

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 1st day of November, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President Paul Gossin
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Janece Mollhoff
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Council Member Mathew Meyer
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Others: Brian Whitehead, Susan Cerny, John Trecek and Suzi Nelson

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on October 25, 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 is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Gossin to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Gossin to introduce and approve Ordinance 1161 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF WATER UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR A PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR OF THE NOTES; AGREEING TO ISSUE BONDS TO PAY

THE NOTES AND ACCRUED INTEREST AT MATURITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE NOTES TO THE PURCHASER AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM

City Attorney Fahleson read the title of Ordinance 1161.

John Trecek of Ameritas Investment Cooperation noted that the notes are being issued to provide cash flow for the Silver Street water project. He stated his understanding is that the City intends to pay the notes off and not bond the project although that is an option. Trecek stated that the issue cost on the notes is 1% and the interest is 2.3% and can be locked in with a waiving of 3 readings.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to suspend the statutory rules and waive the three separate readings.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz called for the vote on Ordinance 1161.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to authorize the Mayor to sign the updated Keno contract.

City Attorney Fahleson updated the Council on the material changes of the Keno contract. Fahleson noted that the operator had expressed an interest in doing different games so the contract allows the operator to put in place any games as allowed by state law. He also noted that the term of the contract is five years. Keno operator, Brian Whitehead stated that the reason for the game change is that they are trying to bring some life back into the Keno revenue. He stated that there hadn't been any new games introduced in several years at this location. Whitehead noted that all games are state approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Mollhoff to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group for the Water 2017 Silver Street project in the amount of \$2,492.50.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mollhoff to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group for Whitetail Estates in the amount of \$19,787.50.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Silver Street Bridge Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$18,264.57.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve pay request from Olsson for 9th Avenue Paving in the amount of \$5,351.58.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to approve pay application #1 from TCW Construction for 9th Avenue Paving in the amount of \$88,695.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Gossin to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group for the Salt Creek Bank Stabilization and Drainage Ditch project in the amount of \$37,420.

City Administrator Quady stated that the Salt Creek Bank Stabilization portion of the project may be matched 50/50 by the Lower Platte South NRD and that the drainage ditch portion may be matched a third by the LPSNRD and a third by Bob Luebbe, owner of the campground in the area. She stated that the LPSNRD will vote on this total project at their December meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, seconded by Mollhoff to approve Change Order #1 for the 9th Avenue Paving for a credit in the amount of \$39,475.75.

City Administrator Quady informed the Council there had been some changes with NDOT regarding their requirements on Highway 66 shoulders with the 9th Avenue paving project and that NDOT was no longer requiring the shoulder work. She stated that this has resulted in a credit to the project. Quady also noted that there is a change in the fees associated with the subgrade work at the bottom of the hill on 9th Avenue. She stated that the sugar sand will be removed and fill dirt will be added back in to pour concrete over and that both of these changes resulted in a credit \$39,475.75.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to authorize the Mayor to sign the Maintenance Agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation for State Highway 6 & 66.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Mayor to have another traffic study done at the intersection of Highway 6 & 66. Mayor Grauerholz stated he was told that NDOT would conduct a study after the Silver Street Bridge is finished.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady noted that a complaint was received regarding a nuisance at 2217 Ash Street. Council Member Anderson asked to discuss at this meeting. Anderson asked that the council start the proceedings to have this property cleaned up. Quady shared the photos that were sent in on the overhead projector. Council Member Gossin thought that some progress had been made on the property since the initial photos were sent to the City. City Attorney Fahleson stated he would send initial notice after receiving updated photos from Quady. He noted that voluntary compliance is the easiest way to take care of nuisance properties.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the October 18, 2018 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


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

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported Clean-Up Day will be November 3, weather permitting. Mollhoff noted that there will be Rotary members volunteering to pick up items curbside that morning.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mollhoff to adjourn at 7:55 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 November 1, 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.