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 7th 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 13th and Silver Streets and 15th 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

include potential electric vehicle charging stations that a grant will pay for half of, trading in the police Explorer and one of the rescue squads for newer models, almost \$100,000 in concrete repairs, including three major intersections – 15th and Silver Streets, 16th and Silver Streets and 26th and Silver Streets, equipment to start using the brine system on City streets instead of salt, the two new parking lots downtown, the starting of the Silver Street bridge replacement, several repairs to park bathrooms, a new roof at the Wiggenhorn Park pavilion, finishing the concession stand, the building of splash pad, a few more minor repairs to the pool and bathhouse, tuck pointing at the Carnegie Library, finishing 14th Street water main project, finishing the production well project, repairing a sewer line downtown and another several blocks of sewer linings of older mains. With no further comment, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Grauerholz opened a Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit for a wood privacy fence in the B-2 Downtown Commercial and Preservation District at N 80' W 3' Lot 4 & N 80' E ½ Lot 5 & W 19.5' E 39' Lot 4, Block 30, Flora City Addition, more commonly known as 1325 Silver Street at 7:16 p.m. Building Inspector Isom noted that the vehicles on the property did get licensed which was a criteria of the Planning Commission. Isom reported that it will match the existing fence and is a 6' fence. Historic Preservation and Planning Commission recommended approval. With no further comments, Mayor Grauerholz closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Vest, seconded by DeVries to approve Resolution 2015–13 – Resolution setting the 2015-2016 Property Tax Request.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Henson, seconded by DeVries to approve Resolution 2015–14 – Resolution Water and Land Conservation Program Request for Splash Pad Project and to change the effective date to September 17, 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by DeVries, seconded by Henson to approve Resolution 2015–15 – Resolution Calling for Payment of Refunding Bonds.

John Trecek with Ameritas Investment Corporation spoke regarding a 2009 issue that he's proposing to call these bonds and authorizing an issuance of refunding bonds. He noted that the hard dollar savings would be \$21,869.38.

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

Resolution 2015-15 is approved and adopted.

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.

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.

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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

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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.