

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 18th day of February, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others: Jerry Froistad

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on February 11, 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

Jerry Froistad, representing the Ashland Historical Society, spoke regarding the need to purchase new lighting for the Carnegie Library. He said that the Society has recently installed UV light blocking shades for the library windows at a cost of about \$2000. He said the Society had an electrician look at the lights and the possibility of putting tubes over the existing lights to block the UV rays. The electrician said that it was not worth fixing the existing lights and he recommended that the lights be replaced with new low wattage lights. He said the electrician estimated that each light would cost \$130 and that 11 or 12 lights will be needed for the project for a total of \$1500 or \$1600. He said the Society is wondering if the City would help with this purchase perhaps by paying for half of the lights. He said the City's electricity bill from the building would be less, the lights would all come on and they would all match. City Administrator Quady suggested that

Froistad bring a proposal back to the Council to be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Firework Licenses for US Sam's Inc. and for Hometown Fireworks Inc. at 7:06 p.m. City Administrator Quady said that both companies have had stands before and that the City has not had issues recently with either of them. City Clerk Sliva reported that US Sam's was approved for an application last year but did not open the stand and it's location has moved from the highway to No Frill's. She said that KaBoomer's did not apply the last two years. With no further public comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

City Administrator Quady reported she has only heard from one of the five neighboring communities she has contacted regarding emergency and fire fees. She suggested the Council postpone consideration of Resolution 2016-1 and 2016-2.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to postpone consideration of Resolution 2016-1 – To Establish and Charge Reasonable Fees for Emergency Medical Service and Resolution 2016-2 – To Establish and Charge Reasonable Fees for Fire Service until the next meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Vest, seconded by Anderson to approve Firework License for US Sam's Inc.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to approve Firework License for Hometown Fireworks Inc.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady recommended that the Council postpone consideration of the decorative lighting on 14th Street. She said that she has spoken to JEO and they are adding this to the plans that are to be submitted to the State. She said JEO contacted Gilmore about doing the project and she has contacted Todd Valley about bidding on the work. She said that neither company has responded yet.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to postpone consideration of decorative lighting on 14th Street until the next meeting.

City Administrator Quady said Gilmore is working on the 14th Street project and Todd Valley does repair on the downtown lights. She said that projects must be formally bid if they are over \$25,000. Quady continued saying that JEO will be recommending only one light on each side of South 14th Street be installed between the alley and Ash Street because of the drives into Innovative Labs and into Casey's. Council Member DeVries

requested a map with the proposed lighting locations be provided when the item is brought back for consideration.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the January 2016 Keno report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report. City Administrator Quady reported that the staff is working on repairing the gravel roads.

Reviewed the Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Inspector's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Vest, seconded by Mollhoff to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the February 4, 2016 City Council meeting minutes and approval of the January 28, 2016 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve the first half of February 2016 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Vest, seconded by DeVries to approve January 2016 Treasurer's Report.

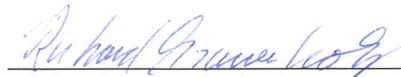
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported that the sewer line running from Sandy Pointe Development is now being installed north of town.

Mayor Grauerholz mentioned the availability of the Legislative Update from the League of Nebraska Municipalities by email. City Administrator Quady will forward the updates to the Council when she receives them.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 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 18, 0216 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.