

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 17, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 17th day of September, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Richard Grauerholz  
City Council President Kyle Vest  
City Council Member James Anderson  
City Council Member Russell DeVries  
City Council Member Tonya Henson  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Clerk Kathleen Sliva  
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others present: John Trecek, Shirley Niemeyer and Lenora Isom

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on September 10, 2015. 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 Henson, seconded by Vest to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Shirley Niemeyer addressed the council inviting them to the Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation event on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Cellar 426. Niemeyer also gave a quick update on the Ashland Historical Society and the Carnegie Library, including showing samples of tile they would like to put up in the bathroom.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Budget at 7:08 p.m. City Administrator Quady spoke regarding highlights of the 2015-2016 Budget. Quady noted that the bulk of the general fund receipts come from property and sales taxes. Quady reported that included in the revenue is expected anticipation notes to pay for the two new parking lots at 13<sup>th</sup> and Silver Streets and 15<sup>th</sup> and Adams Streets. Also included in revenue are donations for the building of the splash pad and funds from FEMA to help reconstruct the damaged trail. Quady noted that major projects for this coming year



Motion by Vest, seconded by DeVries to approve on third and final reading Ordinance 1122 – 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 Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1122.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Henson, seconded by DeVries to introduce and approve Ordinance 1123 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PAVING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015, OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$230,000) ISSUED TO REFINANCE CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR A SINKING FUND AND FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY SAID BONDS TO THE EXTENT NOT PAID FROM OTHER SOURCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1123.

Motion by Henson, seconded by DeVries to suspend the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days.

Roll Call: Ayes: Anderson, DeVries, Henson, Vest Nays: None  
Motion Carried

The Mayor then called for a roll call vote on Ordinance 1123 on final reading.

Roll Call: Ayes: Anderson, DeVries, Henson, Vest Nays: None  
Motion Carried

Ordinance 1123 is approved and adopted.

Motion by Henson, seconded by Vest to introduce and approve first reading of Ordinance 1124 – Prohibiting Sky Lanterns.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1124.

Mayor Grauerholz spoke regarding the dangers of these items flying through the air on fire. He noted that they are sold all over the internet and anyone can sell them, not just fireworks stands. Grauerholz said he spoke to both the fire chief and the police chief and they were in support of the ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Henson to approve Special Use Permit for a Wood Privacy Fence in the B-2 Downtown Commercial and Preservation at 1325 Silver Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Henson, seconded by Anderson to accept bid for geotechnical exploration related to the Silver Street bridge replacement from Terracon in the amount of \$5,600 with two items the City Attorney would like to clarify.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Reviewed the August 2015 Keno report.

Reviewed the Public Works Director's Report.

Reviewed the Utility Superintendent's Report.

Reviewed the Police Chief's Report.

Reviewed Building Inspector's Report. Isom gave an update regarding the nuisance property at 2141 Adams Street. Isom also noted that Dollar General will be open by the end of the month.

Reviewed the Library Report.

Motion by Henson, seconded by Vest to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the September 3, 2015 City Council meeting minutes and the appointment of Brandon Gammel to the Ashland Rescue Squad.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Henson, seconded by Anderson to approve the first half of September 2015 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Vest to approve August 2015 Treasurer's Report.

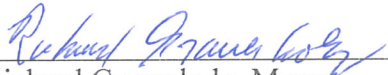
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

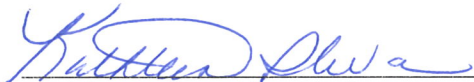
Mayor Grauerholz noted that the website is close to being up, that he, Quady and Fahleson met with the rescue squad regarding their change in leadership, that letters went out to property owners regarding low hanging trees over streets and sidewalks, that the nuisance letter went out for 1909 Boyd Street, and that Officer Severn was hired on by

Bellevue Police Department and that the position has been filled by a new hire that he has already heard good things about.

Motion by Henson, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 17, 2015 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.