

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland Community Resource Center on the 2nd day of July, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City President James Anderson
City Council Member Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: Council Member Matt Meyer

Others: Suzi Nelson

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on June 25, 2020. 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 located on the south wall of the room.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to introduce and approve Ordinance 1180 – Speed Limits on Silver Street.

City Administrator Quady said this is changing 7th to 13th Street on Silver Street from 35 to 25 miles per hour. She said everything else is the same with the underpass at 15 miles per hour and downtown at 20. Council Member Niemeyer noted there is a lot more traffic along this part of the road.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve ratifying all actions identified in the attached minutes taken by the City Council during meetings held on April 2, 2020, April 16, 2020 and May 7, 2020 by video conference (Zoom) before June 30, 2020, pursuant to Gov. Ricketts' Executive Orders No. 20-03 and No. 20-24 (attached to this agenda).

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve consent agenda which included approval of the June 18, 2020 City Council meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for general engineering in the amount of \$1,512.50, for Sanitary Sewer Replacements – Alleys in the amount of \$2,305.00, for Wellhead Protection Planning in the amount of \$1,945.00, for Salt Creek Bank Stabilization and Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$175.00, and for GIS Water System Update in the amount of \$1,870.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to approve the second half of June 2020 Claims.


Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Mayor Grauerholz stated a meeting will be held on July 9th with the Chamber of Commerce and a couple of State Senators to discuss Senator McDonald's proposed study to build a dam on the Platte River. Council Member Niemeyer will represent the Council at the meeting. Grauerholz said that Allo and Windstream have both indicated they will be applying for grant money to potentially increase broadband in Ashland. He said the sidewalk program presentation went well and the program will be proceeding. He noted instituting the program will take quite a bit of office staff time. He reported on a meeting with school officials and others on their proposed construction project and bonds. He said he feels good about the traffic plan that was presented. He noted the City will be not collect building and utility fees of approximately \$250,000 from the school project. He reported on grants that may be available for roadside clean-up, recycling, scrap tire collection and household waste collection. He thanked Council Member Niemeyer and others that pulled weeds and cleaned up part of the landscaping at the Community Resource Center. He said the budget is being worked on and noted there are upcoming budget workshops. He said City staff are spraying for mosquitos.

Council Member Anderson asked about coordination of property owners replacing sidewalks and the City's contractor for the corner ramps. City Administrator Quady explained the 60 day time frame in the sidewalk program letter and that the City will work will people as each phase has three seasons. She requested that property owners keep the City informed of their repair plans. Discussion held on sidewalk assessment and program.

City Administrator Quady gave a brief update on Lesley's nuisance property.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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 July 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.