

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Ashland City Council was held at the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers on the 18th day of April, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others: Susan Cerny, Mike Cerny, Ryan Kennedy, Jasmine Cox, Shawn Cox, Dan Linke, Carol Clough, Jim Pinkman, Carol Clough, Ron Styskal, Ron Blessie, Maci Schramm, Caleb Fjone, Bill Krejci and others

Notice of meeting was advertised in the Ashland Gazette on April 12, 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 Niemeyer, second by Lofberg to adopt the regular agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson opened a Public Hearing on Application #24-025 for expansion of a Conditional Use located at 1215 Highway 6 outside the city limits of Ashland Nebraska at 7:02 p.m. Jasmine and Shawn Cox spoke regarding their request to expand storage and RV sites at Riverside RV Camp and Storage. Jasmine Cox said they are requesting three items. She said they would like to expand the storage the camp currently has by putting rock in the area behind the storage building. She added

it would not be fenced and it is not viewable from the highway. She said they would like to extend the number of campsites by 35 up on the hill out of the floodway. Lastly, she said they would like to be able to leave campers on the highest campsites year-round. She said this would be behind the FEMA survey line. Zoning Administrator Krejci gave some background information on the campground and how it has evolved. He said the Cox's are new owners. He noted the original Conditional Use Permit was written so that all campers had to be moved to storage October to April and RV storage was to be inside the fence. Shawn Cox stated that currently the maximum number of RV's is 75 and there is a gate at the entrance to the property. Krejci noted the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application. With no comments, Mayor Anderson closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Crnkovich to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 1232 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO VACATE EIGHTH (8th) STREET BETWEEN DALE STREET AND THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE ALLEY IN BLOCKS 14 AND 15 DEANS ADDITION; TO RETAIN FOR THE CITY THE RIGHT TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR EXISTING PUBLIC UTILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND TO AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

City Attorney Fahleson read the Title of Ordinance 1232.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Libal, second by Crnkovich to approve Conditional Use Application #24-025 located at 1215 Highway 6 outside the city limits.

Council Member Niemeyer said he is recusing himself from voting due to a conflict of interest as he is an owner of Linoma Beach.

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

Motion by Libal, second by Crnkovich to set date of May 2, 2024 as date for Hearing to Determine Existence of Public Nuisance regarding property at 407 North 15th Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Niemeyer, second by Crnkovich to set date of May 2, 2024 as date for Hearing to Determine Existence of Public Nuisance regarding property at 102 South 22nd Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Motion by Lofberg, second by Niemeyer to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Commission of a Special Designated License for outdoor live music on Saturday May 11, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Mayor Anderson said the administrative reports for March 2024 are available for council review and comment. Reports include the Keno, Public Works Director's, Utility Superintendent's, Police Chief's, Building Official's, Library and AAEDC Reports.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of the April 4, 2024 Council meeting minutes, approval of the March 28, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes, approval of the March 2024 Treasurer's Reports and approval of Jonah Hamm as a member of the Ashland Fire Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


Motion by Libal, second by Crnkovich to approve the first half of April 2024 Claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried

Maci Schramm, a student at Ashland-Greenwood High School, introduced herself.

Motion by Lofberg, second by Libal to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Motion Carried


James Anderson, Mayor


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 April 18, 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.