

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2016

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 20th day of October, 2016 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 Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
Assistant City Attorney Sheila Bentzen

Absent: City Council Member Janece Mollhoff

Others: Lenora Isom and John Craven

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on October 13, 2016. 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 DeVries, seconded by Gossin to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on a Special Use Permit for Exterior Alterations in the B-2 Downtown Commercial District at East 32' Lot 1 Block 31 Flora City Addition located at 1401 Silver Street at 7:02 p.m. Zoning Official Isom stated that this is for the pharmacy building on the corner and that they will be using the windows and doors from Casey's that were removed as part of their emergency restoration. She said that both the Historic Preservation Committee and the Planning Commission recommended approval with the note that a sign was relocated to the back of the building. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on a Special Use Permit for Exterior Alterations in the B-2 Downtown Commercial District at North 80' of West 38' of Lot 6 Block 32 Flora City Addition located at 1541 Silver Street at 7:04 p.m. Zoning Official Isom stated that the American Legion would like to install four 24" diameter emblems representing the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders on the west side of the building. She said that the Historic Preservation Committee and the Planning Commission recommended approval. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a public hearing on a Special Use Permit for Exterior Alterations in the B-2 Downtown Commercial District at East ½ Lot 10 Block 23 Flora City Addition located at 1522 Silver Street at 7:06 p.m. Zoning Official Isom stated that this is for the Tantastic location. She said the owners would like to apply a wooden raised letter sign on the stucco building and the letters will be painted using existing building colors. She said the signage in the window will be removed. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Don Nordell and Brandy Johnson of Black Hills Energy gave an update to the Council regarding Black Hills Energy's operations in Ashland. Nordell stated that an evaluation of operations in Ashland was completed and it was determined that the staff in Ashland will be moved to the Papillion office and the Ashland facility will be put up for sale. He noted that the service in Ashland won't change and they will continue to provide safe reliable service to the customers of Ashland. Nordell and Johnson answered questions of the Council.

John Craven spoke to the Council regarding a section of the City owned lot behind his business at 120 North 14th Street. Discussion was held on the City's uses for the lot and Craven's desire to purchase the lot from the City or to sell his building to the City.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Anderson to approve Special Use Permit for Exterior Alterations in the B-2 Downtown Commercial District at 1401 Silver Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, seconded by DeVries to approve Special Use Permit for Exterior Alterations in the B-2 Downtown Commercial District at 1541 Silver Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, seconded by DeVries to approve Special Use Permit for Exterior Alterations in the B-2 Downtown Commercial District at 1522 Silver Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to authorize the Mayor to sign contract with Four Sons, Inc. for Keno.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to postpone authorizing the Mayor to sign contract with Nebraska Total Care until the next meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding a listing of possible sidewalk and parking lot concrete cutting repair and cost estimates from Precision Concrete Cutting. City Administrator Quady recommended that the City move forward with repairs at the shop, cemetery, the trail, and the Carnegie Library in the amount of \$5,600. She said there are spots at the Carnegie Library that the City will need to replace. She said this will be on the next agenda for consideration. Mayor Grauerholz noted that the City crew has been replacing concrete on streets that had been patched after a property owner utility repair and that he would like a policy written on how concrete is to be put back swiftly and correctly. Quady noted that JEO Consulting Group had started working on a policy that she has given to the Public Works Director and Utility Superintendent for input and that this will be brought before the Council in the future.

Reviewed the September 2016 Keno Report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed the Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Inspector's Report.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the October 6, 2016 City Council meeting minutes, approval of the September 29, 2016 Planning Commission meeting minutes and approval of Lakota Pehrson as a new member of the Ashland Rescue Squad.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, seconded by Anderson to approve the first half of October 2016 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve September 2016 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz gave his Mayor's Report. He said the Ashland Junior Women's Club and the Ashland Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual Freaky Frolics celebration on Saturday.

Council Member Anderson commented that the soffit on the Post Office is being repaired.

Council Member DeVries stated that on November 1 the quarterly Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation will meet and a presentation on affordable housing will be given.

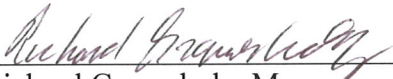
Council Member Anderson asked if the sand on 14th Street can be cleaned up. City Administrator Quady stated that the Nebraska Department of Roads takes care of Highway 6 and 66.

Council Member DeVries reported that a grant application for the splash pad has been submitted.

Council Member Anderson asked about holding a dedication for the concession stand. City Administrator Quady said that the AYBA is in charge of this.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 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 20, 2016 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.