ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 6, 2019

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 6th day of June, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Richard Grauerholz

City Council President Paul Gossin City Council Member James Anderson City Council Member Bruce Wischmann

City Administrator Jessica Quady

City Clerk Kathleen Sliva City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent:

City Council Member Mathew Meyer

Others:

Mike Lesley, James Garman Sr., Suzi Nelson, Eric Rosenboom and Dave

Henke

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on May 30, 2019. 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 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Mayor Grauerholz noted the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wischmann to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

James Garman Sr. addressed the Council regarding his property at 1909 Boyd Street stating he is working at cleaning up the property. He said he is about 40% done and he wants to get past this. City Administrator Quady shared photos of the property that were taken today. Council Member Anderson reminded Garman the goal is to completely clean up the property and to cease all operations of recycling. Council Member Gossin suggested that before the next council meeting on June 20th, the City will research the costs of having someone come in to clean the property if Garman is unable to do so.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve granting an extension of the completion date for nuisance property at 1909 Boyd Street with a new completion date of June 19.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Mike Lesley addressed the Council regarding his property at 2602 Adams Street. He said he has moved some trucks; has a tree service coming in to trim up a tree; he has removed the lilacs; and he has someone picking up the wood. Council Member Anderson reminded Lesley the need to follow City ordinances wherever he is storing his vehicles. Lesley said they have looked at one company's modular house and has plans to look at others. He said he has five trucks remaining on the property and that he will get rid of two. He said he has three bikes going to storage. Lesley agreed to remove the portable canvas structure. Lesley said he hopes to have it cleaned up by the next meeting depending on the weather. Lesley agreed to getting down to three trucks and to removing the unlicensed vehicles and bikes. City Administrator Quady said she would get Lesley the limit on the number of vehicles he can have on his property.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve granting an extension of completion date for nuisance property at 2602 Adams Street with the agreement that owner will be down to three trucks, five registered bikes and the lean-to removed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Wischmann, second by Gossin to approve Change Order #3 (Final) on Silver Street Water Main project in the amount of a decrease of \$6,341.27.

Dave Henke of JEO Consulting Group said there were 48 items on the change order.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request #7 (Final) from General Excavating for Silver Street Water Main project in the amount of \$58,460.26.

Dave Henke of JEO Consulting Group said the project took longer than anyone thought but it is completed. Mayor Grauerholz mentioned there was a problem with an alarm at the firehall malfunctioning. City Administrator Quady said an alarm company needs to be called in to do the repair. Henke reminded the Council that everything will be under warranty for one year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Anderson to approve acceptance of Certificate of Substantial Completion of Silver Street Water Main project.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve Pay Request #2 (Final) from Watts Electric Company for Silver Street Bridge Aesthetic Railing and Ornamental Lighting in the amount of \$3,602.32.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve acceptance of Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Silver Street Bridge Aesthetic Railing and Ornamental Lighting project.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Commission regarding Special Designated License for various dates in June and July 2019 for Glacial Till Vineyard at 1432 Silver Street.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Tender and Release Agreement with Hudson Insurance for the 2018 Whitetail Estates 1st Addition.

City Administrator Quady noted this is an updated version from the one approved at the last meeting.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Completion Contract with Bauer Underground for the 2018 Whitetail Estates 1st Addition.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady said Delta Electric provided an estimate for installing lights on 14th Street. She said Delta put up the lights after the highway project. The existing lights that were being reinstalled have some wiring issues, which isn't surprising as the downtown lights are worked on regularly. She reviewed the estimate options. Discussion was held regarding the hue of the LED lights as a warmer hue is preferred. Council Member Gossin suggested getting input from Chamber of Commerce. He suggested doing the lights north on 14th Street and leave the lights on Silver Street for a later time. Quady said this could be discussed at budget time.

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve Option #2 from Delta Electric for LED Lighting Downtown north of Silver Street on 14th.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Council Member Anderson spoke to the Council regarding displaying the American flag along 14th Street continuously from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. City Administrator

Quady said she spoke to the Public Works Director about flying the flags from Memorial Day to Labor Day and the related costs and maintenance issues with the extended display of the flags. Discussion followed.

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve displaying the American flag from Memorial Day to Veterans Day on 14th Street.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Anderson Wischmann

Nays: Gossin

Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady said the first meeting in July is on the Fourth of July and asked the Council if they would like to move it to July 2.

Motion by Anderson, second by Gossin to move the first meeting in July to Tuesday, July 2

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Gossin, second by Wischmann to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the May 16, 2019 City Council meeting minutes and approval of a Pay Request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for the Salt Creek Bank Stabilization and Drainage Ditch Improvements in the amount of \$2,033.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson, second by Wischmann to approve the second half of May 2019 Claims.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady said she would be sending out an email regarding budget meeting dates.

Council Member Gossin said the next quarterly AAEDC meeting will be held on June 26th.

Council Member Wischmann asked what the practice is for enforcing violations on inoperable and unlicensed vehicles on residential and commercial lots. City Administrator Quady explained enforcement procedures. She also talked about tall grass nuisances.

Council Member Wischmann reported a problem with trash dumping and standing water on the outside edge of City limits.

Council Member Anderson requested a list of street repair projects. City Administrator Quady said these will be discussed at budget meetings.

City Administrator Quady said there will be a meeting next Monday regarding the sidewalk repair program. She said the Silver Street concrete project will include handicap curbs.

Motion by Gossin, seconded by Wischmann to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Richard Grauerholz, Mayor



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 June 6, 2019 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.