

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 6, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson  
City Council President Chuck Niemeyer  
City Council Member Jake Crnkovich  
City Council Member Michelle Libal  
City Council Member Jerry Lofberg  
City Administrator Jessica Quady  
City Attorney Mark Fahleson

Absent: City Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Others: Emily Obert, Ron Pletcher, Ron Styskal, Dan Linke, Jim Pinkman, Alexa Sedlak and Amy Sedlak

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on May 31, 2024. 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 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 Crnkovich, second by Niemeyer to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve second reading of Ordinance 1236 – Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC Franchise Renewal.

City Attorney Fahleson read the title of Ordinance 1236.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to approve second reading of Ordinance 1237 – Establishing a Franchise Fee on Natural Gas Companies.

Mayor Anderson read the title of Ordinance 1237.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

City Administrator Quady updated the Council on the progress report for Lowell Krueger's home renovation at 106 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street according to the graph Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector Krejci updated. Discussion followed.

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Libal to table consideration of recommendation for abatement of nuisance at 106 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street until July 18, 2024.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Lofberg to approve contractor's application for payment #13 from M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc in the amount of \$187,092.91.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Crnkovich, second by Niemeyer to approve awarding the 2024 Furnas Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main Improvements to Van Kirk Bros. Contracting in the amount of \$799,526.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign employment contract for Officer Moser.

Discussion ensued regarding the length of time the City has required police officers to sign contracts for in the past.

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to amend the contract from five years to three years.

Roll Call:    Ayes: Crnkovich, Libal, Lofberg    Nayes: Niemeyer    Motion Carried

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve consent agenda which included approval of the May 16, 2024 City Council meeting minutes; and approval of pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering in the amount \$7,293.75; for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$10,215.10; for Public Works in the amount of \$7,269.00; Silver Street Improvements in the amount of \$10,805.40; and for Water Main Furnas & 30<sup>th</sup> Streets in the amount of \$11,575.00.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried


Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve the second half of May 2024 Claims.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson introduced the student visitors that were in attendance, Alexa Sedlak and Emily Obert.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Libal to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

  
James Anderson, Mayor

  
Jessica Quady, Deputy City Clerk



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 June 6, 2024 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.