

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

June 7, 2018

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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  
Attorney Anthony Aerts

Absent: City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Others: Bob Luebbe, Melody Dobson, Shirley Niemeyer

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on May 31, 2018. 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 Mollhoff to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Melody Dobson spoke on behalf of the American Doorstop Project about a documentary film they are producing about the impact of thoroughbred horse racing in Nebraska. She noted Ashland would be one of the communities featured in the film.

Mayor Grauerholz reopened the continued public hearing on Ordinance 1151 – Vacate a Portion of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Ash Street, Birch Street and adjacent Alleys at 7:06 p.m. Bob Luebbe spoke regarding the campground project in this area. He provided a printout of an updated design showing camper pads in relation to existing City streets and alleys. Luebbe said the design takes into account the proposed regulations requiring 15-foot clearance from a combustible structure for

fire pits. He said the roads will be one-way; not all campsites will be built out initially; and roads were designed with City utilities in mind to minimize paving over the utilities. He said he read through the firepit regulations and thinks they are fine. He said there will be at least 30 feet between each campsite. City Administrator Quady noted who the abutting property owners are to each portion of roads and alleys to be vacated. She said the vacation needs to be completed prior to the easements being set. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1151 – Vacate a Portion of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Ash Street, Birch Street, and Adjacent Alleys. Attorney Aerts read the Title of Ordinance 1151.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve second reading Ordinance 1152 – Final Plat for 07-12-10 L3 & 4 SL1 of 4 & 5 Exc Hwy W1/2 NW ¼, Cass County, Nebraska.

Attorney Aerts read the Title of Ordinance 1152.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve second reading Ordinance 1153 – Fire Pit Regulations.

Attorney Aerts read the Title of Ordinance 1153.

City Administrator Quady noted the change of wording from the last ordinance reading adding ‘any permanent or moveable container’ to the fire pit definition. She clarified the ordinance has nothing to do with grills. Council Member Mollhoff spoke regarding the possible need for a density requirement to address air quality. Mayor Grauerholz noted fire pits are currently illegal and this will make them legal. He said the downtown is a fire zone where no open flames are allowed. Mollhoff said the campground is outside the fire zone. Council Member Gossin questioned if fire pits that are currently built should be grandfathered in. Discussion was held with no further changes to the ordinance requested.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve on second reading Ordinance 1154 – Amending Municipal Code Section 1-106 – Restrictions on Other Employment or Elective Office.

Attorney Aerts read the Title of Ordinance 1154.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve issuance of a Special Designated License by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for the American Legion Stir-Up event to be held on July 21, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to award Silver Street Bridge Aesthetic Railing and Ornamental Lighting.

City Administrator Quady said the City went out to bid on these and received one bid for the lighting and no bids for the fence. She said the engineer went back and talked to the original fence sub-contractor that bid under Simons; and because we publicly advertised for bids and didn't receive any bids we are able to use American Fence directly.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve Work Change Directive #2 for the Silver Street Bridge in the amount of a decrease of \$15,427.00.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by DeVries to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Professional Services on the Water 2017 Silver Street Project in the amount of \$572.50.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Professional Services on the Ashland Whitetail Estates Project in the amount of \$3,302.50.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Mollhoff to approve Pay Request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Professional Services on the Water Transmission Main 2016 in the amount of \$760.50.

City Administrator Quady noted this is the final billing for this project.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the May 17, 2018 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve the second half of May 2018 Claims.

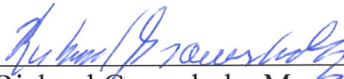
Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported on the Eagle Scout ceremony he and Council Member Anderson attended.

Council Member Mollhoff reported on the progress of mapping from the DEQ.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by DeVries to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

  
Richard Grauerholz, Mayor

  
Jessica Quady, Assistant City Clerk



I, the above signed Assistant 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 7, 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.