

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 4th day of January 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
City Council Member Michelle Libal
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Absent: City Council President Chuck Niemeyer
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Lowell Krueger, Caleb Fjone, Carol Clough, Ron Styskal, Bill Krejci

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on December 28, 2023. 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 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 Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Lowell Krueger, owner of 106 South 16th Street, spoke to the Council regarding his nuisance property. He reviewed pictures of the exterior that were taken earlier in the day by Building Official Krejci. Krueger stated he hopes to complete the siding and to paint the structure. He added that he would then work on the kitchen floor. Discussion followed.

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Libal to table consideration of recommendation for abatement of nuisance at 106 South 16th Street until February 1, 2024.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady spoke to the Council regarding nuisance property at 1526 Ash Street and reviewed pictures taken of the property earlier in the day. She stated that the property owner,

Mike Alger, had been in to get documentation notarized for licensing the box truck and that she has documentation showing the other vehicles now licensed. She noted one vehicle that has been up on jacks for a month. She said she will contact Alger to confirm the licensing of the box truck and to inform him of the need to get the vehicle off the jacks. Mayor Anderson asked her to confirm that the Taurus is licensed. Discussion followed.

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Libal to close nuisance at 1526 Ash Street.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve consent agenda which included approval of the December 21, 2023 City Council meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests for ArcGIS Online Implementation in the amount of \$3,870.00; for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$6,468.75; and for Road Program in the amount of \$3,000.00.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to approve the second half of December 2023 Claims.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

AAEDC Executive Director Fjone said the Ashland Recreation Center Exploratory Committee has been meeting and is doing a Ashland Recreation Center Community Survey. He said surveys will be taken through January 31st. He requested the Council share the survey.

Mayor Anderson reported that he has been meeting with City staff twice a month to discuss nuisances.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Kathleen Sliva
Kathleen Sliva, City Clerk

James Anderson
James Anderson, Mayor



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, 2024 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.