

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 3rd day of October, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President Paul Gossin
City Council Member James Anderson
City Council Member Mathew Meyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Administrator Jessica Quady

Others: Suzi Nelson, Susan Cerny, Lenora Isom, Blake Kobs, and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on September 26, 2019. 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 is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wischmann to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve Resolution 2019-7 – Annual Certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 1166 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND; SECTION 2.03 AND SUBSECTIONS B & C OF SECTIONS 5.12, 5.14, 5.15, AND 5.16 OF THE ZONING

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, AS PROVIDED IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; TO ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

City Attorney Fahleson read the title of Ordinance 1166.

Zoning Administrator Isom stated that filing fee for a conditional use permit is \$300.00. Council Member Gossin said he had not received any other comments from the public on this since the last meeting. Isom and other Council Members indicated they had not received any either. He confirmed with Isom that the Planning Commission did vote to at least make self-storage conditional.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to place lien on 1909 Boyd Street for nuisance abatement in the amount of \$2,564.42.

Council Member Anderson asked about removing items by the alley. City Attorney Fahleson said to the extent that the property would need to be brought up for further abatement, it would be a separate agenda item and the owner would be given notice.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to recommend approval of issuance to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of a Special Designated Liquor License for Glacial Till Vineyard and Winery, LLC for Octoberfest local beer & food event from 1:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. on October 11,12 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27, 2019.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to recommend approval of issuance to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of a Special Designated Liquor License for Glacial Till Vineyard and Winery, LLC for Nebraska Angels Club monthly meeting on November 12, 2019, January 14, 2020, February 11, 2020, March 10, 2020 April 14, 2020 and May 12, 2020.

City Clerk Sliva reported Glacial Till will be sending the request for SDL recommendations as people and organizations book the room so the Council will be seeing dates far out in the future. She added that the tasting room may not be granted approval by the Liquor Control Commission as only 12 SDL's may be issued for the same address in a year and they have met that maximum but that the owner is sending a letter to the Commission requesting this rule be waived. Council member Gossin asked if the Council should send a letter of support to the Commission and requested Sliva contact the owner to ask if this would be helpful.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second Gossin to approve removal of remaining personal property on 602 Dennis Dean Road as authorized by court order.

City Attorney Fahleson stated he had sent a letter to the property owner's attorney asking to be notified if he no longer represented the owner and if there were any objections to the removal of the personal property and there was no response. He said the City is authorized under the Court Order to take the property. Council Member Anderson said that Council Member Wischmann's dad will remove the trailer at no charge, cut it up and recycle it. He added the City may need to push some trees out of the way to make it easier to access the trailer. Fahleson said under the court order the volunteer trees can be removed.

Roll Call: Ayes: Anderson, Gossin, Mayer Abstain: Wischmann
Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Anderson to approve Pay Request #3 from Bauer Underground, Inc. for 2018 Whitetail Estates 1st Addition, 9th Avenue Paving and Storm Sewer Improvements for \$4,488.19.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Council Member Anderson addressed the Council regarding maintenance and repair of the paved alleyways in the downtown business district. He reviewed the current ordinance that states the abutting property owner is responsible for the alleys. He said that he understands this out in the residential neighborhood but in the business district where it was assessed to the abutting property owners it should be treated the same as a public street. He said these alleys have been taken care in the past by the City. He added he thinks the ordinance should be amended to state as such. The Council's consensus was to have a draft amendment written to be presented to the Council for consideration.

Motion by Gossin, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the September 19, 2019 City Council meeting minutes; approval of Eli Josoff as a member of the Ashland Fire Department; approval of Jennie Blodgett as a member of the Ashland Rescue Squad; and approval of Pay Requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for \$2,436.15 for Salt Creek Bank Stabilization and Drainage Ditch Improvements.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Meyer to approve the second half of September 2019 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Grauerholz reminded the Council about the upcoming Fall Clean-Up Day. He noted the newspaper said the swimming pool is 50 years old this year; that he had received

positive comments about the paving project on Silver Street; and that Fremont Monument has been in the cemetery repairing stones.

Council Member Anderson asked for an update on the ticketing for weed nuisances on 7th Street and on the culvert at 8th and Dale Streets. He also asked for a presentation be made on a new business on the highway. Council Member Gossin suggested this could be done through a discussion with the Zoning Administrator. Mayor Grauerholz suggested that at the upcoming workshop an agenda item could be a discussion on requesting activity or staff reports.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Gossin to adjourn at 7:35 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 3, 2019 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.