

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 18th day of September, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Anderson
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: City Council Member Michelle Libal

Others: Caleb Fjone, Ron Styskal, Ron Pletcher, Deb Pletcher, and Bill Krejci

Notice of the meeting was posted in the Ashland Gazette on September 12th, 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 6:00 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 Niemeyer, 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 Conditional Use Permit #25-124 for new signs at Casey's at 6:02 p.m. The property is located at 108 S 14th Street, Ashland NE. Zoning Administrator Bill Krejci stated both the Planning Commission and Historical Preservation Committee recommended approval and this is for Casey's rebranding. With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 1250 for changing of the Dog Kennel License standards at 6:03 p.m. Krejci stated this allows 3 dogs without needing a permit. Krejci

stated this change will mean conditional use permits and the associated hearings will no longer be required. Krejci stated this does not change the limit of 2 dogs for duplexes, triplexes, etc. Krejci stated other communities permit between 2-6 dogs without a special license or permit. With no further comment, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to introduce and approve the second reading of Ordinance 1252 - Adopt the General Fund and Water and Wastewater Fund Budget Statements to be Termed the Annual Appropriations Bill. City Attorney Fahleson read the title in full.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Lofberg to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 1250 - Change the Dog Kennel License Standards. City Attorney Fahleson read the title in full.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to introduce and approve Resolution 2025-9 - Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025. Quady stated this is certifying the City has done everything to comply with the Department of Roads Standards, and is for the annual highway incentive payment.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Pinkman, second by Niemeyer to approve Conditional Use Permit #25-124 for new signs at Casey's. The property is located at 108 S 14th Street, Ashland NE.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to postpone considering adjustment of Dennis Dean Road assessments to 843 Dale Street property to the next meeting on October 2nd, 2025.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Administrative reports were reviewed as a standard item. Mayor Anderson summarized the Building Permit report.

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Pinkman to approve consent agenda which included approval of the August 28th, 2025 Planning Commission meeting minutes, approval of the September 4th City Council meeting minutes, and approval of the August 2025 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Mayors report and Communications given. Mayor Anderson spoke on the cleanup project completed by *Men in Mission*, a community group, to one of the yards in town. Anderson noted


the work done to City manholes by Midlands Contracting for \$21,500 is important to do to prevent getting behind on.

Caleb Fjone of the Ashland Community Development Corporation spoke and stated they have voted to retain their current board members. Fjone noted there will be podcasts in a couple of months discussing the Community Center. Fjone stated appreciation for Zoning Administrator Krejci and City Administrator Quady's guidance on the Towers of History project. The project area was discussed briefly and the current locations of the tower tops around town were noted. Fjone noted an email will be sent with information on the Towers project groundbreaking ceremony. Fjone noted the community choir will be meeting tonight at 7pm at the middle school and is in need of more members.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Pinkman to adjourn at 6:17 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 September 18th, 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.