

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

January 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd day of January, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Matt Meyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Absent: City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Pam Thompson, Shirley Niemeyer

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 26, 2019. 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 Wischmann, second by Meyer to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Shirley Niemeyer gave public comment stating she felt all the holiday events went really well and she wanted to thank the Council, City staff and community volunteers for all their work. She presented a handout "Looking to the next decade" with suggestions for future agendas and workshop agendas.

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the December 19, 2019 City Council meeting minutes; and approval of Pay Requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$1,155.00, for Source Water Study in the amount of \$463.75, for Water Dawes St 20th to 21st in the amount of \$663.75, and for Sports Lighting for Anderson Ballpark Northwest Softball Field in the amount of \$310.00; approval of Nicholle Todd as a member of the

Ashland Library Board; and approval of Jessica Jewell and William Torpy as members of the Board of Adjustment.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Meyer to approve the second half of the December 2019 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz said the preliminary information on the cost installation and taking down of downtown holiday lighting is approximately \$12,640.00. He said next year some decorations will need to be repaired and replaced. He reminded the Council of a surprise going away party for retiring Utility Superintendent Torpy.

Mayor Grauerholz stated that Council President Gossin resigned as Council Member for Ward 1 effective January 1, 2020. City Administrator Quady stated the City is required to put a notice in the paper and applications to fill the vacancy will be accepted through January 24 so the appointment of a new Council Member can be made at the first meeting in February.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest for negotiation strategy at 7:23 p.m.

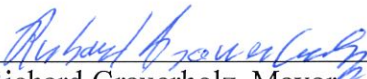
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to exit the closed session at 7:34 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to adjourn at 7:34 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 January 2, 2020 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.