

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 4th day of September, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg
City Council Member Jim Pinkman
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kristina Stoki
Assistant City Attorney Kurth Brashear

Absent: City Council Member Michelle Libal

Others: Dan Linke, Caleb Fjone

Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on August 29th, 2025. 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 shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Anderson 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. Anderson noted the Open Meetings Act located on the south wall of the room.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Public comment opportunity given. No comments made.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 1252 - Adopt the General Fund and Water and Wastewater Fund Budget Statements to be Termed the Annual Appropriations Bill.

Assistant City Attorney Kurth Brashear read the title of Ordinance 1252 in full.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 1253 - Amend the Ashland Municipal Code to Provide for Publication as an Additional Method of Service of Notice to Abate Nuisance.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to suspend the rules of the statutory requirement of three separate readings.

City Administrator Quady stated the purpose of this is in the event the owner of a property cannot be located to serve in person or by certified mail, as this is the only other option available. Assistant City Attorney Kurth Brashear read the title of Ordinance 1523 in full.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson then asked for a vote on final passage of Ordinance 1253 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND SECTION 4-307 OF THE ASHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AS AN ADDITIONAL METHOD OF SERVICE OF NOTICE TO ABATE A NUISANCE.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-8 to authorize a Master Lease-Purchase Agreement in the principal amount of \$240,000 with Kinetic Leasing for a 2017 Vactor Sewer Jet/Vac/Hydro-Evacuation truck

Quady stated this purchase has already been approved by the Council; this resolution is approving the financing of the previously approved purchase, which is over 5 years. Commentary made by all this will save the City a lot of time and is needed.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group for Ashland 2025 Utility Rate Study in the Amount of \$18,000.

Quady summarized the agreement and noted the last rate increase was in 2007, and the last rate study was done in 2021.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with Arbor Street Studios for painting of approved artwork/mural on North exterior wall of Ark Financial in the amount of \$9,000.

Caleb Fjone stated this is the contract for the mural designer's work.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve consent agenda which included approval of the August 21st, 2025 City Council meeting minutes, approval of the pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering \$14,851.25; for Ashland Water Supply Improvements in the amount of \$4,750.00; and for WWTF PER in the amount of \$12,100.00, and for the approval of the Mayoral Appointment of Gabe Hopp as a member of the Ashland Creative District Committee.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve the second half of the August 2025 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

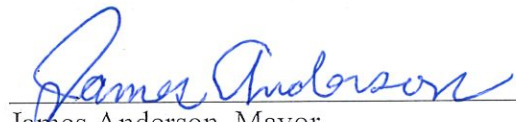
Mayor Anderson stated the Ashland Comprehensive Review will be November 19th at the Public Library. Quady stated that review is not a public meeting, just a committee meeting, and the public meeting is in December. Mayor Anderson and Caleb Fjone made mention of the community band and community choir. Fjone stated the Annual Summit last month went well.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried



Kristina Stoki, City Clerk



James Anderson, Mayor



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 4, 2025 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.