

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 15, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: City Council Member Michelle Libal

Others: Ginger Colson, Carol Clouogh, Dan Linke, Kelly Gentrup, Caleb Fjone, Sharon Manhart, Ed Manhart, Tim O'Brien, and others.

Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. 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

A proclamation to Sharon and Ed Manhart for completion of the Saline Ford Crossing mural was presented by Mayor Anderson. Sharon Manhart gave an introduction of herself and how they got connected with the project and her experience working with the representatives from the City. Mayor Anderson read the proclamation in full.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Caleb Fjone for contributions to community and economic development by Mayor Anderson. Mayor Anderson read the certificate of appreciation in full.

Public comment opportunity given. No comments made.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Niemeyer to introduce and approve Resolution 2026-1 Sale of Personal Property.

City Administrator Quady stated the Explorer is what Zoning Administrator Krejci had been driving, prior to that it had been driven by the Police department. Some public works equipment is also included. Quady stated it is done via sealed bid scheduled for the last week of the month and will post the notice.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve Contractor's Application for Payment #3 from General Excavating for 2025 Water Supply Improvements in the amount of \$169,483.04.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Administrative reports were reviewed as a standard item. City Clerk Stoki noted a Rescue report was not included this month. Quady noted Public Works Director Larsen passed his Water Operator's test. Mayor Anderson noted there were 6 new homes totaling \$2 million per the Building report.

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the January 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting minutes and approval of the December 2025 Treasurers report.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve the first half of the January 2026 Claims.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Tim O'Brien, President of the Ashland Community Development Corporation summarized what the board is currently doing to transition projects and fill the role that Caleb Fjone held as he is leaving effective January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. O'Brien noted wanting to move quickly to keep momentum going on current initiatives and noted appreciation for the City's partnership.

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

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

  
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 January 15, 2026 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.