

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
September 18, 2024**

A special meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at 6:00 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 Clerk Kathleen Sliva

Others: Julie Pike, Dan Pike, Steve Williams and Tony Rosentreader

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on September 13, 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 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Mayor Anderson noted the Open Meetings Act that is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers.

Mayor Anderson opened Public Hearings on the 2024-2025 Budget Document/Property Tax Request and the 1- & 6-Year Road Plan at 6:02 p.m.

City Administrator Quady highlighted several items contained within the budget. She stated the tax levy is remaining the same at 45 cents for the general levy and 12.6 cents for the bond levy, totaling 57.6 cents. She said the Creative District's Towers of History remains in the budget this fiscal year. She said there are matching funds budgeted for an additional police officer if the City receives the Cops Hiring Grant. She said there is funding for paying 60% of rescue staff. She added 40% of the funding will come from Rural Fire. She said funding for a new Comp Plan is included in the Planning and Zoning Department. She said Phase 2 of the ADA sidewalk ramps and Phase 1 of the sidewalk projects will be finished. She noted there continues to be storm sewer and street improvement funds budgeted. She said they will be finishing the Dennis Dean Road project and starting engineering and construction on the Silver Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Birch Street projects. She said the old water tower is scheduled to be painted; work will continue on the well at 29<sup>th</sup> and Boyd Streets; and a new water line from the new well to 23rd and Clay

will be installed. She added that they will be finishing the utilities in the Dennis Dean Road, Furnas Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Street projects. She said they are continuing to budget for sewer rehab, replacing manholes and repairing broken valves. Quady then reviewed the One and Six Year Road Plan and map. She noted that all the blue lines on the map are for the Six Year plan. She said all of the gravel roads in town are on the Six Year Plan as well as Furnas Street and North 30<sup>th</sup> Street tying into Blue Jay Way. She added the One Year Plan includes Silver Street from the Silver Street bridge east to Highway 6, Birch Street where the new apartments are being built and 8<sup>th</sup> Street where a new business will be opening by the Burlington Northern lot. She noted that a developer funded project in Whitetail is also included. She said the turn lanes north on Highway 66 are included on the one year plan as the project is not complete. Steve Williams asked how construction costs for street paving is assessed. Quady explained the assessment process. Quady said she would investigate the estimated costs of the project assessments if the paving was completed at today's prices. Tony Rosentreader, Julie Pike and Dan Pike also asked questions and gave comment about the assessments and the road plan particularly in their area near 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Cooper Road. Quady answered questions of the Council and audience members. With no further comments, Mayor Anderson closed the Public Hearings at 6:20 p.m.

City Council Member Libal arrived at 6:16 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to approve Resolution 2024-7 – Setting the 2024-2025 Property Tax Request.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve Resolution 2024-8 – One and Six Year Street Improvement Program.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Niemeyer to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 1239 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE GENERAL FUND AND WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND BUDGET STATEMENTS TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND TO AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Mayor Anderson read the Title of Ordinance 1239.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Roll Call:                   Ayes: All                   Motion Carried

*James Anderson*  
James Anderson, Mayor

*Kathleen Sliva*  
Kathleen Sliva, 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 September 18, 2023 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.