

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
August 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 17th day of August, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson  
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer  
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich  
City Council Member Michelle Libal  
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Others: Suzi Nelson, Nolan Welch, Ryan Kennedy, Ron Styskal, Marilyn Wright, Tom Danahy, Cindy Danahy, Travis Hazard, Shirley Niemeyer, Whitney Nelson, Cheyenne Nelson, Kevin Eisenmann, Caleb Fjone, Bill Krejci and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on August 10, 2023. 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 Anderson 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. Anderson noted the Open Meetings Act located on the south wall of the room.

Motion by Libal, second by Crnkovich to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Suzi Nelson, former editor of the Ashland Gazette, for her dedication during 20 years of covering City and community events.

Mayor Anderson opened a Public Hearing on Application #23-010 - Zoning Text Change, Ordinance 1218, Zoning Amendment regarding Accessory and /or Structures in TA, RE, R1, R2, R3, and RT Districts at 7:05 p.m. Zoning Administrator Krejci

stated this issue was taken to the Board of Adjustments last year. He said the Board deemed the ordinance was too ambiguous so legal Council gave direction to correct this by clarifying what can be done for accessory structures. With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Anderson opened a Public Hearing on Application #23-095 for Conditional Use Permit located at 1434 Silver Street at 7:07 p.m. Zoning Administrator Krejci stated the Historical Committee and Planning Commission recommended approval. He said the owner of the building was doing maintenance on the building and changed the color of the soffit and perimeter of the windows to a peach, similar to her sign. With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Motion by Libal, second by Crnkovich to approve Resolution 2023-7 – Surplus Sale.  
Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve second reading of Ordinance 1223 – Vacation Alley Way in Nichols Addition.  
City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1223.

Mayor Anderson reviewed a photo of the affected lots and alley.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve on third and final reading Ordinance 1224 - AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, AS PROVIDED IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE; TO AMEND THE CITY'S OFFICIAL LAND USE MAP; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; TO ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1224.  
Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve second reading of Ordinance 1225 – To Amend No Parking Regulations.  
City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1225.

City Administrator Quady reviewed the streets that would be affected by the 'no parking' changes.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1218 – Zoning Amendment regarding Accessory and/or Structures in TA, RE, R1, R2, R3, and RT Districts.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1218.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1226 – Adopt the 2023-2024 General Fund and Water Wastewater Budget Document.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1226.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1227 – To Establish Speed Limits on Nebraska Highway N-66 and Highway US-6.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1227.

City Administrator Quady reviewed a letter from the Nebraska Department of Transportation setting the speed limit changes. She said this ordinance would approve those changes.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve Application #23-095 for Conditional Use Permit located at 1434 Silver Street.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Libal to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for a Special Designated License for Salt Creek Farm Table LLC for a Harvest Dinner and Movie on 15<sup>th</sup> Street between the alley south to Silver Street on September 23, 2023 (Alternate Date October 7, 2023) from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve 1% Additional Budget Authority.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for a Special Designated License for RNK Kennedy LLC at 649 Highway 6 for live band on September 8, 2023 from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson said the administrative reports are available for council review and comment. Reports include the Keno, Public Works Director's, Utility Superintendent's, Police Chief's, Building Official's, Library and AAEDC Reports.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of the August 3, 2023 Council meeting minutes, approval of the August 10, 2023 and August 16, 2023 Budget Workshop minutes, approval of the July 27, 2023 and August 1, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes, and approval of the July 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Crnkovich to approve the first half of August 2023 Claims.

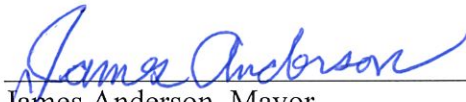
Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson reported that he plans to attend a GOP meeting in Wahoo in which US Senator Ricketts will be in attendance. He said the AAEDC will be holding a meeting that same evening. He said a Saunders County Historical Society exhibit ribbon cutting will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> in Wahoo. Marilyn Wright said Ashland is represented in the exhibit with a picture of former State Senator John Peterson.

AAEDC Executive Director said their meeting is next Thursday.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Roll Call:      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

  
James Anderson, 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 August 17, 2023 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.