

# **ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Mayor James Anderson

Others: Macee Cervený, Dan Linke, Sherry Nygren, Helen Raikes, Ron Styskal.

Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on September 26<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.

Council President Niemeyer called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to introduce and approve the second reading of Ordinance 1250 – Change the Dog Kennel License Standards

City Attorney Fahleson read the title of Ordinance 1250 in full.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Pinkman to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-12 authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with HDR Inc., for Ashland Pedestrian Underpass Environmental Services Supplemental Agreement #1.

City Administrator Quady stated the Council already approved the initial agreement. Quady stated this is an update of the contracts. Quady stated this is through the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Quady stated construction will not begin until 2027 and is for the Pedestrian Tunnel, which Congressional funding was received for.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-13 authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group for Ashland Pedestrian Underpass Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement #1.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Macee Cerveney appeared before the Council representing Community for Kids (C4K) and spoke about a shade structure addition to the Euclid Street Park at 21<sup>st</sup> & Euclid. Cerveney stated her experience working in childcare shows there is a need to update the park further by providing a shade structure because of the benefits it would bring to those utilizing the park. Cerveney stated she has spoken to others in the community who agree. City Administrator Quady stated she and the Public Works Director will look at options & pricing.

Helen Raikes spoke and proposed a donor partnership and mentioned there may be other partners available to help fund the structure. It was discussed there may be opportunities with the Rotary Club, Calvin's Legacy, and the area Chamber.

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve recommendation to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission regarding a Special Designated Liquor License for an Outdoor Movie at Salt Creek Mercantile 1502 Silver Street on October 24, 2025 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve ratification of all actions, including the election of the nominees to the LIGHT Board of Directors, of Jessica Quady, our LIGHT representative, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting of the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) on September 26, 2025.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: All                      Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to reduce the Dennis Dean Road Paving Assessment for 843 Dale Street in the amount of \$8,478.92, for a total assessment at this property of \$45,294.33 based on the right-of-way extension parallel to Highway 6 recommendation from the City Engineer.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Lofberg to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO Consulting Group for Elm Street and Dale Street Improvements (Design & Bidding).

Quady stated this is part of the 1 & 6 year road plan.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to approve consent agenda which included approval of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, & September 24<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting minutes, and approval of the pay requests from JEO Consulting Group Inc. for General Engineering \$1,875.75; for Ashland Water Supply Improvements in the amount of \$4,250.00; and for WWTF Screen Improvements in the amount of \$17,500.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Pinkman to approve the second half of the September 2025 Claims.

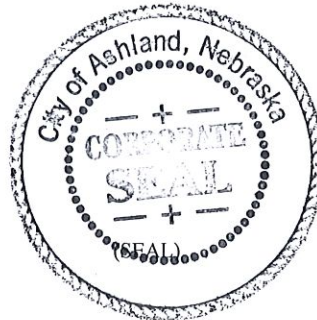
Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

  
Chuck Niemeyer, City Council President

  
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 October 2, 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.