

## **MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**

### **ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL**

**September 19, 2017**

**Council Chambers**

**1175 E. Main Street**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Civic Center Council Chambers.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Councilor Slattery, Morris, Lemhouse, Seffinger, Rosenthal, and Darrow were present.

#### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Stromberg announced vacancies on the Airport, Historic, Housing and Human Services, Tree, and Wildfire Mitigation Commissions.

Mayor Stromberg introduced Public Works Director Paula Brown.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None**

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

##### **1. Annual presentation by the Airport Commission**

Engineering Services Manager, Scott Fleury and Airport Commission Vice Chair, Lincoln Zeve presented Council with the annual presentation.

Over the last few years they developed public awareness about the airport through Airport Day. June 3, 2017, several thousand people participated in Airport Day. The next Airport Day is June 2, 2018. Additionally, every ten to twelve years, master plan, cost 340k and of that with a matching grant, the City will invest \$6,000. It is a twelve-month process then goes before Council for approval. This year 135k, they are self-sustaining. Adding hangars. Hangars revert to the City after 25-years of ownership. The Airport is undergoing, runway closures, aviation run way pavement program. A few years back there was a program to ensure the landing zone was clear of trees that were growing through the runways. Mr. Fleury has improved managing trees.

Councilor Seffinger spoke regarding an emergency earthquake. She spoke that the Airport would be very important and asked what type of gas storage is there. Mr. Fleury answered that there are above ground storage tanks that hold 2 and 3 thousand gallons. Also, Brim Aviation has a couple of tanker trucks that hold fuel as well. The critical thing would be repairing any damage to the runway.

Councilor Darrow questioned if solar panels could be installed on the hangars. Mr. Fleury spoke that Staff will look at that.

##### **2. City of Ashland Day of Peace Proclamation**

Mayor Stromberg read the proclamation of September 21, 2017 as City of Ashland Day of Peace aloud.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Dennis Miller/725 Terra Ave/Sidewalks** in downtown Ashland. He asked questions of business owners and City staff on who is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks and he has not received the same answer. He wanted Council to clarify and explain so he could conduct a feasibility study. The downtown did not go with the rest of the town, it needed to be restored. There were cities that had solved the

problems and put in excellent sidewalks that attract tourists.

**Irene Simms/432 Ray Lane**/The topic, is the travelers. She had been accosted by them, called foul names by a group that hangs out in City Hall. She did nothing to incur this reaction. There was an encampment in the parking lot at Rite Aid and the adjoining field. She called the police department and explained it was private property. The manager of Rite Aid manager got them out of the parking lot but the field was Jackson County. This is a societal issue. They are sleeping in the parking, leaving needles, needles at Rite Aid. Did not know the answer.

**Ron Roth/6950 Old Hwy S**/Thought it was time if the City was concerned about affordable housing, it was time to talk about expansion in the urban growth boundary. He spoke that the City has never expanded the UBG so we can set our own rules.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of minutes of boards, commissions, and committees**
- 2. Letter of support to Jackson County Board of Commissioners regarding Dead Indian Memorial Road name change hearing.**

Councilor Slattery pulled Item #2.

Assistant to the City Administrator, Adam Hanks spoke that there will be a formal hearing regarding the potential name change of Dead Indian Memorial Road.

#### **Pubic Input:**

**Dave Hyde/616 Normal Avenue**/Thanked Council for taking initiative on this action.

- 3. Award of contract to apparent low bidder for the Grandview Wastewater Lift Station Project #2007-26**

Councilor Rosenthal pulled Consent Agenda item #3. Engineering Services Manager, Scott Fleury spoke to this item.

**Councilor Rosenthal/Slattery m/s to approve the Consent Agenda. Voice Vote: All AYES. Motion passed.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS** None

#### **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS**

- 1. Second reading by title only of an ordinance titled, “An ordinance establishing greenhouse gas and fossil fuel reduction goals and targets for community and city operations”**  
City Attorney, Dave Lohman gave a brief Staff report. He proposed a slight change to the definition so the City was clear and not reaching out beyond the City’s actual operations and came up with change on page 2 of 3. 9.40.010 (B) – (*see changes in ordinance for minutes*). This was the only proposed change. He included an attachment B that would take the City back to original language omitting “elsewhere.”

**Councilor Rosenthal/Slattery m/s to approve Second Reading and adoption of an ordinance attached hereto as Attachment A and titled “An Ordinance Establishing Greenhouse Gas and**

**Fossil Fuel Reduction Goals and Targets for Community and City Operations” as presented.**

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Rosenthal supported the change and hoped the vote was repeated and unanimous. Councilor Slattery thanked Councilor Rosenthal for his actions and efforts. Councilor Lemhouse spoke to younger people, it was important they realized this was the beginning of the work and now the hard work began. Councilor Darrow thanked the City Attorney and Adam Hanks for their wordsmithing. It was a small change and appreciated them addressing it. Councilor Seffinger hoped it gave the young people a sense of hope. It was a great experience to hear from them and how intelligently they went about this.

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor Darrow, Slattery, Seffinger, Morris, Rosenthal, and Lemhouse, YES.  
Motion passed.**

**OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS**

**ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING**

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Dana Smith, Community Development  
Executive Assistant

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John Stromberg, Mayor