

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2017

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 16th day of February, 2017 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

Absent: City Council Member Paul Gossin

Others: Brian Whitehead

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on February 9, 2017. 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 opened a public hearing on the One Year and Six Year Road Plan at 7:02 p.m. City Administrator Quady reminded the Council that the plan had been discussed in January with Street Superintendent Troy Johnston. She clarified where the paving is planned for on the east side. Mayor Grauerholz expressed concern about some parcels in the area that currently have liens and if the adjacent roads are paved the City might not get paid for the paving. City Administrator Quady said things like that can be taken into consideration. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on the Firework License for Hometown Fireworks Inc. at 7:07 p.m. City Administrator Quady said this is the same company that has been licensed in previous years and that there haven't been any issues. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to approve Resolution 2017-4 – Acceptance and Adoption of the 1 Year and 6 Year Road Plan.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Anderson to approve on third and final reading of Ordinance 1134 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, NEBRASKA, AS PROVIDED IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE; TO AMEND THE CITY'S FUTURE LAND USE MAP; TO AMEND THE CITY'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; TO ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1134.

City Administrator Quady said she had confirmed the storm sewer runs in the City right of way along 23rd Street so it is not an issue.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to adjust the agenda to consider Agenda Item G7 prior to the other items in G.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Brian Whitehead of BBW Enterprises LLC spoke to the Council regarding his plans to purchase Ashland Keno Kove and to continue operating keno for the City from there. He said he hopes to close on the purchase on March 1. He said he went to apply for his liquor license at the State today. City Attorney Fahleson said there are some minor modifications that need to be made to the contract as presented to the Council. He recommended that if the Council decides to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract it be conditioned upon the City Administrator and the City Attorney approving the changes on the final draft. City Administrator Quady said this is the same contract that has been approved with Four Sons but that the introductory paragraphs need to be cleaned up and on page 9 the performance bond and line of credit requirements need to be agreed upon. Whitehead said that he is working on the checklist for the Keno Temporary License. He said that as of right now all of the employees will stay the same. Fahleson reviewed the ways the contract may be terminated by the City.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to authorize the Mayor to sign contract with BBW Enterprises for Keno conditioned upon the City Administrator and the City Attorney approve changes on the final draft.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Anderson to approve Firework License for Hometown Fireworks Inc.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to postpone consideration of nuisance property at 601 South 8th Street until March 16, 2017.

Council Member Mollhoff said that there had been a death in the family and that she would like to wait to consider this item. City Administrator Quady said she will check if demolition bids amounts will remain the same with a different demolition date. City Attorney Fahleson said a fence should be placed around the building to show that demolition will be happening. Council Member Anderson said that there is a concrete underground building on the property.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to postpone indefinitely consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign a transport agreement with Cass County Emergency Management.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Anderson to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc for the 2015 New Well in the amount of \$2,619.75.

City Administrator Quady said that the splash pad will be done in conjunction with this project and the bid for the splash pad will be opened on February 28th.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with Van Kirk Bros. Contracting for the 2016 Water Transmission Main.

City Administrator Quady said that the contractor will start the project on Monday and that it will take two to three weeks.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mollhoff to authorize the Mayor to sign permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement.

City Administrator reminded the Council this was discussed last year and this is the easiest way for this home to be connected to the City sewer system. She said the easement will run north across City property that will not be built on and will probably be used for soccer fields or something like that. She added that a permit will be obtained for the sewer line and the home owner will be responsible for putting the ground back to the way it was prior to line installation.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the January 2017 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 February 2, 2017 City Council meeting minutes and the January 19, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve the first half of February 2017 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to approve January 2017 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz gave the Mayor's report. He said that he attended the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and the Dare Graduation. He said he attended a meeting with the Ashland Medical Board and the Saunders County Medical Board in reference to staffing the local clinic with a doctor. He noted that the new ambulance has been delivered. He said Clean-Up Day has been scheduled for April 8th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. He said a mock up of the handrail grab bar for downtown was looked at and it has been ordered. He said the car charging stations are up and running and a dedication program will be held


on March 2 at 2 p.m. He also mentioned the ball field finance committee meeting will hold another meeting and the League of Municipalities conference in coming up. He said the Council Workshop will be held on March 18. He also said a letter had been received from the State Attorney General's Office recognizing the work of Police Officer Herbolsheimer.

Council Member Mollhoff brought information on Well Head Protection.

City Administrator Quady said the concrete approach will be poured on the new Adams Street parking lot.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 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 February 16, 2017 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.