

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
September 16, 2021

A special meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 16th day of September, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz
City Council President James Anderson
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich
City Council Member Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Bruce Wischmann
City Administrator Jessica Quady

Absent: City Clerk Kathleen Sliva
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: James Garman

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on September 9, 2021. 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 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Mayor Grauerholz noted the Open Meetings Act located on the south end of the room.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget Document and Property Tax Request at 6:03 p.m. City Administrator Quady spoke regarding the budget and highlighted the proposed levies and large projects. She stated that the assessed value increased 19%, growth accounting for 4%. Quady noted that the budgeted projects include continuing to administer the owner-occupied housing rehabilitation project, outfitting City Hall and the police department with a built-in generator, multiple fire/rescue equipment purchases, including bunker gear and new JAWS batteries, drain repair in the floor at the Fire Hall, joint project with the school for paving, water and sewer (\$1.24 million approximately), general obligation infrastructure payment in Ice House Ridge, paving Dennis Dean Road, starting construction on a City shop, finish Phase 1 of the ADA sidewalk project, replace water lines to three park bathrooms, pool improvements, signage at the Jack Anderson ball park, paint the booster water tower, update utility SCADA system, new water and sewer infrastructure on the east side, finish the sewer project, and

another sewer lining project. Discussion of these projects ensued. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to approve Resolution 2021-17 – Setting the 2021-2022 Property Tax Request.

City Administrator Quady said the General Levy will be set at \$881,820 and the Debt Levy at \$246,909.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

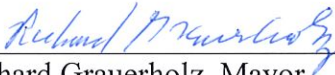
Motion by Wischmann, second by Niemeyer to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 1198 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE GENERAL FUND AND WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND BUDGET STATEMENTS TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND TO AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

City Administrator Quady read the Title of Ordinance 1198.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Wischmann to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Richard Grauerholz, Mayor


Jessica Quady, Deputy City Clerk



I, the above signed Deputy 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 16, 2021 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.