

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2015  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7:10 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on February 03, 2015 at 815 East Broadway.

Alderman Elliott gave the invocation.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll:

Ward One: George Campbell-here, George Elliott-here

Ward Two: Jeff Anderson-here, James Fasciotti-here

Ward Three: Anthony Taggart-here, Fred Klippel-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief, Jessi Kendall, Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk, and Josh Hawkins, City Administrator.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for February 03, 2015 for consideration. Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes for January 20, 2015 for consideration. Alderman Taggart made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

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

Cecil Payne of Ward Two thanked the Board for their continued discussion of Lakeview Estates, Hwy 63 at the Liberty Lane exit and Perry Ave. He reported his continued efforts talking with MoDot and Representatives on the safety concerns, possible solutions and funds available. As well as working with C.L. Richardson on getting his development moving. The Board discussed possible short term solutions of a third lane on Hwy 63 from East Liberty Lane to the Broadway and Route Y. Mayor Rhorer reported the Police Chief is sending statistics to MoDot and the representatives on the accidents and the City Administrator and himself are still communicating with MoDot and the representatives and Mr. Richardson as well. The Board discussed in the future to have the Planning and Zoning Commission look at proposed subdivisions with one way entrance and exit for emergency purposes. The Board discussed this at great length.

Jeremy Flaherty asked that the ordinance allowing tractor trailers to park no more than two hours on residential roads be repealed. He stated he works on the road and when he comes home to visit his family he can't park his truck on East Liberty Lane. He informed the Board he is responsible for his truck and trailer and needs to be able to see it. He stated that sometimes he

has to let his refrigeration trailer run. Chief Woolford reported they received a complaint on the tractor trailer parking there as well as the noise. The Board discussed possible locations for Mr. Flaherty to park his tractor trailer. The Board discussed this and felt that tractor trailers did not need to be parked on residential streets.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1016 for consideration. Alderman Anderson questioned what Alderman Taggart's concern for this ordinance was since he was not in attendance at the last meeting. Alderman Taggart reported he felt this was punishing the wrong people by increasing the deposit and felt a solution would be tightening our collection, decreasing late payment fees and disconnect fees. Mayor Rhorer stated the water deposit does not cover an average utility bill and needs to be increased. He reminded them of the \$6,000.00 dollar a year loss in revenue to the City. The Board discussed shortening the collection/disconnection and closing a few gaps we have in our policies and procedures. After much discussion the Board felt that a more comprehensive proposal should be presented to look at all utility billing/collection policy and procedures. Mayor Rhorer called for a motion. Alderman Elliott made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to take up Ordinance No. 1016, an ordinance to amend Appendix C-3 of Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Ashland to increase water deposits in its current form. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-nay, Alderman Anderson stated he did not have a problem with the increase deposit but would like to see a more comprehensive approach to the problems. Alderman Anderson-voted nay, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-nay, Alderman Taggart-nay. Mayor Rhorer reported the motion failed.

Josh Hawkins, City Administrator asked the Board to send their thoughts and suggestions to him to give him some direction on what they want.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1017 for consideration. Alderman Fasciotti made motion and seconded by Alderman Elliott to take up Ordinance No. 1017, an ordinance to amend Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Ashland to establish a building permit administrative processing fee. Alderman Taggart questioned if the city provides a service or is processing building permits a revenue source. The Board discussed these fee do not cover the cost of the administrative time in processing the permit and inspections performed by the city staff. They discussed currently the county gets the fees and the city only gets a driveway inspection fee of \$25.00. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Taggart-nay. Motion carried.

Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Elliott to have a five minute recess at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer called the meeting back to order at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer reported the next item on the agenda is discussion of water and wastewater calculations. Alderman Campbell stated he felt with the current 7 million dollar bond issue on the wastewater system improvements it is not the time to do it. Alderman Taggart argued he did not feel the City was locked into dollar figures yet. Josh Hawkins reported that we will be doing a rate study as part of funding next year and we should look at this at that time. Alderman Taggart stated he felt the current system is flawed. He stated that water that does not go down the sewer should not be assessed in the sewer charge. He felt an average should be charged in the summer months or allow a portable meter. The Board discussed this at great length.

Alderman Anderson asked to be excused due to illness at 9:02 p.m.

Police Chief monthly report:

Chief Woolford gave his monthly report to the Board. He gave a yearend report that is required to state and federal government. Chief Woolford asked for a space that is being used for storage be utilized as an office for Terry Toalson. He discussed the body cameras and data storage. He reported Deputy Police Chief needs an independent work space. The Board was in agreement with this. Chief Woolford discussed the dangerous structures in the Amega Mobile Home park. He asked that they work with these people and get some improvements. Fred Boeckmann, City Attorney reported our ordinances do cover mobile home parks.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer did not have anything to report.

Board of Aldermen's Report:

Alderman Campbell suggested a sign on the highway that says next right and next left southern entrance to Columbia Regional Airport.

Alderman Elliott said the information on the school signs in the packet from MoDot looks good if the school district wants to pay for them.

City Administrator's Report:

Josh Hawkins, City Administrator presented a handout on 2014 Statistics. He informed the Board that he has been working Mid-Mo Regional Planning Commission and the University of Missouri to develop an affordable asset management software program. He reported the estimates looks to be around \$5,000.00. He stated this would help with the capital improvement plan. Mr. Hawkins reported we should also be planning for a new city hall in our capital improvement plan. Josh Hawkins reported they are looking at the Consolidated Public Water District taking over the water meters at Hunter's Bend Circle. The Board was in agreement with Mr. Hawkins working on this matter. He updated the Board on the Century Link settlement and

having a one-time windfall of around \$32,000.00. He suggested we use this money for upgrading our phone system for city hall. He reported he is sending out request for proposals for engineering for the Ash Street sidewalk grant. He asked the Board about getting request for proposals on an on-call engineering services for general services. The Board was in agreement to this. He reported we would also be soliciting for an auditing firm. Josh Hawkins suggest putting out requests for qualifications for a lobbyist. He reported he has called around to other cities and they are also doing this.

City Attorney's Report:

Fred Boeckmann had no report.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor