

TUESDAY, JANUARY 03, 2017
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 03, 2017 at 815 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll:

Ward One: George Campbell-here, Danny Clay-here
Ward Two: Jesse Bronson-absent, James Fasciotti-here
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Fred Klippel-here

Staff Present: Fred Boeckmann, City Attorney, Darla Sapp, City Clerk and Lyn Woolford, Police Chief/City Administrator.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda of January 03, 2017 for consideration. Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of December 20, 2016 for consideration. Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board.

Jim Fasciotti resident of 503 Eagle Lake Drive discussed the obstacles that Jose Jalapeno had in opening their business. He asked if there was anything the City could do to support them? He suggested requiring contractors to have a business license when working inside the City limits of Ashland. He presented the name and contact information of the contractor they used. Fred Boeckmann reported there is state statute that lists the businesses required to have a license but you can't deny it unless for good reason. Jim Fasciotti stated this business owner has invested heavily in our town and we should support them in way we can. Lyn Woolford stated he has worked with them through this and is aware of the issues they encountered. He stated he is working with them on a code requirement to have the gravel parking lot concrete or hard surfaced within 6 months. He stated he is glad they stayed and he knows it has been tough on them.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1102 for consideration. Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1102, an ordinance approving the final plat for the Liberty Lane Townhomes. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasiotti-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1103 for consideration. Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1103, an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Bronson-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution for Board consideration. Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to enter into an agreement with C.L. Richardson Construction Company, Inc. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Bronson-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported the next item on the agenda is the discussion of road relinquishment on the North end of Hardwick Lane from Bass Creek Bridge to Route H from MoDot to the City of Ashland.

Lyn Woolford stated that Coby Morris and himself has inspected this area and they do not think we want to take that responsibility of street maintenance at this time. He stated there are some issues of the roadway surface and stormwater issues. He stated it would be too great of a liability to the City.

Mayor Rhorer stated the last time that Mr. Holt came to the Board meeting to discuss Hardwick Lane he caught the Board members off guard because they were unaware of this discussion. He stated he has talked with Jason Kemna and Larry Potterfield and they are not interested or need any part of Hardwick Lane for their development. Their site plans are done with the roadway as it currently is. He stated we placed this on the agenda to make everyone on the roadway aware the Board would be discussing this tonight.

Mr. Ed Holt stated he felt there was miscommunication on this road relinquishment. He stated he heard it from a delivery driver that Ashland was taking over the road. He said he thought after he left the last meeting we were rescinding the application to MoDot. He stated he contacted Mr. Schupp of MoDot and he said they are going to go into committee and discuss this. Mayor Rhorer stated that if we moved forward we would have to pay for the survey of this. Mr. Holt gave an overview of the companies that utilize that roadway and reported it is splitting in half. He stated the roadway was resurfaced in 2012. He felt this was a great liability for the City to want to take on. Greg Rennie property owner on Hardwick also discussed the sides of the roadway are falling off. Mr. Holt expressed that MoDot has always done an excellent job in maintaining this roadway. Mr. Holt questioned the feasibility of the development going in by Potterfield and the traffic count. He felt this was a long way off from being developed.

Alderman Campbell disagreed with Mr. Holt since he knows Mr. Potterfield has done his own study on this development. He stated we do not know what is going to be developed there but he felt in 2 to 5 year range we will see a change.

Mayor Rhorer stated Mr. Potterfield has a lot of money invested in this and he knows what he is doing. He stated Mr. Potterfield knows he has to have a regional draw.

Alderman Lewis questioned what would be the advantages of taking over the Hardwick Lane? Mayor Rhorer stated the city could accommodate the developer at a faster pace than MoDot.

Greg Rennie stated another big concern is the bridge since it was built in 1925.

Alderman Campbell stated we might need this at a later date and he felt there was serious change coming this way.

The Board agreed to not pursue the acquisition of Hardwick Lane at this time.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer expressed his dissatisfaction of the presentation from Sandy Harris at the last Board meeting. He stated that the Avenue of Flags is a great project and deserves a proper proposal. He stated he would like to see exactly what they are proposing to do. He stated this is an important subject and the information that was presented was not accurate. He stated he will work with Ms. Harris to bring a proposal to the board.

City Administrator's/Police Chief Report:

Lyn Woolford stated that him and the street superintendent met with Danny Farris on the Avenue of the Flags. He reported he findings on the size of the poles, depth, height and how many poles the area would accommodate He stated this area would hold a total of 39 including the existing. He stated he does not have the cost yet but Danny Farris is working on this. Lyn Woolford stated he thinks the suggestion Alderman Klippel made to have 3 big flag poles and make a wall should be considered. There was discussion of the cost of these larger flag poles.

Mayor Rhorer stated he is going to attempt to meet with Ms. Harris and the Chief to outline a proper way to present a proposal to the Board. Alderman Fasciotti thanked the Chief for his fact finding efforts. Lyn Woolford stated he did what was asked of him at the last meeting.

Lyn Woolford stated the staff has taken down the Christmas lights and bulbs at Edwards Jones.

Alderman Clay stated the flag committee is not part of park board. Lyn Woolford reported the City staff is taking care of the flags.

He reported the Renee contracts will be on the next meeting's agenda.

He updated the reported there is no update on the sludge removal bid but there has been communication.

Lyn Woolford stated they received official notification the City has received the grant for a sidewalk on Main Street. He stated they have a meeting January 24 on this. The Board discussed this grant being an 80-20 with some in kind work being done by the City.

Jeff Sapp thanked Lyn Woolford for his work on the grant.

Lyn Woolford gave an overview of the water bill adjustments made in December.

City Attorney's Report:

Fred Boeckmann had no report.

Board of Aldermen's Report:

Alderman Lewis questioned the chunk of concrete on round-a-bout that was busted. Lyn Woolford reported he would report this to Mike Schupp at MoDot.

Alderman Fasciotti asked for support to consider adding to a future agenda the discussion that the city acknowledge the tremendous efforts that Mayor Rhorer has done and repay him. He stated this is a financial impact and loss. Mayor Rhorer has accrued while volunteering for the City. He stated maybe we could give him a salary or no cost utilities in appreciation. He suggested waving his utilities for five years. He stated he was unsure what we could legally do.

Alderman Clay commented that he agreed with Alderman Fasciotti.

Alderman Campbell stated he agreed with Alderman Fasciotti 110 percent. He stated that he is in close contact to the Mayor and has seen all of his efforts of the last 2 ½ years materialize. He stated this has taken him away from his regular job and he should be given something in gratification because of this. He asked if the utility bills could be waived to help offset the financial hit to his business.

Alderman Klippel agreed that if it had not been for Mayor Rhorer's efforts we would not be where we are today.

Fred Boeckmann stated he has worked with a lot of Mayor's and he respects Mayor Rhorer and the Board of Aldermen and stated he would have to research the law on this matter.

Alderman Lewis stated he was in favor of this if it was legally possible.

Mayor Rhorer said he appreciated the Boards efforts and stated he knew there was no pay attached to being Mayor.

Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-absent. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor