

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 19th day of May, 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 Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Lucy Schuster, Ron Styskal, Dan Linke, Jerry Lofberg, Lowell Krueger, Christine Devillier, Susan Cerny, Suzi Nelson, Bill Krejci and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on May 12, 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 Wischmann to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on Application #22-045 for Conditional Use Permit located at 202 North 25th Street, Ashland Nebraska at 7:03 p.m. Lucy Schuster spoke stating she is currently operating a Day Care I in her home and she would like to change her permit to a Day Care II which would allow her to have four more kids. She said there is a need for more day care slots in Ashland and she cares for children from six weeks to 13 years old. She said she accepts Title 20. Zoning Administrator Krejci stated the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the permit to the Council. Chris Devillier stated that the Title

20 option in very important. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve Conditional Use Permit #22-045 located at 202 North 25th Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All

Lowell Krueger, owner of nuisance property at 106 South 16th Street, spoke to the Council regarding restoration progress on the house foundation. He reviewed recent photos of the foundation improvements. He noted he finished the west wall of foundation and the south wall is half done. He said he wants to finish the basement floor and install a French drain. Council Member Niemeyer said the Building Official should to look at the project and he would like to grant an extension to finish the basement.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to grant extension of completion date for abatement of nuisance to June 16, 2022 to allow Krueger time to complete the basement.

Council Member Anderson stated the Building Official needs to be in the basement for an inspection.

Roll Call: Ayes: Crnkovich, Niemeyer, Wischmann Nays: Anderson
Motion Carried

Reviewed the April 2022 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Official's Report.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of the May 5, 2022 City Council meeting minutes and the approval of the April 28, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve the first half of May 2022 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve April 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz said Assistant City Attorney Dave Barga had been appointed as a Judge for southeast Nebraska. He thanked Susan Cerny for being on the Historic Preservation Committee as she has stepped down. He noted the summer programs at the library are beginning. He said there will be a Family Fun Night on Tuesdays that will include outdoor concerts.

Motion by Anderson, second by Niemeyer to enter into Executive Session to protect the public interest to discuss potential litigation and negotiation strategy at 7:29 p.m.

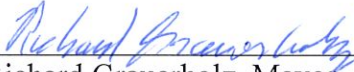
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to leave Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 May 19, 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.