

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 5, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 5th day of December, 2024 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 Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Julie Ogden, Ron Styskal, Carol Clough, Jim Pinkman, Allison Pinkman, Caleb Fjone, Ryan Brady and others

Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on November 29, 2024. 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 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 Lofberg to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve Resolution 2024-15 – Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments Against Property in Street Improvement Project No. 2022-1 with public hearing date of January 16, 2025.

Street Superintendent Julie Ogden reviewed the draft copy of the Final Report of Total Cost and Assessments for the Dennis Dean Road Improvements Highway 6 to Fir Street, Street Improvement Project 2022-1 and Street Improvement District 2022-3. She said only street and sidewalk improvements from the project will be assessed. She said the total estimated project cost is \$1,697,974.54 with assessable street improvement costs of \$239,161.98 and sidewalk assessable costs of \$24,172.50. She reviewed the Final Quantity Calculation and Assessment Per Front Foot

tables. She said the total front footage was 1,126.70 with an assessment per front foot of \$212.27. Ogden answered questions of the Council.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to approve Contractor's Application for payment from Van Kirk Brothers Contracting for the Water Main Furnas & 30th Street Project in the amount of \$36,373.14.

Roll Call Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve Change Order No. 2 for 30th Street and Furnas Street Water Main Improvements by Van Kirk Brothers Contracting in the amount of \$2,256.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Libal to authorize the Mayor to sign Maintenance Agreement for 2025 with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for snow removal.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Police Chief Brady spoke to the Council about an opportunity to purchase a vehicle from an agency for \$10,000 with all the police equipment on it. He said the vehicle has a new motor and transmission that was put in before it was taken out of commission. He added it should be a rust-free vehicle with 4-wheel drive. He said it would put another vehicle into the regular rotation. He said he has made arrangements for an officer to drive it from California. City Administrator Quady said they would find money in the budget for the purchase.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Niemeyer to approve purchase of 2016 Police Tahoe from Grass Valley California Police Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to approve consent agenda which included approval of the November 21, 2024 City Council meeting minutes and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$8,495.00, for Silver Street Improvements, 13th Intersection & 9th to 7th in the amount of \$17,298.00, for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$1,009.40, for Birch Street Improvements in the amount of \$24,000.00, for Water Supply Improvements in the amount of \$5,169.99, for WWTF PER in the amount of \$8,625.00 and for Water Main Furnas & 30th Streets in the amount of \$14,908.75.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to approve the second half of November 2024 Claims.

City Administrator Quady noted that the claims include a \$20,000 deposit payment from Keno for the monument sign.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

AAEDC Director Fjone gave a brief review of Ashland's Trade Demographic Profile.

Mayor Anderson thanked the Public Works Department for their work decorating the downtown.

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to adjourn sine die at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson opened the Annual Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Anderson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Council Member Crnkovich.

City Attorney Fahleson administered the Oath of Office with incumbent Council Member Chuck Niemeyer and incoming Council Member Jim Pinkman.

Motion by Libal, seconded by Lofberg to elect Chuck Niemeyer as President of the City Council.


Roll Call: Ayes: Libal, Lofberg, Pinkman Abstain: Niemeyer
Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to approve the 2025 Mayoral Appointments.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Pinkman to adjourn at 7:42 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 December 5, 2024 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.