

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 18, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland Community Resource Center on the 18th day of June, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council 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: City Council Member Matt Meyer

Others: Dave Henke, Mitch Klein and other

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on June 11, 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 in the northeast corner of the room.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mitch Klein, of JEO Consulting Group, LLC, presented the Ashland Water Source Study to the Council. He said JEO put together a plan for source water should the City need additional water capacity in the future or if it is approached by an industry or for Exit 426. He said there are three phases to the plan with the first one being building a new well at 29th and Boyd Streets projected for about 2030. He said the second phase will be the development of a wellfield north and west of town. He added the third phase will be to build the first well in the well-field and to continue expanding out into the well-field. Klein answered questions of the Council.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 1177 to modify the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ashland NE at 7:13 p.m. City Administrator Quady said this application was made by an individual who had bought a lot in the Greystone Subdivision that is zoned R-1. She said he wanted to have more outbuildings with more footage than was allowed. She said after review, the Planning Commission recommended that Council not approve the requested changes as the district is already on the high end of footage allowed compared to other communities. She added the Zoning Administrator has spoken to the applicant giving him alternatives and the applicant will probably move ahead with these. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit #20-34 for operation of Bed and Breakfast at Lots 7-9 Block 17 Flora City Addition to Ashland, located at 203 N 15th Street at 7:20 p.m. City Administrator Quady said this property has been a bed and breakfast in the past and the new owner will also do courses with kids there. Council Member Anderson said in the future off-street parking for each bedroom should be added to the regulation. Quady said the Planning Commission did recommend approval. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit #20-36 for Domestic Dog Kennel at Lot 1-2 & East 29' 1/3 Lot 3 Flora City Addition to Ashland, located at 1605 Furnas Street at 7:22 p.m. City Administrator Quady said these dogs typically stay in the house and there have not been any issues with dogs at this property. She said the Planning Commission recommended approval. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit #20-37 for compliance with Ordinance 1173 at Lot 1 Tract 5 Graham's Addition to Ashland, located at 2726 Furnas Street at 7:24 p.m. City Administrator Quady said this is the first application for the Fire Arm Permit put in place after the annexation. She said he was told that he needed to work with the Games and Parks Department for compliance with their regulations. She said the Planning Commission recommended approval. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1177 – Modify the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ashland NE.
City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1177.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to postpone indefinitely consideration of Ordinance 1177.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve Conditional Use Permit #20-34 for operation of Bed and Breakfast at 203 N 15th Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to approve Conditional Use Permit #20-36 for Domestic Dog Kennel at 1605 Furnas Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve Conditional Use Permit #20-37 at 2726 Furnas Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady reviewed with the Council the sidewalk cutting proposal for City property from Precision Concrete Cutting. She said the City Hall parking lot repairs could be removed from the bid for this year due to City Hall being closed. She said the proposal is for cutting only not replacement of sidewalk. She said the bid, excluding the parking lot, is \$21,633. She said invitations were sent out this week for a virtual Zoom meeting for property owners in Phase One of the sidewalk program. Quady said they will start on Monday.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve sidewalk cutting proposal excluding the City Hall parking lot.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady spoke to the Council about abating nuisance property at 2602 Adams Street. She said she took photos of the property today but it didn't look any different from the last time the property was discussed. She said a certified letter had been sent out to the property owner a couple of weeks ago stating the final abatement date which was yesterday. She added he had not contacted the City with a response. City Attorney Fahleson requested a copy of the letter be delivered by the Police Chief.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann that the nuisance at 2602 Adams Street is determined not to have been abated and City staff should proceed accordingly.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the May 2020 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Official's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the June 4, 2020 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Motion by Anderson, second by Niemeyer to approve May 2020 Treasurer's Reports.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz gave the Mayor's Report. He said he emailed a report to Council members on the Lincoln-Omaha intercity bus route which will have a stop here in Ashland. He said the approved reissue of bonds will save about \$209,000. He noted an article in the newspaper regarding property valuation increase.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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 June 18, 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.