

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

May 16, 2019

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 16th day of May, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President Paul Gossin
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Matt Meyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Others: Suzi Nelson, Mike Lesley, James Garman, Kim Cooper, Lynn Cooper, Heather Kennedy and Lenora Isom

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on May 9, 2019. 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 Gossin to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing to determine existence of public nuisance at 1909 Boyd Street at 7:02 p.m. James Garman noted that that he needs two weeks to clean up his property. Wischmann asked if he could make sure he was finished by the next City Council meeting on June 6th. Garman stated that he could do that. Anderson stated that he is in favor with moving forward as the regulations allow. Anderson also questioned City Attorney Fahleson regarding the lien process. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing to determine existence of public nuisance at 2602 Adams Street at 7:15 p.m. Mike Lesley stated that he and his wife plan to put in a new modular home and get rid of the old house. He said they are working with the building inspector. He stated that he has plans to remove all of the metal and debris. Council Member Anderson noted that the canvas covered structured is not allowed in Ashland. Anderson also stated that repairing and selling motorcycles is not permitted in that zoning jurisdiction. Gossin noted that he felt there needed to be a timeline for the house and the trucks and motorcycles. Lesley stated he hoped within a month he would have most of the trucks and motorcycles removed. He stated most of his trucks are operational and the three that he planned to keep are operational. Wischmann asked for him to come back on June 6th for an update on the progress. Gossin asked that a timeline be communicated with the City. Quady noted that the Council can give extensions on the nuisance abatement if progress is being made. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit for exterior alterations at S 90' E ½ Lot 12 Block 24 Flora City Addition, located at 1402 Silver Street at 7:30 p.m. Zoning Administrator Isom stated that as the stucco work on the east side of the building was being done, they found out there was water damaged exposed brick on the inside. She said they have decided to repair the brick and not replace the stucco. Isom noted the Historic Preservation Committee and Planning Commission recommended approval. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit for exterior alterations at Lot 3 & E 11' Lot 4 Block 32 Flora City Addition, located at 1525 Silver Street at 7:32 p.m. Zoning Administrator Isom stated that Bob Fricke is doing work on the garage next to the bank. The wood frame on the windows and doors have rotted out so they plan to replace it with a dark bronze material similar to the bronze on the bank. She noted they would be replacing the door with an in-kind material as well. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance 1166 to Modify the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ashland Nebraska at 7:35 p.m. Zoning Administrator Isom stated that she wasn't ready with this ordinance and it would come back in front of the Council in July. She noted this ordinance has to do with infill lots and how the code addresses those lots and their setbacks. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve Resolution 2019-3 – Declaring the Findings of the City Council regarding a nuisance at 1909 Boyd Street with a completion date of June 5, 2019.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve Resolution 2019-4 – Declaring the Findings of the City Council regarding a nuisance at 2602 Adams Street with a target completion date of June 6, 2019.

Council Member Gossin noted that extension will probably need to be given and an update on progress will be given at the June 6 meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1165 to Modify the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ashland Nebraska.
City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1165.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Ordinance 1165.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz called for the vote on Ordinance 1165 on third and final reading.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Anderson to approve Conditional Use Permit for Exterior Alterations at 1402 Silver Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, seconded by Meyer to approve Conditional Use Permit for Exterior Alterations at 1525 Silver Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve Garbage Haulers License for Waste Connection of NE, dba Papillion Sanitation.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Meyer, second by Anderson to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for a Special Designated License for R.T.B.S. Inc. for July 19, 2019 Stir-Up Beer Garden at 15th and Silver Streets.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Council Member Anderson and Kim Cooper addressed the City Council regarding the intersection of 16th and Silver Streets and the problem of pulling out onto Silver Street while cars are parked on Silver Street. The Council asked City Administrator Quady to speak to the City Engineer regarding the cost of a traffic study at this intersection. Quady

also noted there have been concerns about delivery trucks parked in the alleys on 14th Street and that it is difficult to see them before pulling into the alley requiring the driver to back out onto 14th Street which is difficult as well as unsafe.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to authorize the Mayor to sign Tender and Release Agreement with Hudson Insurance for the 2018 Whitetail Estates 1st Addition.

City Attorney Fahleson and City Administrator Quady explained that due to TCW going out of business, Hudson Insurance, the bonding company is working on this project and plan to have Bauer Underground finish the project out. She noted there is limited work to be finished on the paving.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to authorize the Mayor to sign Completion Contract with Bauer Underground for the 2018 Whitetail Estates 1st Addition.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the April 2019 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Official's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Gossin, seconded by Anderson to go into executive session at 8:38 p.m. regarding legal advice and personnel.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, seconded by Wischmann to leave Executive Session at 8:48 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the May 2, 2019 City Council meeting minutes, April 25, 2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes, approval of Mayoral Appointments of Brad Pfeiffer as the Rescue Squad Captain and Deb Zobel as the Rescue Squad Training Officer and approval of pay request from JEO Consulting Group for the Silver Street Bridge Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$9,069.26.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve the first half of May 2019 Claims.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve April 2019 Treasurer's Reports.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported that he attended the Mutual Finance Organization meeting for Saunders County and noted that he would like to congratulate the graduating students at Ashland-Greenwood Schools.

Council Member Anderson noted that he would like to see the flags left up on the overpass and 14th Street from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried



Richard Grauerholz, Mayor



Jessica Quady, Deputy City Clerk



I, the above signed Deputy 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 May 16, 2019 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.