

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

July 2, 2019

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd day of July, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President Paul Gossin
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Mathew Meyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady

Absent: City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Suzi Nelson, Lenora Isom

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on June 27, 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 is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Anderson to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Meyer, second by Wischmann to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Commission regarding Special Designated License for American Legion Post #129 at 16th and Silver Streets on July 20, 2019 for Stir-Up Days from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.

City Administrator Quady spoke stating they will be using Sapp's parking lot, the road will be closed and there will be two bands.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding signage for the new Silver Street bridge. City Administrator Quady reminded the Council that during planning for the bridge, the City had to work with the Nebraska Historical Society because a historic bridge was being replaced. She said part of the requirements for replacing the bridge is to do signage commemorating it. She asked for input from the Council for ideas for the signage. A suggestion was made to contact the school's shop class to see if the class could help with the signage. Quady said photos need to be incorporated. Gossin suggested a brass plaque with a relief of the bridge be used. Mayor Grauerholz suggested adding a bench to the area. Quady said she will contact the Historical Society to see if signage is needed since the bridge trusses are within view at Luebbe's campground.

Motion by Meyer, second by Wischmann to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the June 20, 2019 City Council meeting minutes, approval of Shawn Stone as a member of the Ashland Rescue Squad and approval of Pay Requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$1,552.50, Source Water Study in the amount of \$1,370.00, Water 2017 Silver Street in the amount of \$1,000.00, Sports Lighting for Anderson Ballpark Northwest Softball field in the amount of \$328.75 and Salt Creek Bank Stabilization and Drainage Ditch Improvements in the amount of \$2,818.50

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Meyer to approve the second half of June 2019 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported that in the City newsletter parking regulations were included. He said questions have been raised by citizens about surface requirements for parking vehicles in yards and suggested this ordinance be looked at again for additional surface options.

City Administrator Quady gave an update on the Dawes Street water line project. She said JEO gave an estimate of cost of \$111,000 for the two blocks. She said JEO believes only one block of main needs to be done at this time and the opinion of cost is \$56,000. She said a leak has sprung in one of the service lines so she was going to suggest the Council declare an emergency but after contacting the City Attorney's office she learned the statute wouldn't require an emergency designation. She said JEO will complete the engineering on the project.

Zoning Administrator Isom spoke about waiving fees for sidewalk repairs. She recommended modifying the fee for the permit for replacement of a few panels to no charge. She said if someone is putting in a new sidewalk there would be a fee. Isom suggested updating the square foot cost of projects to determine building permit fee. She said these two things could be done at the same time. She added the State updated the State Building Code in the last session from 2012 to 2018. She said the City has two years to

come into compliance but she would like to start working on this now. She said the City is currently being reviewed for the ISO rating and she would like the code updated for this. She said she will not be in attendance at the July 18 Council meeting. She listed the permit applications that will be on that agenda. City Administrator Quady requested questions be sent to Isom in the next two weeks as the items are not on the agenda. Isom said the new codes have radon requirements and she would like the Council's thoughts on these requirements.

Motion by Wischmann, seconded by Meyer to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried



Richard Grauerholz, Mayor



Jessica Quady, Deputy City Clerk



I, the above signed Deputy 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 July 2, 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.