

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 21, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 21st day of December, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson  
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer  
City Council Member Michelle Libal  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
Assistant City Attorney Sarah Meier

Absent: City Council Member Jake Crnkovich  
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Others: Emma Williams, Sierra Riecken, Caleb Fjone, Ron Styskal and other

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 15, 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

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve Resolution 2023-15 – Setting of Mileage Rate.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 1229 – 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 FUTURE LAND USE MAP; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE

THEREOF; TO ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Assistant City Attorney Meier read the Title of Ordinance 1229.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 1230 – 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.

Assistant City Attorney Meier read the Title of Ordinance 1230.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve Change Order No. 5 from M.E. Collins Contracting Co. Inc. for 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements for a net change of \$5,175.00 increase.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve Contractor's Application for Payment #10 from M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc. for 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$40,186.90.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Furnas Street Water Main Improvements.

City Administrator Quady informed the City Council that the clarifications from the previous meeting had been made in regards to the 30<sup>th</sup> Street water main extension.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve Interlocal Agreement with the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve pool filter repairs.

Roll Call:    Ayes: Niemeyer, Anderson   Nays:   Libal           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 and Library Reports. AAEDC Executive Director Fjone gave an oral report.

Motion by Niemeyer second by Libal to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of the December 7, 2023 Council meeting minutes and approval of the November 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

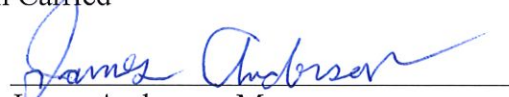
Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve the first half of December 2023 Claims.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson reported that the Hometown Christmas parade was a success and that it was an excellent decision to have the parade finish at 13<sup>th</sup> and Silver Streets.

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 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 December 21, 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.