

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 3rd day of August, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Michelle Libal
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
Assistant City Attorney Anthony Aerts

Absent: City Council Member Jake Crnkovich

Others: Ronald Styskal, Lowell P. Krueger, Lance Paulsen, Tom Danahy, Cindy Danahy, Deb Pletcher, Caleb Fjone and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on July 27, 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 Niemeyer, second by Libal to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson opened a Public Hearing on Application #23-056 for Public Ways Vacation. Vacation of alley way in Block 13 Nichols Addition, Ashland, NE. Block located between 27th and 28th Streets and Silver and Adams Streets at 7:02 p.m. Lance Paulsen stated they plan to build two nine-unit multi-family buildings on the property and the entrance to the parking lots will be where the current alley way is. He said they are requesting the vacation of this alley way so that it may be used as the property's street. With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve Resolution 2023-6 – Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Niemeyer to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1223 – Vacating Alley Way in Nichols Addition.

Assistant City Attorney Aerts read the Title of Ordinance 1223.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to approve second reading of Ordinance 1224 – Zoning Change from Transitional Agriculture to Planned Unit Development for south 108 Acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 13 N, Range 9E, Saunders at approximately northeast of the intersection of Furnas Street and 14th Street.

Assistant City Attorney Aerts read the Title of Ordinance 1224.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1225 – To Amend No Parking Regulations.

Assistant City Attorney Aerts read the Title of Ordinance 1225.

City Administrator Quady reviewed the streets where no parking would be allowed on either side of the street. She said Chief Brady requested no parking be designated along North 17th Avenue during drop off and pick up time during school Monday through Friday. She added newly annexed streets, Furnas and 30th Streets, and 7th Street, the old highway, were also added to the ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Lowell Krueger, owner of 106 South 16th Street, spoke to the Council regarding his nuisance property. City Administrator Quady provided pictures that were taken earlier in the day of the property for review. Krueger noted an exterior wall and window that he had been working on and discussed a problem with locating a water line and the placement of footings for the front porch. The Council reviewed the Work Schedule for Completion with the notes from the Building Official and noted items not completed as scheduled. Krueger said that he had hoped to do certain things and then it doesn't always work out in that way. He noted additional items that he did on the project. Mayor Anderson said it will be a monumental effort to get the project completed by December of 2023 and things need to happen at a faster pace than it has the past year. Council Member Niemeyer stated that Krueger needs to get the porch done along with cleaning up the exterior appearance of the property. Council Member Lofberg said maybe Krueger could put the schedule into an order that would make sense but that the time frame would not change. Krueger said he has a whole house permit.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to table consideration of recommendation for abatement of nuisance at 106 South 16th Street until September 7, 2023.

Council Member Libal requested a revision of the work schedule.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to approve consent agenda which included approval of the July 20, 2023 City Council meeting minutes; approval of the July 24, 2023 and August 1, 2023 Budget Workshop minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$1,767.50, for Public Works Programming and Preliminary Design in the amount of \$1,275.00, for Water Distribution Hydraulic Model in the amount of \$900.000, and for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$4,574.55.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve the second half of July 2023 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

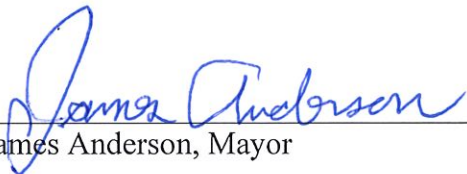
AAEDC Executive Director reported on the opening of Congressman Bacon’s office and the visit by a British official.

Mayor Anderson discussed a grant applied for through Congressman Bacon’s office for \$1.2 million improvements to the pedestrian underpass.

Sam Crisler, the Acting Editor of the Ashland Gazette, was introduced.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


James Anderson, 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 3, 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.