

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
September 13, 2022

A special meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Rick Grauerholz  
City Council President James Anderson  
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich  
City Council Member Chuck Niemeyer  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Absent: City Council Member Bruce Wischmann

Notice of meeting was posted at Ashland City Hall, Ashland Post Office and i3 Bank on September 8, 2022 and advertised in the Ashland Gazette on September 8, 2022. 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 6:00 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.

Mayor Grauerholz opened Public Hearings on the 2022-2023 Budget Document/Property Tax Request and on the 1- & 6-Year Road Plan at 6:02 p.m.

City Administrator Quady highlighted several items contained within the budget and answered questions of the Council. She said the housing rehab project budgeted for will be finished this year. She said funds are budgeted for new accounting software; for the addition of a full-time police officer; for new body cameras; and a new police vehicle. She added bunker gear, fire hose, officer stipends, and a utility terrain vehicle were budgeted for in the fire department. She said the Rescue Department budget will increase to cover the new payroll costs for rescue calls, half the cost of the UTV and a new squad. She said the increases in the Planning Department are for costs associated with anticipated annexations. Within the street department budgets, she noted, funds are budgeted for a new side by side vehicle, street repairs and projects including Blue Jay Way, Ice House Ridge roads and Dennis Dean Road, for the new shop design and expenses, replacement of trees downtown, Phase 2 of the sidewalk program, and engineering for Silver Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Street and underpass repairs. During her discussion of the Street Department's budget, she addressed items contained in the 1- & 6-Year Road Plan including adding Silver Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the streets north of Furnas Street connected with the school project or Ice House Ridge to the One-year plan.

She said the streets in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition of Whitetail and Birch Street are also in the 1-year plan. She said every other gravel road in town and Furnas Street are in the 6-Year Road Plan. She stated the seasonal position in the Cemetery Department is now budgeted as a full-time employee. In the Parks Department money is budgeted for ball field improvements, a box scrapper/pulverizer and pool house improvements she said. In the Library budget, a part-time person will be increased to a full-time person Quady added. She said Keno funds are budgeted for a new cemetery directory, sealing the splash pad and for a new holiday tree. She stated there were no significant changes in Debt. She said the tax levies will remain the same as last year with the General Levy at .45 and Bond Levy at .126. In the Water Department budget, she said the replacement of VFD on Well 4, a stand-by generator on Well 3, water lines for Dennis Dean Road, Blue Jay Way and the area near the Christian Church were included. She said budgeted items in the sewer department include a payment on the vacuum trailer, a new hauling truck, a box on the service truck, the addition of ½ person to be shared by water and sewer, sewer lines on the east side of town, rehabilitation of the Iron Horse lift station and a lining project. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearings at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve Resolution 2022-11 – Setting the 2022-2023 Property Tax Request.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried


Motion by Niemeyer, second by Anderson to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 1209 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE GENERAL FUND AND WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND BUDGET STATEMENTS TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND TO AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

City Clerk Sliva read the Title of Ordinance 1209.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to adjourn at 7:37 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 September 13, 2022 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.