

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2018

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 1st day of February, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: City Council President Paul Gossin

Others: Ron Styskal and Amanda Roe

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on January 25, 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 Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on the One Year and Six Year Road and Street Plan at 7:02 p.m. City Administrator Quady stated there were no additional changes on the Plan. Discussion was held regarding the paving of Cooper Road which is owned by the City and County and is not on the plan. Quady said Cooper Road could be added in the future if the City is interested in paving it. Ron Styskal stated he is concerned about the rock that has washed down into storm sewers from Dale Street. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by DeVries, second by Anderson to approve Resolution 2018-1 – One Year and Six Year Street Improvement Program.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Mollhoff to approve Resolution 2018-2 – To Enter into Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization.

Mayor Grauerholz gave background information about the MFO program and answered questions of the Council.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to Approve and Certify Volunteer Emergency Responders Michael Meyer, Brian Whitehead, Bradley Dill, Juletta Meyer, Matthew Meyer, Caleb Alcorn, Tylor Kennedy, Chad Hart, Logan Smith, Dalton Smith, Brandon Gammel, Chad Hart, Heather Kennedy, Melinda Pike, Renae Hart and Tiffany Alcorn.

Mayor Grauerholz shared information about the requirements of the Certification program.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding proposals for installation of decorative lighting along 14th Street. City Administrator Quady said the two bids received were from Precision Electric and WCHE LLC.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to accept the bid from Precision Lighting for the primary bid and alternate bid for two decorative pole lights on the east side of the street and not an additional one at Casey's.

Discussion continued. Council Member Anderson requested additional clarification on the bids to compare them. City Administrator Quady will clarify the bids with the contractors and will discuss with the Public Works Director the painting of the poles, if the poles have outlets at the top and the installation of pavers. Quady will also find out if the price per pole will be cheaper if bought in conjunction with the poles for the new bridge.

Motion by Anderson, second by DeVries to postpone consideration of proposals for 14th Street Lighting until February 15, 2018 Council meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to authorize the Mayor to sign Letter of Agreement for Professional Services on the 9th Avenue Paving Project with Olsson Associates to direct City Administrator to work with Olsson to adjust language relative to cap on damages.

City Attorney Fahleson noted two items Section 6.2.1 and Section 7.14.3.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the January 18, 2018 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by DeVries to approve the second half of January 2017 Claims.

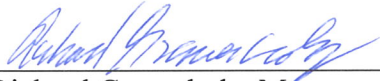
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported on a Social Media Workshop he had attended; on a scheduled meeting with a student to discuss community development; and on registration for the League of Nebraska Municipalities Winter Conference.


City Administrator Quady gave an update on the work on the old water tower by Verizon.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to adjourn at 7:50 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 February 1, 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.