

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
August 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 18th day of August, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz  
City Council President Russell DeVries  
City Council Member James Anderson  
City Council Member Janece Mollhoff  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva  
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Paul Gossin, Brad Carlson, Eric Obert, Staci Hubert, Karen Stille, Blake Eisenmann, Bryan Brunson, Peggy Curtis, Richene Perkins, Christy Franks, Martin Blessing, Anita Hollier, and Lenora Isom

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on August 11, 2016. 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 DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz announced his appointment of Paul Gossin as the new Ward 1 Council Member.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to approve mayoral appointment of Paul Gossin as Ward 1 Council Member.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Attorney Fahleson gave the oath of office to new City Council Member Paul Gossin.

Brad Carlson of Jones Insurance presented the Council with the 2016-2017 Renewal Proposal. He noted that the proposal does not include the Workers Compensation premium but that he will provide that as soon as he receives the rates. He said that the City's premium is down about \$5,000 and the Fire Department coverage went up by only \$8. He said that he does not expect a drastic increase in the Workers Compensation Insurance rates as there have not been any claims and the experience mod number is going down. He said it is important to continue promoting safety.

Blake Eisenmann and Bryan Brunson, JEO Consulting Group Inc. interns presented the project plans for the Splash Pad for Ashland and answered questions of the Council.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to suspend the rules to move agenda item G5 to be considered at this time.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Eric Obert of JEO Consulting Group Inc. stated that he had been requested by the Council to make a recommendation for handicap accessible parking in the downtown area. He reminded the Council that a spot at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Silver would require a lot of construction at a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000. He provided plans to the Council for a possible parking spot up the block at 15<sup>th</sup> and Silver that would have a loading area for a van. He said this spot could be painted and posted now with an estimated cost of \$1,000. He added that another option would be to add a ramp with handrail at a cost of \$4,000 to \$6,000. Building Official Isom reminded the Council of an existing spot on South 15<sup>th</sup> Street that could be used as a handicap spot. Staci Hubert of Ashland Pharmacy made the suggestion of adding handrails to assist someone stepping up onto the curb or to do a curb cut in the middle of the block but not designating it as a handicap parking spot. Karen Stille of Midwest Physical Therapy concurred. Obert said if having an ADA compliant parking spot is not the 'driver' that opens up options. He said the curb cut area in the middle of the block could be marked as unparkable. He said that he will look at this again and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Staci Hubert gave public comment showing the Council pictures of the curbs in the downtown area. She showed one of the curbs and brick installed by the State along 14<sup>th</sup> Street. She said these are easily accessible and she would like the curbs to be like this on Silver Street.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on a Special Use Permit for a Domestic Dog Kennel in the R-2 Medium Density Residential District at Lot 7 & 24' Lot 8, Block 16, Miller and Clark Addition, located at 503 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street at 7:48 p.m. Zoning Official Isom stated that the Planning Commission has recommended approval and that there are no concerns with the animals or owners. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on a Special Use Permit for a Domestic Dog Kennel in the R-2 Medium Density Residential District at Lot 4 & E ½ Lot 5, Block 2, Flora City Addition, located at 1533 Furnas Street at 7:49 p.m. Zoning Official Isom stated that the Planning Commission has recommended approval, that there are no concerns with the animals or owners and that license fees are current. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on a Special Use Permit for a Domestic Dog Kennel in the RT Residential Transition District at Lots 8-12 Ex N 60' Lots 9-12, Block 2, Wortman's Addition + N ½ Vac Birch Street, located at 208 South 15th Street at 7:50 p.m. Zoning Official Isom stated that the Planning Commission has recommended approval, there are no concerns with the animals or owners and license fees are up to date. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve second reading of Ordinance 1131 – Adoption of the Revised Future Land Use Map for the City of Ashland.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1131.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to approve second reading of Ordinance 1129 – Adoption of the Revised Zoning Regulations and Zoning Map for the City of Ashland.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1129.

Zoning Official Isom presented a proposed wording change of Section 8.02 C. Parking Requirements. Discussion was held regarding Permeable Interlocking Pavers which could be used for parking in rear and side yards.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve second reading of Ordinance 1130 – Adoption of the Revised Subdivision Regulations for the City of Ashland.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1130.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1132 – 2016-2017 Budget Document.

Council Member Anderson requested consideration of increasing the amount for cemetery stone base repair from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Discussion followed.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Peggy Curtis of 725 Cedar Street addressed the Council regarding a drainage issue on her property. She said that she has lived there since 1975 and she has had the drainage problem just the last two years after a house was moved in at 8<sup>th</sup> and Dale Streets. She provided pictures taken after the August 12th downpour. Discussion was held regarding erosion on the public alley behind her home. City Administrator Quady will have the Building Official and Public Works Director look at the drainage and erosion on the alley. She stated the east side needs to be paved and storm sewers installed. City Attorney Fahleson said no legal action can be taken unless something was done to change the flow of water.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Anderson to suspend the rules to move agenda item G6 to consider nuisance property at 601 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Richene Perkins, owner of 601 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the Council regarding her property. She said that she has not been able to get to the property because of the high temperatures. She said that she has had people interested in purchasing the property and there is furniture and personal items in the house. City Administrator Quady said she has been contacted by two people interested in purchasing the property. Martin Blessing, Perkin's son, said he could be contacted if someone else inquires about the property.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to give owner of nuisance property at 601 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street an extension to September 1, 2016.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve Items G2, G3, and G4 – Special Use Permits for Domestic Dog Kennels.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady spoke to the Council regarding nuisance property at 1909 Boyd Street. She reported that the Police Chief had ticketed the owner and had a truck towed off the property. She said the roof still has not been done. City Attorney Fahleson was directed to draft a letter to warn the property owner that action will be taken against the property if it is not cleaned up and remains that way.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve placing a lien for unpaid mowing bill on 836 Highway 6 in the amount of \$167.06.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to postpone consideration of placing a lien for unpaid mowing bill on 2102 Dawes Street in the amount of \$148.00 until the September 1 Council Meeting.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Anderson to approve placing a lien for unpaid mowing bill on 307 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$180.06.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve 1% additional budget authority.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding the repair of sidewalks throughout the city. Council Member Mollhoff stated that the City should evaluate and repair sidewalks that the City owns and that there should be an evaluation of the remainder to systematically work through the whole city. Discussion was held on repairing sidewalks on a complaint basis. The suggestion was made to include an item about sidewalk repair in the annual City newsletter. Council Member Mollhoff noted that there are two spots on the walking trail that need repair and the orange warning material at corners needs to be replaced.

Reviewed the July 2016 Keno report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed the Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Inspector's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the August 4, 2016 City Council meeting minutes, approval of the August 11, 2016 Budget Workshop and approval of the July 28, 2016 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, seconded by DeVries to approve the first half of August 2016 Claims.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to approve July 2016 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

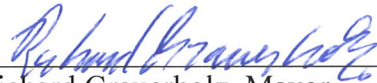
Mayor Grauerholz gave his Mayor's Report. He said that he will be meeting the Nebraska Department of Roads Director in Ashland to show him the community and


some of the City's highway problems and needs. He reminded the Council about the Nebraska League of Municipalities Conference in September in Kearney.

Council Member DeVries reported that there will be an Economic Development Board meeting on Tuesday.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 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 August 18, 2016 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.