

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 19, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz  
City Council President Paul Gossin  
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

Others: James A. Garman Jr., Ron Styskal, Amanda Roe, Zachary Schmidt, Brian Schmidt, Kay Stinson, James A. Garman Sr., Laura Capp, Lenora Isom and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on April 12, 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 Anderson, second by Mollhoff to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit for Exterior Alterations at W 23' 2.5" Lot 8 Block 24 Flora City Addition, located at 1434 Silver Street, Ashland Nebraska at 7:02 p.m. Laura Capp, owner of Post Script, spoke to the Council regarding her application for a permit to replace the awning with a black, scalloped one, to paint a historical sign directly on to the brick, to place one or two perpendicular signs for pedestrians to see, to repaint the door a peach color and to strip and stain the sashing around the door. Zoning Administrator Isom said the Historic Preservation Committee and Planning Commission recommended approval of the application. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance 1150 – To Modify the Zoning Map of the City of Ashland Nebraska at 7:06 p.m. Zoning Administrator Isom reviewed the current corridor overlay district that was added in 2016. She said this ordinance would extend the corridor overlay to the other entrances in town, Highway 66 coming in from the north and Ashland Road/Furnas Street coming in from the west. She said this was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission as submitted. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1150 – Zoning Ordinance Modifying Zoning Map.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1150.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by DeVries to approve Conditional Use Permit for Exterior Alterations at 1434 Silver Street.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady provided the Council with copies of the current Cemetery Rules. She asked the Council to review them and to give her any suggestions. She said it will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to postpone consideration of policy for pets in the cemetery until the next meeting.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Zachary Schmidt presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Council for approval. He said he would like to build a Gaga Ball Pit in Wigenhorn Park. He said it will be a hexagon ring made out of green treated walls with cedar posts. He said the pit will have sand in the middle for a playing surface and mulch around the outside. He said he would raise the funds for the estimated cost of \$1,100 and he plans to finish the project by the end of summer. Schmidt answered questions of the Council. City Administrator Quady said that Public Works Director Larsen thought the location was good.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve the Gaga Ball Pit as an Eagle Scout Project by Zachary Schmidt.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Interlocal Agreement for Ball Field Use and Maintenance with Saunders County School District 78-0001.

City Administrator Quady said this in an update of the agreement that we currently have in place. She said the biggest changes are the addition of AYBA members as non-voting members to the committee and the school paying 50% of the cost of maintenance on the baseball and softball fields, up from 20%. She said the School Board approved this on Monday night.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Maintenance Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign proposal for material testing with Thiele Geotech.

City Administrator Quady said this is for the concrete and compaction testing during the Silver Street Project.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Mollhoff to approve Pay Request #6 from Simon Contractors for the Silver Street Bridge Replacement and Paving Project in the amount of \$242,533.80.

City Administrator Quady gave a brief update on the bridge decorative lighting and railing bid process.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request from JEO Consulting Group for the Silver Street Bridge Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$11,104.48.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by DeVries to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the Silver Street Bridge Replacement with JEO Consulting Group Inc.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Discussion held regarding recycling area at City Hall. City Administrator Quady said Public Works Director Larsen has a preliminary estimate for concrete of approximately \$5,000, not including labor and an estimate to rock the area at \$300 to \$400. She said vinyl fencing could be done by City staff. She said the County will be re-doing 30<sup>th</sup> Street

later in the year and half of the millings could come to the City and could be used for a base of this area with a layer of rock on top. Council Member Anderson suggested a recycling sign be installed. Discussion was held.

Reviewed the March 2018 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Reviewed Rescue Report.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the April 5, 2018 City Council meeting minutes; approval of the March 29, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting minutes; and approval of Dan Wilson as a member of the Library Board.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to approve the first half of April 2018 Claims.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve March 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported the City employees have taken or will be taking CPR and AED training. He said he will be providing a short report about City activities at the Chamber of Commerce meetings. He reminded Council members about the Ashland Area Economic Development meeting to be held at Carol Joy Holling Camp. He said he will be attending a meeting with the City Administrator and Zoning Administrator on Allo's program for small rural communities. He said Clean-Up Day will be on April 28. He added Public Works will be planting trees with school kids on April 27 and the department is cleaning up downtown. He mentioned that the new playground at 12<sup>th</sup> and Euclid is being installed. He noted the City packet that will be going out with City information including the water quality report.

Building Official Isom gave a building report.

Council Member Anderson said it would be nice to have new flags and flag holders on 14<sup>th</sup> Street for Memorial Day.

Motion by DeVries, second by Gossin to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate transaction at 8:34 p.m.

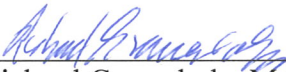
Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to come out of executive session at 8:49 p.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

  
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Richard Grauerholz, Mayor

  
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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 April 19, 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.