

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 6, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 6th 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 Council Member Janece Mollhoff  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva  
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Troy Johnston, Shirley Niemeyer and John Keith

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on October 6 and posted at the Bank of Ashland, Farmers and Merchants Bank of Ashland, Ashland Post Office and City Hall on September 29, 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 Mollhoff to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Troy Johnston of JEO Consulting Group Inc. presented the Council with the Bid Tab for the 2016 Ashland Parking Lot Improvements that were let on October 4, 2016. Johnston said there were seven bids, that his bid estimate was \$200,000, and that the apparent low bidder was TR Construction of Bennington at \$184,515.27. He said that their start date would be November 1 on one of the lots, probably the southeast lot.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to award the bid to TR Construction, Bennington Nebraska for a total of \$184,515.27 to start on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Johnston answered questions of the Council.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Shirley Niemeyer spoke to the Council regarding a tire recycling opportunity with the Keep Fremont Beautiful organization that has a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. She said she has spoken with Lee Sapp who would assist, they would like to park a truck on City property for tire collection from residents in the City limits, they would use a donated box truck to transport the tires to Fremont and they could pick up tires if needed from residences. She said she is not sure if they are going forward with this project as she is waiting to hear if there will be sufficient space for their tires. She said for the grant record keeping everyone who brings in a tire will have to sign a form, any business that deals with tires would not be able to bring tires and there is no cost to bringing a tire in. She further discussed details of the collection which is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>. City Administrator Quady will coordinate a location for the collection with Niemeyer if participation is approved by Keep Fremont Beautiful.

Shirley Niemeyer spoke to the Council regarding the location of the Towers of History. She said there have been commitments of \$24,200 toward the project. Niemeyer discussed some possible location options on the NRD ground and in the parking lot at 13<sup>th</sup> and Silver Streets and possible tower designs. She said the project may be eligible for the Nebraska Sesquicentennial celebration grants program. Council Member Mollhoff stated that it is not feasible at this time to delay the parking lot project for the Tower project that may or may not happen and that if a committee is able to raise the funds a place will be found for the Towers.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for New Well 2015 in the amount of \$638.00.

City Administrator Quady gave an update on the well project.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to approve pay request from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for Highway 66 Water Main Improvements in the amount of \$1,370.00.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by DeVries to postpone consideration of Agenda Items G6 and G7 until the next meeting.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Council Member Anderson stated that he wanted to draw the Council's attention to the condition of the alley behind Lee Sapp Ford as the alley continues to cave in with the

heavy traffic. City Administrator Quady said that the alley can be placed on the priority list for future paving projects and repairs. Anderson said the alley cracks need to be tarred.

Council Member Anderson spoke regarding the alley behind 725 Cedar Street. He said he is concerned about the deterioration of a City alley possibly caused by loss of vegetation on a nearby property. City Attorney Fahleson and possibly the engineer will look at the condition of the alley to determine if any action can or should be taken.

Motion by Mollhoff, seconded by Anderson to approve HNR Outdoor Designs Trail invoice and change order in the amount of \$13,901.00.

City Administrator Quady noted that this is the final payment for the trail and the funds will be recouped as FEMA pays actual cost.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Mollhoff to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the September 15, 2016 City Council meeting minutes, the approval of the September 29, 2016 City Council meeting minutes and the approval of Mathew Meyer as an alternate member of the Planning Commission.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to approve the second half of September 2016 Claims.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

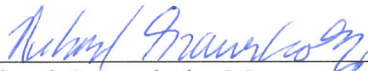
Mayor Grauerholz stated that he had attended the League of Nebraska Municipalities conference and he had been in contact the Department of Roads.


City Administrator Quady told the Council about a homeowner that will be repairing their property's sidewalk and about continuing nuisance problems at 1909 Boyd.

Council Member DeVries reported the Ashland Area Economic Development Board met and is moving forward with applying for a grant to do a housing study, working on getting a Leadership application submitted and viewed an affordable housing tax credit program.

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Gossin to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call:    Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

  
Richard Grauerholz, Mayor

  
Kathleen Sliva, City Clerk

(SEAL)

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 6, 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.