ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES June 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 19th day of June, 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:

Carol Clough, Bill Krejci, Courtney Wittstruck, Aaron Lanik

Notice of the meeting was posted in the three designated public places on June 12th, 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 Lofberg, second by Niemeyer to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call:

Aves: All

Motion Carried

Public comment opportunity given. No comments made.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit #25-042 for Home II Daycare. The property is located at 1229 S 9th Ave, Ashland NE at 7:01 p.m. Courtney Wittstruck of 601 N. 29th St. (applicant) spoke and states she is transferring her current license to her new home in Whitetail [Estates], there is more parking for her customers, some of which also live in Whitetail, and she currently has 12 kids in her daycare. City Administrator Quady stated the action items to vote on the public hearing applications were inadvertently left off the agenda and will be voted on at the next scheduled meeting (Budget Workshop) on Monday June 23rd, 2025. With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit #25-053 for Dog Kennel. The property is located at 1745 Silver Street, Ashland NE at 7:04 p.m. With no commentary made, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit #25-057 for Dog Kennel The property is located at 124 N 32nd Street, Ashland NE at 7:05 p.m. Aaron Lanik of 124 N. 32nd St. (applicant) spoke and stated the kinds, sizes, and ages of the three dogs he has, and stated his fencing is good. With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to Consider Contractor's Application for Payment #6 from Van Kirk Brothers Contracting for 2022 Ashland Water Main Furnas & 30th Street in the amount of \$7,826.59.

City Administrator Quady stated this payment request closes out the project and is all retainage.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Pinkman to Consider Quote and Agreement with Motorola Solutions for In-Car Video & Speaker System.

Quady stated this item includes payments over five years, with the first payment being this fiscal year, and is eligible for zero percent interest. Quady stated this quote is to put cameras in all vehicles and includes an extra body camera. Council Member Libal stated this quote will also allow videos to be uploaded via the cloud and will allow communication with other departments.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Administrative reports were reviewed as a standard item. Mayor Anderson noted seven permits issued for new homes, including a 9-plex unit, with commentary on the 9-plex made by Zoning Administrator Krejci and multiple council members on specifics and progress.

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve consent agenda which included approval of the May 29th, 2025 Planning Commission meeting minutes, approval of the June 4th, 2025 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes, approval of the June 5th, 2025 City Council meeting minutes, and approval of the May 2025 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Communications given: Mayor Anderson stated bids for the new well will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on June 25th, 2025, which is estimated at around one million dollars. City Administrator Quady

stated the target for the new water well is to be online next year, but may be dependent on bid prices.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

James Anderson, Mayor

Kutuu Stohu Kristina Stoki, 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 June 19th, 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.