

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 4, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 4th day of January, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz  
City Council President Paul Gossin  
City Council Member James Anderson  
City Council Member Russell DeVries  
City Council Member Janece Mollhoff  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva  
Assistant City Attorney Sheila Bentzen

Others: Ron Styskal, Chad Hart, Mike Meyer, Steve Arens and John Trecek

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 28, 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 Anderson, seconded by DeVries to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on the Creation of Street Improvement District No. 2017 – 1 at 7:02 p.m. City Administrator Quady stated that no written comments about the district were received. She said the District is formed for financing the bridge with bonds. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Anderson, second by DeVries to introduce and approve Ordinance 1147 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING PAVING IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE

CITY OF ASHLAND, NEBRASKA AND NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; PROVIDING FOR A PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR OF THE NOTES; AGREEING TO ISSUE BONDS TO PAY THE NOTES AND ACCRUED INTEREST AT MATURITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE NOTES TO THE PURCHASER AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Assistant City Attorney Bentzen read the Title of Ordinance 1147.

John Trecek of Ameritas Investment Corporation said the documents are not completely done, so when they are completed, they will be sent to Quady for review for approval and signing of bond purchase agreement and then the bonds will be sent to market. He said the Ordinance sets the outside parameters for what the bonds can be purchased for. He said interest rates should be around 1.75% and the issuance cost is capped at 1%.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to waive the statutory rule requiring three readings of the Ordinance.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz called for the vote on Ordinance 1147.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Mike Meyer, Ashland Rescue Captain, and Chad Hart gave an update to the Council on the Ashland Emergency Services and on the fundraising drive for Advance Life Support (ALS) equipment. He announced that the fundraising goal of \$75,000 had been reached and they are beginning to purchase equipment to implement the ALS service. He said additional donations will be used for radios, pagers and other equipment. He said the department has a new Medical Director, Dr. Michael Wagner. Mayor Grauerholz thanked Meyers and rescue members for the time they are giving to save lives in Ashland. Discussion was held regarding the I Am Responding notification system and the need to outfit members with refurbished radios and pagers for improved notifications.

Steve Arens of JEO Consulting Group spoke to the Council regarding possible railings and lighting for the new Silver Street Bridge. He confirmed with the Council that the railings will be the standard concrete rail. He suggested the Ameristar montage fence for the metal railing. Discussion was held on lighting options. The consensus of the Council was to use stub outs with decorative light poles similar to those downtown. Arens estimated the cost per light would be \$4,000. Discussion was held on how many lights would be required. Arens will provide a design using five decorative lights and cost to the Council.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the December 21, 2017 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

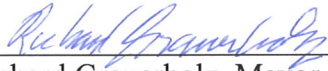
Motion by Anderson, second by DeVries to approve the second half of December 2017 Claims.  
Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried


Mayor Grauerholz said he had an email on the Certification of a Historic Preservation Community that he passed on to Zoning Official Isom to see if this would benefit Ashland. He said Public Works Director Larsen is obtaining an additional bid for the additional 14<sup>th</sup> Street decorative lighting.

City Administrator Quady reminded the Council of the upcoming social media event the week of January 22. She said she would get additional information to the Council when it becomes available.

Council Member Mollhoff said the City's website has been updated with planning documents and the housing study.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.  
Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

  
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Richard Grauerholz, Mayor

  
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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 4, 2018 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.