ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 6, 2025

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 6th day of November, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor James Anderson

City Council President Chuck Niemeyer City Council Member Michelle Libal City Council Member Jerry Lofberg City Council Member Jim Pinkman City Administrator Jessica Quady

City Clerk Kristina Stoki

Others:

Dan Linke, Ron Styskal, and Shane Larsen

Notice of the meeting was advertised at i3 Bank, the Ashland Post Office, and Ashland City Hall on October 31st, 2025. 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 shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was declared. Anderson noted the Open Meetings Act located on the south wall of the room.

Motion by Libal, second by Pinkman to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Public comment opportunity given. No comments made.

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1251 – Change the way pools are counted with regards to the accessory uses.

City Administrator Quady read the title of Ordinance 1251 in full.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Libal to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1254 – Amend existing PUD agreement for the Courtyards at Iron Horse.

City Administrator Quady read the title of Ordinance 1254 in full. Quady summarized this ordinance, stating the original PUD allowed for an in-ground pool at the clubhouse but not in individual homes, and this ordinances amends the PUD to allow for in-ground pools in individual homes at the Courtyards at Iron Horse.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-14 signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-15 adoption of the FEMA-Approved version of the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Quady stated this is a federal and state requirement every 5 years. Quady stated in Nebraska the Natural Resource District is tasked to do this for their region and we work on our section of the plan. Mayor Anderson stated this could lead to funds to improve the area across from Lee Sapp Ford.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve Conditional Use Permit #25-086 for placing a temporary Conex box on the property located at 1700 Furnas Street in Ashland, NE.

Quady stated the public hearing was already held and the Conex box had to be painted and cleaned up. Quady stated the Conex box has been moved and is no longer able to be seen from the street. In response to Council questions, Quady stated in the City Regulations one has to renew the permit for the storage box annually.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve waiving penalties on utility bills in November.

Quady explained this request is due to the difficult software transition, and the current bills have been printed without a penalty for this month, as the bills were generated one week late. There was discussion amongst all about the billing inquiries the office has been getting and Quady stated everyone who has inquired has been ok with the billing which has occurred once it was explained to them.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the October 16th City Council meeting minutes, and approval of the pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering \$1,431.25; for Ashland Water Supply Improvements in the amount of \$3,683.75; for WWTF Screen Improvements in the amount of \$3,500.00; for Ashland 2025 Rate Study in the amount of \$2,000.00, and for Ashland WWTF PER in the amount of \$330.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Pinkman to approve the second half of the October 2025 Claims.

Public Works Director Shane Larsen spoke about the claim to Don Shandera for a truck which is on the current Claims list. Larsen stated the various uses he has planned for the truck and another benefit of the truck is a CDL license is not required. Larsen stated the fuel pump will be replaced as part of the sale, and that it is a gas truck, not diesel. Larsen stated a breakdown of where this expense will be allocated in the budget for the current fiscal year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson noted Caleb Fjone attended a Cultural Investment conference. Anderson also noted thanks to Shane Larsen for working on the water main break late in the evening Wednesday night November 5th. Council President Niemeyer stated appreciation for having the Bryan Health Clinic here in town, to the Ashland Rescue Unit, and to Director Hensley's efforts in his recent need for their services.

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

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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 6, 2025 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.