

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2017
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 05, 2017 at 815 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll:

Ward One: Vacant seat, Danny Clay-here
Ward Two: Jesse Bronson-here, James Fasciotti-here
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Jeff Sapp-here

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

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda of December 05, 2017 with the amendment of adding resignations for Jerrod Bryan and Sandy Robinson-Harris from the park board for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of November 07, 2017 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of the November 09, 2017 special meeting for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay 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 to come to the podium and state their name and address. No one came forward.

Mayor Rhorer appointed Leslie Martin to serve as Alderman Ward One. He called for Board confirmation. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye.

The City Clerk swore Leslie Martin into office as Ward One Alderman and she took her seat on the Board.

Mayor Rhorer appointed Rick Lewis as Mayor Pro-tem. He called for Board confirmation. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Clay-aye.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2017-049 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to take up Council Bill No. 2017-049, an ordinance to amend appendix C-1 of Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Ashland to increase sewer rates. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer stated this is the third increase for the new wastewater treatment facility project. Lyn Woolford reported the criteria for the state revolving fund loan requires the final user charge ordinance be adopted by the city and provided to the Department of Natural Resources prior to the loan closing. He stated there is a formula they use to calculate the rate. He stated the rate would increase from \$18.90 to \$23.00 and from \$4.78 to \$5.00 per 1,000 gallon usage. He stated we would have to do one more increase. He stated it is unsure what the project will cost since we are accepting

bids until January 19, 2018. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2017-050 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2017-050, an ordinance to amend Chapter 20 of the Code of the City of Ashland to add a provision on school zone speed limits. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Lyn Woolford reported this ordinance is needed because we did not have the school zone speed limit written out in the appendix. He stated the limit was posted on the signs just not in the ordinance. Alderman Fasciotti questioned the speed sign placement sequence on South Henry Clay Blvd and the possible confusion. Lyn Woolford reported he would look at the placement and the requirements. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1147 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1147, an ordinance amending Chapter 20 of the City of Ashland Code of Ordinances. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Lyn Woolford reported this is correcting a typo and language in an ordinance for all terrain vehicles and permitting. He reported UPS has already obtained a permit for delivering packages. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1148 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1148, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a subdivision warranty agreement for Liberty Landing Townhomes. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer reported this is accepting the infrastructure in a subdivision. He stated it has been inspected and this begins the three-year warranty period. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1149 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1149, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a roadway relinquishment agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer reported this is Hardwick Lane from the bridge to Route H. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sapp. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a letter of resignation from Vee Fasciotti from the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Rhorer thanked her for many years of service. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to accept the resignation from Vee Fasciotti. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-nay, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-abstained, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a letter of resignation from Jerrod Bryan from the Parks and Recreation Board. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to accept the resignation from Jerrod Bryan. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-nay, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Clay-nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a letter of resignation from Sandy Robinson-Harris from the Parks and Recreation Board. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to accept the resignation from Sandy

Robinson-Harris. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported he met the Girl Scout Troop in the park area and they came up with a list of improvements for the park, such as ball field area, fence, bathrooms and solar powered trash cans. He stated he informed them Parks and Recreation did not have a revenue source other than general fund and there was no funds available for these improvements. He stated he asked them to pick one item and maybe we could apply for grant money for the project. He stated that the Girl Scouts volunteered to take the park tax flyers door to door in the community. He stated he would have additional information at the next meeting.

Mayor Rhorer reported that The Baptist Home has received a letter of support for Industrial Development Authority (IDA) revenue bonds from Caleb Rowden Senator in District 19. He stated they are also moving forward with the IDA from Boone County. He stated this is for construction of the new facility inside the city limits of Ashland. He stated that we would have a resolution at our next meeting for consideration.

City Administrator/Police Chiefs Report:

Lyn Woolford, City Administrator reported it did not look like we would close on the State Revolving Fund Loan until after the first of the year. He stated the second reading of the ordinance on the sewer rate would be at the next meeting. He informed the Board the bid opening for the Wastewater Treatment Facility will be January 19, 2018 with an alternate date of January 26, 2018 in case of inclement weather. He stated there was one form we sent to DNR that was not completed and that has since been taken care of. Alderman Sapp questioned if we were still pursuing private funding on this project. Mayor Rhorer reported we were not because through the SRF loan program interest is 1 ¼% with 1% administrative fees which is 2 ¼ percent and private financing is 3 to 4 percent.

Lyn Woolford reported the emergency management training course in Maryland was cancelled and would be rescheduled.

Lyn Woolford reported the financial information is old information and we should have the sales tax report this week. He gave an overview of the sales tax. He reported we are still down one police officer.

Lyn Woolford and Shelley Martin gave an update on the utility adjustments to the Board.

He presented the police summary and reported on the murder/suicide.

He informed the Board that Roy Williams' old house in the process of being demolished.

Alderman Clay questioned the house on Main Street that still has rubble piled up from demolishing of the house and has not been totally cleaned up yet. Lyn Woolford reported he would follow up on this.

Lyn Woolford reported the health insurance was a 21% decrease in cost to the City. He stated they received the estimate from Coventry insurance and it was going to increase by 26%. He stated this would have been an additional \$200.00 per employee per month. He stated the employee still does not contribute towards their premium but their co-pays have increased. He reported this went into effect on December 1. Alderman Lewis questioned if the employees had to meet a new deductible. Lyn Woolford reported that United Health Care is going to honor the deductible from Coventry for the month of December.

He informed the Board the animal control costs was \$565.00 for a three month period.

Lyn Woolford reported he received a letter requesting approval to place a Gold Star Memorial Marker in the City park near the blue star memorial marker. Mayor Rhorer reported we need to know the procedure, who is paying for this and maintaining it. He stated we need to set a policy. He asked if this has been approved by the Park Board. It was reported it was mentioned but not approved by the Park Board. Mayor Rhorer asked this be placed on their next agenda and then present a recommendation back to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. Lyn Woolford reported the next Park Board is Monday night, December 11 and it will be at the Public Works building due to the Collectors Office utilizing our meeting room to collect taxes.

City Attorney's Report:

Fred Boeckmann had no report.

Board of Aldermen's Report:

Alderman Fasciotti asked that he be relocated to the other end of the table due to him not being able to hear when Lyn Woolford or the City Attorney speaks. Alderman Bronson volunteered to changed seats with him.

Alderman Bronson reported the tree lighting Friday was well attended and they had 4 wagons full of children.

Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (12) contractual agreement with a ten minute recess. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported we are back in open session with no reportable action taken.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor