

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 18th day of December, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Michelle Libal
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg
City Council Member Jim Pinkman
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kristina Stoki

Others: Ron Styskal, Dan Linke, Shirley Niemeyer, and Caleb Fjone

Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 5th, 2025. 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 shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Pinkman to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Public comment opportunity given. Shirley Niemeyer of Ashland stated thank you to the workers who put up the holiday decorations. She stated metal containers are supposed to be temporary and maybe maxed at two years. She stated the City needs to review which ones are coming up upon a year and possibly renew or remove it. She stated these are less expensive but stated adding on to the building would be a better alternative to the long-range value of the property. She stated the City needs a noise ordinance and will communicate that to the group doing the long range plan for the City. She stated noise has been proven to have ill effects on health for people of all ages. She stated other communities have noise ordinances and we have one but it has more to do with trucks. She stated it is not conducive to learning or health in adults or children. She requested the City strongly consider this as part of the long-range plan.

Motion by Pinkman, second by Libal to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1255 – Annexation of Whitetail Estates Fourth Phase.

City Administrator Quady read the title of Ordinance 1255 in full. Quady stated this has opened up 22 lots and it has already been platted. Dan Linke asked if it would include paving in front of the acreage lots. Quady stated this will be in the next phase.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to approve Contractor's Application for Payment #2 from General Excavating for 2025 Water Supply Improvements in the amount of \$245,993.70

Mayor Anderson noted this is for a new well at N. 29th and 2,000 feet of new pipe.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Administrative reports were reviewed as a standard item. Mayor Anderson noted Keno revenue is down, as well as building permits. City Clerk Stoki noted the Library report was not provided this month. Mayor Anderson noted 49 rescue calls in November. Niemeyer asked about the 3 missed calls. Libal clarified these were calls that Gretna assisted on. Quady stated it is hard to get the information from dispatch but that typically it is Gretna who is called now. Quady clarified we did 1 mutual aid call for Yutan. Quady noted the average response time is 1.5 minutes with paid staff and 9.1 minutes with volunteers. Stoki mentioned the Ground Emergency Medical Transport program that the City is applying to participate in so we can receive additional dollars back from this program for Medicaid calls, based on a percentage of the difference between our average cost per run and the amount Medicaid reimburses us per run. Stoki stated this is a new program that we can participate in each year, and we do about 60 Medicaid calls per year.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the December 4th City Council meeting minutes and approval of the November 2025 Treasurers report.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve the first half of the December 2025 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Caleb Fjone spoke and stated the Community Center project has finished phase 2, which was a big milestone this year, and they are moving on to phase 3. Fjone noted the Flora District murals will be completed in the spring when the weather is warmer. Fjone noted there are no new grant projects in the works as the State is reducing the grant dollars available because of the budget shortfall. Quady stated the City did not get the grant for the chipper as the grant program decided not to fund equipment, so they are now looking at a piece of used and possibly smaller equipment. Mayor Anderson noted the City is looking at how to improve the entrance and exit of the brush pile. Fjone stated DED is getting overhauled and is offloading programs to other departments, which is also

impacting grants and the last few DED meetings have covered grant cuts, not grant offerings. Mayor Anderson noted the City of Lincoln is behind on the lagoon project.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

James Anderson
James Anderson, Mayor

Kristina Stoki
Kristina Stoki, 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 December 18, 2025 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.