

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2017

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 19th day of October, 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
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Jim Sanders, Chris Devillier, Lowell Krueger, Marilyn Wright, Reg Yates, Bob Luebbe, Ron Styskal, Kate Novak, Diane Rico, Lenora Isom and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on October 12, 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, second by DeVries to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Lowell Krueger gave public comment on a way to use the Silver Street Bridge trusses. He discussed how the bridge could be deconstructed to save the trusses. He said he was hoping the trusses could be put on a pier along the road on the west side of the bridge so it will appear that you are getting onto the old bridge. He said the railings have nice castings on them and they should be saved. He said the trusses could be weighed and payment could be made at scrap prices.

Diane Rico gave public comment saying the bridge proposal by Krueger is a great idea. She said getting a new bridge and preserving a portion of the old one is a win-win. She suggested that a local contractor may set the footings at a discounted price. She added

that maybe money could be raised to offset some of the cost of the project. She suggested that a sign could be put on the trail as a historical marker for the bridge.

Katherine Novak gave public comment saying that if the city is marketed as the ‘historic downtown Ashland’ than every opportunity to incorporate a historic element should be taken. She said this is the last chance to save it; and it’s a great idea and opportunity.

Chris Devillier gave public comment on saving the trusses. She said developing and strengthening the sense of place in Ashland is primary. She said one of the ways to do this is with historic icons and markers. She said this can go without compromising the plans for the bridge as it has been designed and is worth considering.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on proposed 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 14th Street at 7:14 p.m. Zoning Administrator Isom stated this will change the parking lot to a public use and allows for more windows to be added to a building built next to it. She added the Planning Commission recommended approval. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Motion by DeVries, second by Mollhoff to approve Resolution 2017-9 – Surplus Sale.

Motion by Anderson, second by DeVries to amend Resolution 2017-9 to include a television in the basement of the Historical Society pending workability.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady explained the surplus sale process.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Gossin to approve on third and final reading Ordinance 1141 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, NEBRASKA, AS PROVIDED IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE; TO AMEND THE CITY’S FUTURE LAND USE MAP; TO AMEND THE CITY’S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; TO ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1141.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to introduce and approve first 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 14th Street.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1143.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve placing a lien for outstanding utility bill on 2102 Dawes Street in the amount of \$428.38.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Mollhoff to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Ashland Whitetail Estates Improvements.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, second by Mollhoff to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Water and Sanitary Sewer Mapping Updates.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the September 2017 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Inspector's Report. Building Official Isom provided a letter from Lee Sapp regarding painting warnings on the sidewalk by his building's garage doors. Discussion was held regarding approving a palette of preapproved colors in the historic overlay and other possible items that could be permit-able by the building official without going through the Historic Preservation process. The Council directed Isom to put together some recommendations to put before the Historical Preservation Committee to recommend to the Council. They also requested she gather additional information from Sapp prior to approving the painted warnings on the sidewalk and they agreed this is not an item that would need to go before the Historical Preservation Committee.

Reviewed Library Report.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by DeVries to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the October 5, 2017 City Council meeting minutes and the September 28, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve September 2017 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reported that Ashland will be the final stop on the Bike Ride Across Nebraska event in June. He said that he has attended some meetings on the expansion and completion of the baseball fields. He reported that the police department has been offered in-car computer setups. He stated the Business Expo sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce will be held November 11. He said the Rescue Squad held the official kick-off for fundraising for the addition of Advanced Life Support (ALS). He also noted an article on the Costco Poultry Plant in the League magazine.

Council member DeVries informed the Council that the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. He also noted that he probably will be absent at the November 15th Council meeting.

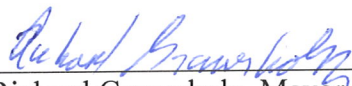
Council Member Gossin said he will miss the first meeting in November.

Council member Mollhoff suggested that a tree be planted at the park on 22nd and Euclid and possibly a bench installed.

Council Member Mollhoff requested staff check on abandoned tires left on city property.

Motion by Mollhoff, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

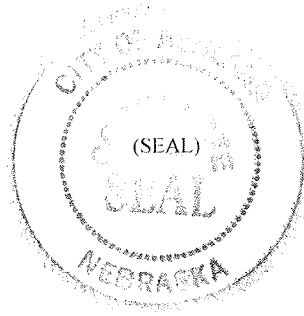
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried



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 October 19, 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.