the Historic Preservation Committee and the Planning Commission both recommend approval of the permit. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve Resolution 2018 – 9 – Adoption of Employee Handbook.

City Attorney Fahleson explained the material changes to the handbook. He said many were updates to comply with changes to law since the last time the handbook was approved. He reviewed changes to paid time off. City Administrator Quady said a social media policy and listing of benefits was added. Fahleson said a bereavement policy was added.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 1160 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND: SUBSECTION C OF SECTIONS 5.07, 5.08, AND 5.09; SECTION 5.11.3e OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, AS PROVIDED IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE; 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 1160.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Sam Farmer, Saunders County Youth Services System, brought several youths to the meeting to apologize to the Council for vandalism in the parks. He said the youth have paid restitution. Each youth addressed the Council with an apology. Mayor Grauerholz asked each youth for a promise to be a positive influence to other kids in the future.

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve Conditional Use Permit for Exterior Alterations at 1411 Silver Street.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve Pay Request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Silver Street Bridge Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$11,730.70.

City Administrator Quady reported on a meeting with the project engineer to update the City on the project and to discuss liquidated damages. She said they opted to wait until the spring to make a decision on damages when grading and seeding is completed. She said the fence company is finishing up and the lighting should be done in the next week or two. She said the project is now over the number of working days by about 28.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve Pay Request from Simon Contractors for Silver Street Bridge Replacement & Paving in the amount of \$219,440.00.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request from Olsson for 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue paving in the amount of \$1,722.54.

City Administrator Quady reported the avenue is scheduled to open on Friday.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Reviewed the November 2018 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Official Report. Zoning Administrator Isom answered questions of the Council.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the December 6, 2018 City Council meeting minutes and the November 29, 2018 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve the first half of December 2018 Claims.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve November 2018 Treasurer's Reports.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported on his attendance at a NRD meeting and the NRD approval of cost sharing for the bank restoration project on Salt Creek. He mentioned the update on the bridge project, road patching around town and a visit with and donation of a picture by Clay Anderson.

Council Member Gossin reported on a meeting with Allo Communications and said there will be a water rate review meeting on Friday.

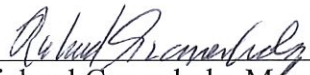
Council Member Anderson asked for a status report on a nuisance.

Discussion was held on topics and dates for Council workshops.

Council Member Wischmann noted citizen complaints about streets closed for repairs on social media. Discussion was held regarding notification to affected property owners.

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

  
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Richard Grauerholz, Mayor

  
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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 20, 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.