

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 6, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 6th day of March, 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  
Assistant City Attorney Kurth Brashear

Others: Liz Flynn, Dustin Detering, Lacy Detering, Matt Van Moorleghem, Jenny Van Moorleghem, Dave Lutton, Jaime Thimm, Dan Beranek, Matt Treadway, Shirley Niemeyer, Ronald Styskal, Tim Uryasz, Heather Kennedy, Ron Pletcher, Scott Howard, Tom Danahy, Cindy Danahy, Carol Clough, and others.

Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 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 Pinkman 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 #24-202 for a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate private grass runway located in Pt NW1/4 NE1/4, Pt NE1/4 NE1/4, Pt SE1/4 NE1/4 Sec 34-13-9. The property is located East of old railroad tracks between Bluejay Way and County Road A at 7:02 p.m.

Liz Flynn of 3156 Lisaje Ave spoke in opposition with concerns of stymying Ashland's growth and impact to homes. Also requested the City to have specific, rather than general, guidelines if an airport or runway were ever to be developed in the future.

Dustin & Lacy Detering of 2702 Bluejay Way spoke in opposition of a runway in close proximity to homes, school property, and future community center, and their concern of this turning into an airport over the long term.

Matt and Jenny Van Moorlegheem of 1109 Bluejay Plaza spoke in opposition due to noise pollution and plane traffic.

Dave Lutton requested the council deny this as it is not a good location for an airport and requested an airport location be considered as part of the Comprehensive Plan currently being developed.

Jaime Thimm of 1106 Bluejay Plaza spoke in opposition as their plans to build and move here did not take into account what is being proposed.

Dan Beranek of Ashland, currently building in this area, spoke in opposition of having an airport or runway this close to their home.

Matt Treadway of Ashland, owner of property and applicant of conditional use permit, stated the understanding of the concerns noted. He mentioned the Millard airport, which has 60 flights per day, has not impacted the development or growth of that community. He mentioned safety during flight being his #1 concern. He predicted at most 100 flights per year and this is also weather dependent, and can limit traffic over the area as much as possible. Weather and wind conditions may result in a number closer to 50 flights per year.

Email from Kris Bousquet of Lincoln (and of 1009 Bluejay Circle as their future homesite) was read, who is in support of the project per discussion between him and Mr. Treadway. He feels the air traffic designs made by Mr. Treadway will limit noise and air traffic, with minimal impact. He also stated city accommodations for ag enterprises, which should be upheld by the City, and landowner rights should also be supported by the City. He stated no concern to his future home's property value, and this proposal has reaffirmed his decision to build and move here because of the respectful nature of Mr. Treadway and Ashland's support of agriculture.

Mr. Treadway mentioned that if he were asked to only use this for private vs. commercial use for his own spraying needs, he said he would if that were a condition of the use permit.

Shirley Niemeyer provided a handout to the Council and spoke in opposition due to future growth, pesticide drift, and noise concerns.

Mr. Treadway also mentioned that the property on the north side of the runway cannot be developed as it is in a flood plain, and also noted he would love to further educate anyone here who has doubts or concerns on this related to spraying and pesticide use.

Liz Flynn spoke again about direction of air traffic related to future development plans in the area.

With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve Resolution 2025-4 – Enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Creation of a Mutual Finance Organization.

City Administrator Quady mentioned this is an annual resolution for partnership with other villages, cities, and rural boards in the county, which allows Ashland to receive approximately \$20,000 per year.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to decline Application #24-202 for a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate private grass runway located in Pt NW1/4 NE1/4, Pt NE1/4 NE1/4, Pt SE1/4 NE1/4 Sec 34-13-9. The property is located East of old railroad tracks between Bluejay Way and County Road A.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Pinkman to Authorize the Mayor to sign Fireworks Stand License Agreement with 1517 Midwest, LLC.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to approve consent agenda which included approval of the February 20, 2025 City Council meeting minutes, approval of Pay Request from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for Towers of History Topography Survey in the amount of \$645.00; for General Engineering \$2,722.50; for Dennis Dean Road Improvements in the amount of \$6,995.00; for Water Supply Improvements in the amount of \$24,475.25; for WWTF PER in the amount of \$5,450.00; for Ashland Birch Street Improvements in the amount of \$7,200.00; and for Water Main Furnas & 30<sup>th</sup> Streets in the amount of \$2,351.25, and approval of Cadence Minnick as a member of the Ashland Fire Department.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

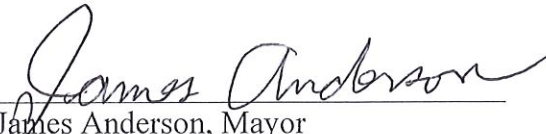
Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve the second half of February 2025 Claims.


Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Mayors Report given. He mentioned the recent attendance of councilmembers, the City Administrator, and Zoning Inspector to educational conferences. He also noted recent vandalism at Wiggenhorn park and the new dog park fencing install.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to adjourn from Regular Session at 7:36 p.m.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

  
James Anderson, Mayor

  
Kristina Stoki, 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 March 6, 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.