

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 2, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd day of January, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson  
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer  
City Council Member Jim Pinkman  
City Council Member Michelle Libal  
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva  
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Heather Kennedy, Kristina Stoki, Ron Styskal, Dan Linke, Tim Rudd

Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 27, 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 Pinkman, second by Libal to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to approve contractor's application for payment to M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc for the 2022 Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$15,163.14.

Niemeyer asked if the project is almost done. City Administrator Quady stated they are currently working on 7<sup>th</sup> street and there is \$100,000 balance left to finish.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve Change Order No. 3 on the 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Furnas Street Water Main Improvements Project for a decrease of \$18,418.90.

City Administrator Quady stated this project is finished and this item is to balance out the materials that didn't get used. All that is left to pay is the retainage.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 5 from Van Kirk Brothers Contracting for the 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Furnas Street Water Main Improvements Project in the amount of \$39,658.70.

City Administrator Quady stated this is done. They have completed the final walk-through and just have a few punch list items to finish, at which time the retainage will be released.

Roll Call                    Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to postpone considering scope changes for Ashland water supply improvements to January 16, 2025 meeting.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Discussion was held on 407 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street nuisance. City Administrator Quady stated the resident is still parking on the grass but wants to put up a garage in the spring. Attorney Fahleson will communicate with the owner to come up with a plan for compliance. Attorney Fahleson will communicate with the council within two council meetings on what the owner's plan is.

Motion by Pinkman, second by Niemeyer to direct the City Attorney to seek voluntary enforcement and to report back on recommendation of abatement of nuisance at 407 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding nuisance property at 612 Elm Street. Council Member Lofberg and City Administrator Quady stated the SUV has been moved out of the right away and that all vehicles are licensed with 2025 tags. No action required for abatement of nuisance at 612 Elm Street.

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve consent agenda which included approval of the December 19, 2024 City Council meeting minutes; approval of appointment of Kristina Stoki as City Clerk, Treasurer, and Cemetery Sexton; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$3,233.75, for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$2,336.25, for Birch Street Improvements in the amount of \$10,450.00, for Water Supply Improvements in the amount of \$4,738.25, for WWTF PER in the amount of \$3,050.00, and for Water Main Furnas & 30<sup>th</sup> Streets in the amount of \$5,920.00.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve the second half of December 2024 Claims.  
Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson introduced future City Clerk Kristina Stoki, who will start Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to adjourn at 7:13 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 January 2, 2025 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.