

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

May 2, 2019

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd day of May, 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 Mathew Meyer

Others: Shirley Niemeyer, Tim Tvrdy, and Heather Kennedy

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on April 25, 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 Anderson, seconded by Gossin to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Shirley Niemeyer gave public comment thanking the Council for the new lighting downtown. She commented the new bridge looks really nice with the lighting and fencing. She encouraged the Council to continue holding Clean-Up Days and suggested letters be sent to property owners that are out of compliance offering a crew to come and help them clean up.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on proposed Ordinance 1165 to Modify the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ashland Nebraska at 7:07 p.m. Zoning Administrator Isom spoke about the maximum height requirements of accessory buildings in Ashland's

various residential zoning districts. She said currently in R-1 the maximum height is 15 feet. She said the Planning Commission proposed a change to 20 feet. Isom asked the Council to modify the ordinance by increasing the maximum height to 25 feet from 20 feet. She said the Planning Commission was concerned about in fill but within the City limits there is no R-1 zoned areas. She said the people on these bigger lots need bigger equipment and bigger storage to get things inside. She said Greystone Estates is zoned R-1. Isom answered questions of the Council. Timothy Tvrdy spoke stating he is building a house and garage in Greystone. He would like to build a taller garage as it will be more usable. He provided pictures of what a building would look like if built to the current and proposed maximum height regulations. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 1165 to Modify the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ashland Nebraska.  
City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1165.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to amend Ordinance 1165 Section 2 modifying the maximum height from 20 feet to 25 feet.

Mayor Grauerholz said that this will give uniformity between the various zoning districts and the buildings will better accommodate the larger vehicles.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

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Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve the Garbage Haulers Licenses for Ashland Disposal and Premier Waste Solutions.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to set the date of Thursday, May 16, 2019 for a hearing to Determine Existence of Public Nuisance regarding property at 1909 Boyd Street.

City Administrator Quady said the hearing and the consideration of a resolution will be on the next agenda, she will provide photos at the hearing, and at this time neither property is cleaned up.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to set date of Thursday, May 16, 2019 for a hearing to Determine Existence of Public Nuisance regarding property at 2602 Adams Street.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding a proposed Ashland Campground Flood Protection Evaluation to be completed by JEO Consulting Group. City Administrator Quady said Bob Luebbe has sent a video of the water going over the north side of Silver Street by the bridge during the flood. She said to have JEO do an in depth look at this would be \$8,500. She said the valvigate could have been shut a day earlier which may or may not have contributed to the water. She said she wouldn't want to put the home to the west of this or at the end of Adams at risk of being flooded to keep a campground out of water. She said if work was to be done, permits would need to be obtained. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

City Administrator Quady said there has been a request from someone in Waverly who would like to park a food truck in the City parking lot at 14<sup>th</sup> and Adams on May 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to sell fish and chips. City Administrator Quady said at this time the City does not have any regulations for food trucks. She said Zoning Administrator Isom obtained Omaha's food truck regulations. Quady asked for the Council's consensus for allowing the use of the lot at this time and then in the future consider regulations. Zoning Administrator Isom said Omaha's requirements include being able to present the permit, vehicle insurance, the Douglas County Health Certificate, and sales tax certificate and she suggested the City require copies of those to have on file if given approval. City Attorney Fahleson said he would work with Isom to develop regulations for Council consideration.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve a temporary Food Truck permit for May 14 to allow use of public property from the hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. subject to any other guidelines as set by City administration.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the April 18, 2019 City Council meeting minutes, approval of the March 28, 2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes, approval of Stan Smith as a member of the Ashland Fire Department and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Water 2017 Silver Street in the amount of \$617.50, Whitetail Estates in the amount of \$1,220.00, Salt Creek Bank Stabilization and Drainage Ditch Improvements in the amount of \$2,752.72, and Sports Lighting for Anderson Ballpark Northwest Softball Field in the amount of \$1,500.00 and \$977.50.

City Administrator Quady made comments on City projects.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve the second half of April 2019 Claims.

Council President Gossin gave an update on the activities of the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation as the annual contribution of \$30,000 was included in the claims.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz commented that Saturday's Clean-Up Day was successful. He said he will be attending an MFO meeting. Changes in State Statutes will be discussed. He said the Ashland-Greenwood Public School Foundation honored Shelia Bentzen as Outstanding Young Alumni. He said she is a former Council Member and sits in the place of the City Attorney when he is gone.

Council Member Anderson requested sidewalk work begin. He asked the City to address the sidewalks to the east of the new bridge and the pedestrian tunnel.

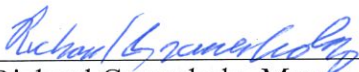
City Administrator Quady updated the Council on a storm sewer manhole repair by the underpass.

City Administrator Quady said she is waiting for Precision Sidewalk Cutting to set a date to begin surveying the sidewalks and gWorks is ready to set up a training session on their program.

Council Member Wischmann asked about the replacement of street panels. City Administrator Quady said there is \$100,000 set aside for streets and sidewalks. Wischmann said he would like to see the City move forward in the next couple of weeks with replacing panels on Silver Street.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wischmann to adjourn at 8:28 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 May 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.