

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 2, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd day of June, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: City Council Member Bruce Wischmann

Others: Ron Styskal, Jerry Lofberg, Caleb Fjone, Susan Cerny, Ashley Welch, Corey Brodersen, Suzi Nelson and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on May 26, 2022. 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 Crnkovich to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on an Application for an Addition to Liquor License by Salt Creek Farm Table LLC dba as Fariner Bakery at 120 North 14th Street at 7:02 p.m. Ashley Welch, owner of Salt Creek Farm Table, said this is to add a seating area behind the building where a privacy fence has been installed. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for an Addition of Liquor License by Salt Creek Farm Table LLC dba as Fariner Bakery at 120 North 14th Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for a Special Designated License for Stir-Up Beer Garden on July 16, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. and on July 17, 2022 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at 1541 Silver Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady said staff had a zoom meeting with JEO representatives regarding starting plans for a new City shop. Corey Brodersen, JEO Architecture, spoke about the agreement and the proposed work. He said this agreement will be for programming which includes identifying the wants and needs of the project, then developing design options, site layout, building amenities and layout, renderings, and cost opinion. He said the next step once this is complete will be construction documents. Quady and Brodersen answered questions of the Council.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement for professional services with JEO Architecture, Inc. for Ashland Public Works – Programming and Preliminary Design Services.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve consent agenda which included approval of the May 19, 2022 City Council meeting minutes; approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$870.00 and for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$11,715.00; and approval of Taylor Buhr as a member of the Ashland Fire Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Crnkovich to approve the second half of May 2022 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported that on Memorial Day the cemetery looked really nice with the crosses and flags that the Legion put up and with the work accomplished by City staff. He noted the cost of the Clean-Up Day dumpsters was \$2,299.95.

Council Member Anderson asked that a meeting with the Planning Commission and City Council be set up to discuss planning and zoning.

City Administrator Quady gave an update from the Department of Transportation regarding the proposed round-a-bout at Highways 6 and 66. She said they reported that there have been supply and design delays. She said they hope to let it out for bids in June and to put it in later this year.

Caleb Fjone, Executive Director of the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation, reported that Ashland is officially a Creative District and the first community to receive this designation. He said an award will be presented to the community and the committee at the AAEDC annual meeting. He said that he will talk at the LONM conference regarding the Creative

District process. He said the official Ashland flag will be shared on Flag Day.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Richard Grauerholz
Richard Grauerholz, Mayor

Kathleen Sliva
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 2, 2022 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.