

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 20th day of February, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer
City Council Member Michelle Libal
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg
City Council Member Jim Pinkman
City Administrator Jessica Quady
City Clerk Kristina Stoki
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Others: Caleb Fjone, Ron Styskal, Dan Linke, Carol Clough

Notice of the meeting was posted at the following places on February 11th, 2025: i3 Bank, Ashland Post Office, City Hall. 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 7:00 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 Pinkman, second by Lofberg to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Public comment opportunity given. No comments made.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Application 25-002 Ordinance 1244 for the Vacation of 7th Street between Silver and North Boundary of Blk 1 & 2 Stambaugh's Addition, Vacation of Adams Street between 8th Street and the East Boundary of Stambaugh's Addition, Vacation of Alley in Blk 13 Stambaugh's Addition, and Vacation of Alley on the East Boundary along Blk 1 & 14 of Stambaugh's Addition at 7:02 p.m.

City Administrator Quady presented on a map the areas that will be vacated on the property being sold to the City of Lincoln.

With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing on the Application for Fireworks Licenses for Ka-Boomer's Enterprises, Inc at 2242 Silver Street, ROC Youth Center at 198 Highway 6, 1517 Midwest LLC at 115 S. 10th Street, and Hometown Fireworks at 103 S. 22nd Street at 7:05 p.m.

Comment by City Administrator Quady and City Clerk Stoki these are all applicants from prior years with no issues, and that applicants have paid their application fee.

With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 1244 - Vacation of 7th Street between Silver and North Boundary of Blk 1 & 2 Stambaugh's Addition, Vacation of Adams Street between 8th Street and the East Boundary of Stambaugh's Addition, Vacation of Alley in Blk 13 Stambaugh's Addition, and Vacation of Alley on the East Boundary along Blk 1 & 14 of Stambaugh's Addition.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to waive the statutory rule requiring reading of Ordinance 1244 on three different days.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Vote requested on final passage of Ordinance 1244.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve Certificate of Substantial Completion of 2024 Furnas Street and 30th Street Water Main Improvements.

City Administrator Quady commented this project will be finished up in the Spring.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve Certificate of Substantial Completion of 2022 Dennis Dean road Improvements Water Main, Sanitary Sewer and Lift Station, and Hydrants.

City Administrator Quady clarified this item and noted what is left on the project.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve Firework License Applications for Ka-Boomer's Enterprises, Inc at 2242 Silver Street, ROC Youth Center at 198 Highway 6, 1517 Midwest LLC at 115 S. 10th Street, and Hometown Fireworks at 103 S. 22nd Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Review of Administrative reports for January 2025. Reports included the Keno, Public Works Director's, Utility Superintendent's, Police Chief's, Building Official's, Library Director's, and Rescue Director's. AAEDC Director Caleb Fjone mentioned his report pertains to the new aquatic

facility but is not in the packet. Councilman Niemeyer noted enjoying seeing the rescue report, with Mayor Anderson stating the reported 44 calls. Mayor Anderson noted all administrative reports are available in City Hall for the public to review.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve consent agenda which included approval of the February 6, 2025 City Council meeting minutes, approval of the minutes of the January 30, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting, approval of the January 2025 Treasurers Report, and approval of Cody Fries as a member of the Ashland Fire Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

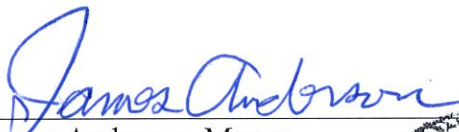
Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve the first half of February 2025 Claims.


Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayors Report given. He stated the Downtown area lights have been replaced with LED lighting and are cheaper to operate, and thanked the Public Works department for excellence in recent snow removal. He stated that Councilman Niemeyer, himself, Administrator Quady, and Councilmember Pinkman will be attending the League of Nebraska Municipalities conference, and also noted that himself and Quady will be on an Emergency Management panel along with representatives from Wahoo. He noted that Police Chief Brady has started four new fifth-grade D.A.R.E classes.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to adjourn from Regular Session at 7:16 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


James Anderson, Mayor


Kristina Stoki, City Clerk



(SEAL)

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 February 20, 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.