

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2019

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 19th day of January, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President Paul Gossin
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Council Member Matt Meyer

Others: Suzi Nelson, Karen Stille, John Keith, Troy Johnston, Dave Henke and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on January 10, 2019. 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

Karen Stille, Midwest Physical Therapy, gave public comment regarding the construction issues on main street that are affecting parking. She said nine of twelve spots on her side of the block were taken by construction vehicles and a dumpster. She said she has tried to work with the construction project manager requesting the workers park somewhere else so that spots are open for business customers. She said the two businesses affected most profoundly are her business and the pharmacy. She suggested that further discussion and a policy be put into place and enforced regarding parking during downtown construction

projects. She suggested installation of a sign directing people to the public parking lots. She said they would really appreciate help alleviating the parking problem.

Troy Johnston, Street Superintendent, spoke regarding the City's One- & Six-Year Road Plan. He provided a map of the current Road Plan and gave a brief overview of the Road Program. He noted the City receives \$250,000 to \$260,000 from the State through this program. He reviewed projects that were near completion including the Silver Street Bridge. Discussion followed as Johnston answered questions of the Council. He said a public hearing on the plan will be held at a meeting in February.

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to accept bid from Todd Valley Plumbing-Heating-Electrical for LED Lighting at Booster Tower in the amount of \$3,000.00.

City Administrator Quady said there are issues with lights at the new water tower going out. She said at this time all four lights are out and the poles are tall enough the City workers cannot replace them. She said the Utility Superintendent talked with Todd Valley to see if it is possible to install LED lights up there and to change the 'eye' to a timer.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Silver Street Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$8,107.91.

City Administrator Quady reported the bridge railing ends should be finished in two weeks and OPPD has hooked up the green light poles. Quady answered questions of the Council.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request #3 from TCW Construction, Inc. for 2018 Whitetail Estates 1st Addition, 9th Avenue Paving and Storm Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$120,691.73.

Dave Henke, of JEO Consulting Group, reported there is a small punch list but the road is open.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve pay request from Thiele Geotech Inc. for Whitetail Estates Paving Compaction Testing in the amount of \$1,630.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve authorizing the Mayor to Sign Certificate of Substantial Completion for 2018 Whitetail Estates 1st Addition, 9th Avenue Paving and Storm Sewer Improvements.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request #3 from T.J. Osborn for 2018 Whitetail Estates Off Site Utilities in the amount of \$89,750.00.

Dave Henke, JEO Consulting Group, noted there is a small punch list of items to be completed including testing of the generator and landscaping. He said the lift station was tested and it is working even though there is no flow at this time. He said if someone wants to hook on to water and sewer they could.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Certificate of Substantial Completion for 2018 Whitetail Estates Off Site Utilities.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for sports lighting for Anderson Ball Park Northwest Field.

City Attorney Fahleson said this agreement is for \$18,400. City Administrator Quady said the deadline can be changed but it may affect the bids. She confirmed that the poles will be metal poles. She said the poles were inspected last year and this field's lights needed to be done.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to postpone to the first meeting in February consideration of Future Technology Franchise and Lease Agreements.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the December 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.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the January 3, 2019 City Council meeting minutes and approve of Dalton Smith as a member of the Ashland Rescue Squad.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve the first half of January 2019 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported that a meeting with GIS Workshop will be held tomorrow to discuss a layer for sidewalks to incorporate on to the website. He said he will be attending a Well Head Protection meeting. He said on January 9 a meeting was held with a 9-year old citizen that had ideas for the parks and concerns about damage and vandalism to playground equipment. He said in conjunction with snow removal the Police Department ticketed 22 vehicles parked on the street for over 24 hours.

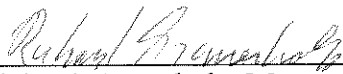
City Administrator Quady reviewed snow emergency, parking and sidewalk regulations.

Mayor Grauerholz reminded the Council of the upcoming Council Workshops.

Discussion was held regarding live feed cameras in the parks.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 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 January 17, 2019 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.