

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

April 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 4th day of April, 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: Suzi Nelson and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on March 28, 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

City Administrator Quady reviewed two quotes for a new mower. She said one was a Grasshopper from Laune's and the other is for a Hustler from Ty's in Gretna. She said the Public Works Director prefers the Hustler because of the warranty on the pumps and motor, the lifetime warranty on the deck and the price is a little cheaper. Discussion was held.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve the purchase of a Hustler mower from Ty's Outdoor Power for the amount of \$12,962.67.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Council Member Meyer arrived at 7:12 p.m.

City Administrator Quady shared with the Council issues with the current recycling area. She said she spoke with the owner of Ashland Disposal, Rick Mendoza, and he suggested the City think about using a cardboard compactor. She said she and the Mayor met with Mendoza and his vendor to discuss their compactor proposal. She said they are proposing to bring out a compactor to be placed next to the police garage, remove two of the recycling dumpsters and block off this half of the alley. She added the only thing the City would have to pay for is the electricity to run it and the installation of three-phase electricity. She said Ashland Disposal would get money from the sale of the cardboard which would pay the vendor for the compactor. She said this would cut down on the amount currently paid for the recycling dumpsters.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Gossin to install the cardboard compactor and to close the east side of this alley.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin second by Wischmann to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the March 21, 2019 City Council meeting minutes and approval of Angie Goff as a member of the Planning Commission.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reminded the Council that Clean-Up Day will be April 27. He said the baseball park is getting back into shape after the flood. He said two fields are in playable condition and that two have lighting problems. Discussions was held regarding the concession stand and how it was affected by the flood. He suggested pictures be taken during the first ball games.

Discussion was held regarding the concession stand and the recent flood. City Administrator Quady said water got into the stand via the floor drain and they will have to determine a way to stop this in the future.

Quady reported on on-going construction projects.

Council Member Anderson asked that a drainage tube on the NRD be checked.

City Administrator Quady reported on the status of the ballfield light order. She said the light order has been delayed due to needing shop drawings. She said there is a four to five week production time for the lights and two weeks to put them up. She said the bid allows for the project completed by mid-June. Council Member Gossin asked if a stop gap on the

lights to open the fields up is needed. Quady said due to the flood, an electrical panel for Field A and Field B needs to be replaced. Discussion was held.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to enter into executive session to receive privileged legal advice from the City Attorney at 7:37 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to leave executive session at 8:37 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, seconded by Wischmann to adjourn at 8:37 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 April 4, 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.