

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 5, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 5th day of March, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Matt Meyer
City Council Member Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Administrator Jessica Quady

Others: Susan Cerny, Suzi Nelson, Steve Williams and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on February 27, 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 that is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Susan Cerny addressed the council regarding the Highway 6 commercial activity. She said the area next to Dean's Body Shop is being cleaned up. She said Blackstrap was sent their building permit today. She said Bryan Boyce signed the new and updated license agreement and it has been sent back to the City of Lincoln for their signature.

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve Resolution 2020-3 – To Enter Into Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization.

Mayor Grauerholz gave a history of Saunders County MFO and explained the funding. He said he had met with the Ashland Rural Fire District to discuss redoing the contract between the district and the City. He said Council Member Meyer will work on this project.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Meyer, second by Wischmann to approve second reading of Ordinance 1176 – To Establish Speed Limits on 30th Street within and adjacent to the Corporate Limits of the City.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1176.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Steve Williams spoke to the Council regarding his nuisance property at 204 South 23rd Street. He said he has gotten rid of the barrels and tires on the south side of the building. He asked the Council if he could do something other than putting down pavers to save money. City Attorney Fahleson said that would be contrary to what is allowed and the Council cannot give a waiver for that. Williams said the motor home is sold and he is keeping the red truck for parts for his dump truck. Council Member Anderson said that the purpose is to meet to City's present ordinances. Williams said the school is looking at purchasing the four lots and the building for a bus barn. He said he is going to get rid of the John Deere but is keeping the other tractors. He said he has four vehicles that aren't license or insured.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve granting extension of completion date to April 2, 2020 for nuisance property at 204 South 23rd Street.

Council Member Wischmann asked for Williams to give a report on prospects for selling the property at the next meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz explained the three bids received for sidewalk repair and replacement along Silver Street. Council Member Wischmann noted that there was a discrepancy in Section B as the city will be responsible for the ADA ramp and pads. City Attorney Fahleson said the Council could approve the bid for the four sections but commencement on those sections will not begin until the owner is given the opportunity to select a contractor or the City will do the work and assess the cost. Fahleson noted Schroeder is the lowest responsible bidder.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve sidewalk bids for A, B, C and D by Schroeder Concrete with notification to proceed to come later.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the February 20, 2020 City Council meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for general engineering in the amount of

\$445.00, for Wellhead Protection Planning in the amount of \$2,925.00 and for Water Dawes Street 20th to 21st in the amount of \$390.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Meyer to approve the second half of February 2020 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported on a letter from Randy Grauerholz regarding stop signs on Clay Street and Resolution 2020-2. He said he received a letter from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy stating an audit and inspection were completed at the wastewater facility and it was found to be in compliance at this time. He reported on attendance at the League of Nebraska Municipalities Annual Winter Conference. He reported on a proposed bus transportation system that would have three routes between Omaha and Lincoln with stops in Ashland and at SAC Museum. He said he attended DARE graduation and he was interviewed by a reporter from Channel 7 regarding flood recovery. He said he attended an AAEDC meeting and Council Member Niemeyer will act as the Council liaison for the group. He reminded the Council of the upcoming sidewalk committee meeting. He announced that former Council Member Paul Gossin was receiving an award from the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association for his work on the recent annexations.

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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 March 5, 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.