

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 3, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 3rd day of November, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Rick Grauerholz
City Council President James Anderson
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
Assistant City Attorney Sarah Meier

Absent: City Council Member Chuck Niemeyer

Others: Clark Vosler, Rebecca Duncan, Greg Rowe, Mycole Decker, Mike Meyer, Ron Styskal, Cindy Danahy, Tom Danahy, Jerry Lofberg, Amanda Roe, Michelle Libal, Dan Linke, Caleb Fjone, Suzi Nelson and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on October 28, 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 Anderson, second by Wischmann to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Fire Chief Mike Meyer spoke about a special presentation given to Volunteer Fireman Mathew Meyer for Exemplary Action and Work. He said Meyer entered an apartment consumed by fire and smoke, performed search and rescue and pulled out the apartment occupant on April 28, 2020. Mathew Meyer was unable to attend, so the award was presented to him earlier. Mayor Grauerholz commented that this another great example of the people we have protecting this community and expressed his appreciation.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve Resolution 2022-17 – Year End Certification of Street Superintendent.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve second reading of Ordinance 1211 – PUD Ordinance.

Assistant City Attorney Meier read the Title of Ordinance 1211.

Clark Vosler of Five & Five Development spoke to the Council regarding updates to the PUD since the last meeting. He said the site plan has not changed; they received clearance from the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office related to the Beetison mansion; and the agreements for easements and land swaps with Ironhorse Golf Course are being worked on. He said one issue that came up was regarding the water line. He reviewed the water line design that follows the street and dead ends at the cul-de-sac. He said they spoke with the Department of Energy and found there is no limit to the length of a water line as long as pressure is met and it can be flushed. He said a flow analysis was completed and there is pressure for fire suppression and the houses. He said the flushing would be done by the SID until the City annexes the development. He said there will be a home owners association in place. He said the City Engineer would like the water line to be looped. He showed on a map where the loop would run. He said the problem with the water line is that it would have to be built to navigate past two storm sewers, a sanitary sewer line, a golf cart path, and possibly a tee box. He said putting the line in would be disruptive to the golf course. He said the line addition would be over \$100,000 and they don't think it is necessary. He added the golf course operators are not in favor of the idea. He said their design seems to meet all the requirements and they would like to avoid having to run this line. City Administrator Quady said this will require further conversations including the engineers and the City's Utility staff. She said the City and City engineers like to see redundancy and it saves the City from having to expend money to go back in and do it at a later time as was done in previous developments. She said in the case of a watermain break it allows for fewer people to be shut off during repairs. Mayor Grauerholz said that by having a looped system, the needs for fire suppression is met from two different directions which greatly increases the volume or gallons of water. Discussion followed.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Rebecca Duncan, Hometown Christmas Committee, spoke to the Council regarding a request for a special designated license for the event. She said after the parade they are hoping to have Glacial Till serve alcohol and have it allowed on the street between the barriers on 14th and 15th Streets. She said Glacial Till would hand out wrist bands, there would signage on the barricades at each end of the street and event volunteers would monitor the area.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Crnkovich to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for a Special Designated License for Glacial Till Vineyard & Winery for Home Town Christmas on Silver Street between 14th and 15th Streets.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Greg Rowe spoke to the Council regarding signing and speed bumps on South 8th Street during construction and closure of South 9th Street. He said traffic is being directed down 8th Street and they would like No Parking signs on one side of the street and speed bumps to slow down the traffic. City Administrator Quady said the Public Works Director has put in locates to install No Parking signage and for two permanent stop signs. She said they are looking at potential spots for temporary stop signs. Mayor Grauerholz said the Police Department will do extra drive throughs in the area. Discussion was held regarding the problems with maintenance of speedbumps; no speedbumps are planned at this time.

Mycole Decker spoke to the Council regarding the Decker property north of the City on Highway 66. He distributed pictures of the property from March and from this week depicting the progress in cleaning up the property. He said the property will not be a junk yard and that his father had started cleaning it up last year. He said he has been removing about three cars a week and the vehicles he brings in related to his towing business are gone within three days to one month depending on the insurance companies. He said the removal of the junk cars does depend on the winter and the price of the metal. He said the house has fallen down and he will be working on it but is focusing on the cars at this time. Discussion was held regarding the turn lane being put in because of the school project. Mayor Grauerholz said one of the hidden benefits of Decker's tow truck business is when they respond to accidents or stalled cars, this allows the fire and rescue personnel to leave the scene more quickly and to get them back home with their families.

Motion by Wischmann, second by Crnkovich to approve consent agenda which included approval of the October 20, 2022 City Council meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount of \$4,862.50, for Public Works Programming and Preliminary Design in the amount of \$5,100.00, for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$1,576.75, for Sanitary Sewer Replacements – Alleys in the amount of \$657.50, for Public School Expansion in the amount of \$380.00, and for Water Distribution Hydraulic Model in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve the second half of October 2022 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried



Jim Anderson, Acting 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 3, 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.