

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 16th day of March, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: City President Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Michelle Libal
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Brandon Howland, Bradley Hays, Ryan Brady, Ron Styskal, Tom Danahy, Cindy Danahy, Suzi Nelson, Caleb Fjone and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on March 9, 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

Caleb Fjone, Executive Director of the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation, gave a power point presentation on Ashland's demographics. The demographics he focused on were education, unemployment, employment sectors, population, and population growth rate. Mayor Anderson commented on the importance of having these statistics for people relocating to Ashland or developing a business or building a new business.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve Resolution 2023-3 – Enter into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the Creation of a Mutual Finance Organization.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Lofberg to postpone consideration of recommendations for abatement of nuisance at 106 South 16th Street until April 6, 2023.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve payment of Invoice #1 to Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools for Public Improvements in conjunction with new school construction in the amount of \$456,311.00.

City Administrator Quady reviewed the invoice and the supporting documents. She said this is for work done before January 1 including pavement on Bluejay Way, water improvements on the highway and Bluejay Way and sewer line improvements. She said the costs are split between the city and the school according to the contract signed a little over a year ago. She said both the city's and school's engineers have certified the costs. She added the expenses for the right turn lane off the highway was not included in this contract.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Lofberg to set date for hearing to determine existence of public nuisance regarding property at 1901 Boyd Street on April 6, 2023.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson said the administrative reports for Keno, Public Works Director's, Utility Superintendent's, Police Chief's, Building Official's, Library and AAEDC are available for council review and comment.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of the March 2, 2023 City Council meeting minutes and approval of the February 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Lofberg to approve the first half of March 2023 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

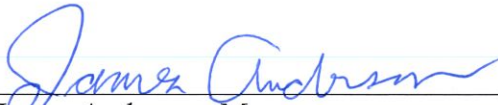
Police Chief Brady administered the Oath of Office with new Police Officer Brandon Howland and Police Officer Bradley Hays.

Mayor Anderson gave the Mayor's Report. He reported that Zoning Administrator Krejci had attended the NPZA conference last week. He said he had testified at the State Capital on Legislative Bill 150 in support of entertainment districts. He added he will be attending a ribbon cutting at Camp Ashland for the newly rebuilt facilities that were damaged in the 2019 flood.

City Administrator Quady said that the date for the Spring Clean Up Day has been set for May 6th.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


James Anderson, 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 March 16, 2023 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.