

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7:08 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. on February 17, 2015 at 815 East Broadway.

Alderman Anderson 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-absent, Fred Klippel-here

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

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for February 17, 2015 for consideration. Alderman Anderson 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 February 03, 2015 for consideration. Alderman Anderson made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell 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.

Robert Hayden of 106 B Southwoods Court stated he was a member of the Ashland Garden Club and was speaking as their representative. He expressed the Garden Clubs frustration with not being notified the City was tearing up the flower bed in front of Casey's General Store that they adopted from MoDot for a beautification project. He also expressed poor service and lack of respect from city staff. Mr. Hayden also expressed concern for the care and maintenance of the trees in the park that have been donated. The Board thanked the Garden Club for all they do for the community and will work to fix these issues.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2015-006 for consideration. Alderman Anderson made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to take up Council Bill No. 2015-006, an ordinance granting a conditional use permit to Ashland Rentals, LLC to permit a multiple family dwelling in the general commercial district. First Reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Klippel reported this is laid out real good and has entrances on

Douglas Drive and Commerce Drive. He reported there was no complaints from anyone in the area and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended this. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported the city planner has recommended the approval of the conditional use permit as well with two conditions. Alan Bauer, developer reported these would be single family, single story units on a slab. He stated they would blend well with what is currently there. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Taggart-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for Professional Services with Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission. Alderman Anderson made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for Professional Services with Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Anderson asked what this would entail. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported this was a budgeted item and they would evaluate and inventory the streets, sidewalks and updating the existing land use maps for \$3000.00. The Board discussed requiring a five foot sidewalk on main thoroughfares. Mayor Rhorer reported that Ash Street will be the five foot A.D.A. standards required sidewalk. The Board discussed changing the sidewalk standards. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Taggart-absent. Motion carried.

Travis Davidson, Public Works Department gave an update on pothole patching, street signs replacement and sewer camera work. He reported the areas they are identifying would be worked into a five or ten year plan. He explained some of the issues they have discovered. He reported he has been researching sewer main and manhole lining with Mid Missouri Rural Water Association. Alderman Anderson questioned the completion of Caspian holding basin. Travis Davidson reported the project ran late into the fall and they did not want to do the hydro-seeding and have it fail. Alderman Anderson stated he felt the justification for the purchase of the sewer camera was for the infiltration and impact of the sewer system. He felt we were doing a slow approach due to money constraints. Mr. Davidson reported we have \$75,000.00 in the budget for this year. He reported we do not have prices for the cost per foot of the lining. He stated he would have a better estimate next year on this.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported at the next meeting they would be presenting the water deposit fee increases and disconnect procedures at the next meeting.

Board of Aldermen's Report:

Alderman Klippel informed the Board that he was approached by a gentleman that suggested the welcome to Ashland sign be raised and lit. He reported the dusk to dawn light on Burnam and South Main Street is not working.

Alderman Anderson reported his term will be up in April and he is wanting to address some loose ends. He asked the Mayor if they were going to meet with Senator Schaefer on the Broadway/Henry Clay Blvd to Highway 63 street improvements. Mayor Rhorer reported he would try to get this meeting set up.

Alderman Campbell stated he has talked with Larry Potterfield on his intentions of his 430 acres off of Highway H. He reported that Mr. Potterfield said his intentions is to sell sectionalized acres to developers. Mr. Campbell stated that this would be extremely beneficial to the City of Ashland to pursue.

Alderman Elliott read a letter from the Garden Club referencing the after care of trees at the park and damaged memorial markers. He stated they are working on a solution to these issues.

Alderman Elliott, park board liaison, stated we currently do not have one staff member dedicated to take care of the park. He suggested placing an 1/8 of a cent park tax on a ballot to help with the cost of maintaining the park and improvements.

Alderman Elliott stated the Garden Club does have wonderful planting beds and hopes the Casey's flower bed gets restored. He stated he appreciates and supports the Garden Club.

Alderman Fasciotti stated the residents are using the shoulder from East Liberty Lane to Hwy 63 as a third lane. He reported it is safer to do that than to jump out into 70 mile per hour traffic.

#### City Administrator's Report:

Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported the Missouri Rural Water Association offers utility education for elected officials. The Board felt that after the new Aldermen take office this would be an asset.

He reported that he is getting prices for a new phone system for the City of Ashland with some of the funds received on the telephone protest account that was released.

Mr. Hawkins gave an update on the request for proposals and request for qualifications for on-call engineering services, Ash Street Sidewalk engineering, auditing services and for our computer services. Alderman Campbell agreed to sit on the committee for on-call engineering service. Mayor Rhorer offered to serve on the engineering selection committee for Ash Street sidewalk. Alderman Fasciotti agreed to sit on the selection committee for computer service.

He reported we are also applying for a Land and Water Conservation grant for Americans with disability act guidelines playground equipment at the park.

Josh Hawkins reported at the next work session we will present the capital improvements budget.

Alderman Anderson questioned the comments made by Mr. Hayden. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported he would not discuss personnel in open session. Mr. Anderson asked how could we improve in this area. The Board discussed the limited staff and the need to strive for improvement in communication and support of the Garden Club.

City Attorney's Report:

Fred Boeckmann reported the Century Link class settlement case has been dismissed.

Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to go into executive session pursuant to Chapter 610.021(12) Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected, with a five minute recess; Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Taggart-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk was not present at the executive session.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor

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

Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Gene Rhorer, Mayor