

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
November 2, 2017

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd day of November, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz  
City Council President Russell DeVries  
City Council Member James Anderson  
City Council Member Paul Gossin  
City Council Member Janece Mollhoff  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva  
Assistant City Attorney Dave Bargaen

Others: Ron Styskal, Jim Garman, Kayli Braman and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on October 26, 2017. 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, seconded by DeVries to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Anderson to approve Resolution 2017-10 – Request to Close Highway 66 and Silver Street intersection for Chamber of Commerce Parade.

City Administrator Quady said the Chamber’s Hometown Christmas Parade of Lights committee has asked if they can cross 14<sup>th</sup> Street, a state highway, so the parade can end at the Community Resource Center where the tree and Santa will be. She said this resolution is a requirement of the State and says the City will accept responsibility if something happens. She said the Chamber President said the intersection would be used approximately 15 minutes, but the resolution reads 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Council Member Gossin expressed a concern about ‘driving’ all the traffic onto 13<sup>th</sup> Street including the dispersing of the parade and the highway traffic from both the

north and south. Quady said there will a police officer, if not on a call, and Chamber volunteers assisting with traffic at the intersection. She said the State requires a 30-day notice. Discussion was held.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to amend motion to approve Resolution pending an action plan from the Chamber with approval of the chief of police, rescue and fire.

Council Member DeVries accepted the amendment to the motion.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: Anderson, DeVries, Mollhoff                   Nays: Gossin  
                                  Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Mollhoff to approve Resolution 2017-11 – Erecting Traffic Signs.

City Administrator Quady said the Chief of Police brought attention to this intersection, 24<sup>th</sup> and Euclid, and he suggested stopping 24<sup>th</sup> Street traffic. Discussion was held regarding stopping Euclid Street or 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Mollhoff to approve second reading of Ordinance 1143 - Zoning Amendment, regarding the zoning district boundaries of the City of Ashland at 63 ½' x 20' SE Corner Lot 4 and N 52' S 74' Lots 1-3 and 66' N End Lots 1&2 and N 66' Lot 3 Block 24 Flora City Addition, located at 124/136 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Assistant City Attorney Bargaen read the Title of Ordinance 1143.

City Administrator Quady said this is for the City's parking lot and will change it from B-3 to Public.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement for Right of Entry and Indemnity with RDG Geoscience & Engineering, Inc. regarding property at 136 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

City Administrator Quady said this company will be working for the Department of Environmental Quality to monitor the site where there were two previous gas stations at their cost. She said before the City bought the property, assessments were done to protect the City.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for New Well 2015 in the amount of \$2,092.25.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Gossin to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Water 2017 Silver Street in the amount of \$8,900.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Anderson to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. Silver Street Bridge Replacement Construction Services in the amount of \$2,784.27.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the October 19, 2017 City Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Gossin to approve the second half of October 2017 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Mayor Grauerholz gave his Mayoral Report. He said the Chamber Business Expo will be on November 11, 2017. He said downtown trees will be trimmed on North 15<sup>th</sup> Street under power lines and he asked Quady to contact the forestry department of OPPD. He said the Rescue Squad is accepting donations for Advanced Life Support training and equipment. He said he has done some research on the Warren Pony Truss Bridge and has found record of 97 of these bridges still in existence.

City Administrator Quady reported on the usage and rates for the charging stations. She said that Public Works Director Larsen and JEO Consulting Group will be working on the drainage issue at 8<sup>th</sup> and Dale Streets.

Council Member Mollhoff gave an update on the Wellhead Protection program.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mollhoff to adjourn at 8:01 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 November 2, 2017 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.