

TUESDAY, AUGUST 07, 2018
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the Public Hearing on the annexation of the 15 acres for YMCA property on the west side of South Main Street to order. He asked for public comment. Carl Freiling stated he was representing the YMCA and stated he would be happy to answer any questions. Alderman Lewis asked how far are they on their plans. Carl Freiling reported it would be a staged development. He stated the first stage they need to raise 2.8 million dollars. Dave Westhoff stated they are within 1 million dollars of achieving that. He stated they are looking at putting a storm shelter under the YMCA. He stated they would be seeking grants, additional funding, but it is a complicated process. He stated the facility would be larger than the one they currently have. He stated in the second phase they would have additional gym space and the final stage, a swimming pool. He stated they have contacted every neighbor and sent out letters. Alderman Lewis questioned if they will be contacting residents to the subdivision streets to the north of this. Dave Westhoff stated they would not be connecting to those streets. Mayor Rhorer adjourned the Public Hearing.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on August 07, 2018 at 815 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll:

Ward One: Leslie Martin-absent, Danny Clay-here
Ward Two: Jesse Bronson-here, Richard Sullivan-here
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Jeff Sapp-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief/City Administrator, Jeffrey Kays, City Attorney and Dustin Bennett, Interim Public Works Supervisor.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda of August 07, 2018 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of July 17, 2018 for consideration. Alderman Clay 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 to come to the podium and state their name and place of residence on any topic.

Cecil Payne, resident of Lakeview Estates, apologized for not making it to the last meeting when there was discussion of Perry Ave. on the agenda. He stated Mayor Rhorer requested MoDot close the entrance off Highway 63 and Liberty Lane once the Perry Avenue roadway is built. He stated his concern by closing off the existing Liberty Lane exit without taking into consideration what its closing will have on traffic flow into the city as well as the negative effect it will have on existing business and commercial properties along Perry Ave. He stated that Ashland is getting the reputation of being unfriendly to businesses even though it's been said that the city is in great need for additional sales tax revenue. He stated that Holts Summit has three nice overpasses while Ashland despite its active growth has only one overpass and very few limited accesses getting into and out of the city. He stated by diverting everything to a single overpass we now have on Route Y it would only add to the existing traffic flow problem that already exists there. He suggested the Board to seriously consider not closing off Liberty Lane exit without considering working with MoDot

in securing another overpass. He asked that the Board work with MoDot in relocating the Liberty Lane exit at least ¼ mile south on the existing unused section of Perry Avenue. He stated that would make Perry Avenue a commercial outer road, benefiting not only those coming from Jefferson City but also provide a safe access from Highway 63 for the residents as well as the existing commercial properties that front Perry Avenue. Mayor Rhorer stated all he has heard is the safety issues of this entrance and exit off Hwy 63 and felt it needed to be closed. Mayor Rhorer stated this is MoDot right-of-way and not the City of Ashland's.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1191 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Ordinance No. 1191, an ordinance to amend Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Ashland to modify utility billing and collection procedures. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Lyn Woolford, City Administrator, stated this removes the Board of Aldermen and places the City Administrator to take action on uncollected bills. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1192 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp take up Ordinance No. 1192, an ordinance adopting a write-off and collection policy for the City of Ashland, Missouri. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1193 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up Ordinance No. 1193, an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Lyn Woolford, City Administrator stated that Treasurer, Shelley Martin is on vacation but she went over the budget adjustments at the last meeting. He informed the Board that the park/storm water tax would not start until October 2018. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1194 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up Ordinance No. 1194, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a subdivision warranty agreement with South Wind Plat 3. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Lyn Woolford, City Administrator reported that everything was completed and checked by the City Staff on South Wind Plat 3. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1195 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1195, an ordinance granting a conditional use permit to Bauer Homes, Inc. to permit a multi-family dwelling. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1196 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up Ordinance No. 1196 an ordinance approving the final major plat for South Wind Plat 4. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Lyn Woolford, City Administrator, stated this meets subdivision regulations and has been approved by the engineer and Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer stated the next item on the agenda was discussion of a gaming ordinance. Lyn Woolford, City Administrator reported that we have found municipalities cannot write an ordinance on regulating gaming machines. Jeffrey Kays, City Attorney reported the State Gaming Commission has the exclusive right regulating gaming machines. The Board discussed this.

Mayor Rhorer stated we need to schedule a town hall meeting on the recycling. Mayor Rhorer suggested we set it in about five weeks. Alderman Lewis stated they originally thought a meeting during the week and maybe one on Saturday should give everyone an opportunity to discuss this. He asked that the City Clerk try to organize this with the Board members schedule. Alderman Sapp stated the opening day of archery season is September 15 and he suggested we not hold it on this day. Lyn Woolford suggested September 8th for the Saturday meeting and the following Wednesday night.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported that the Potterfield property has new tenants, but he can't say what it will be. He reported they had a meeting with Jason Kemna of the Potterfield group, Crocket Engineering, Allstate Consultants and Mr. Kays, City Attorney. He stated they would like to re-do Hardwick Lane and include it in part of their development and retail district. Mayor Rhorer stated the city would not have to maintain this. He stated this would be included in a replat and contractual agreement and should be done by the end of the year.

City Administrator/Police Chief Report:

Lyn Woolford introduced Dustin Bennett as the interim Public Works Supervisor. He stated he has worked for the City for over ten years. He stated Coby Morris has left the City for a new job. He reported in the packet he had the financial report and gave an overview of revenue and expenditures. He presented the animal control quarterly bill. Mr. Woolford reported that Capital Paving reported their bill would be less than projected due to some miscalculation.

Lyn Woolford reported the items that Alderman Sapp brought up at the last meeting has been addressed. He stated the tree branches have been trimmed and vegetation on the fence has been sprayed. He stated the sidewalk at the church has been replaced.

Lyn Woolford, reported that a new police officer will start on Monday. He stated that she would be spending a lot of time at the school. He stated that the patrol car new equipment will be installed in the next two weeks.

City Attorney report:

Jeffrey Kays did not have a report. He informed the Board that April from his is office has relocated to Springfield and he would have someone new coming in within the next two weeks.

Lyn Woolford reported the police department had a staff training meeting last week and Jeffrey Kays attended.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Sapp stated he had someone questioned him about why we did not put handicapped accessible ramps at the intersection in Palomino Ridge when we re did the streets/curbs? Lyn Woolford stated he did not know but would check into this. Dustin Bennett reported we would be doing some other streets soon. Alderman Sapp recommended that all future streets/curbs get replaced be handicapped accessible.

Alderman Sullivan reported that his neighbors and Ashland were featured on a segment of Ashland HGTV House Hunters on June 21, 2018.

Alderman Bronson reported that school starts on the 28th and the walking school bus will start soon. He suggested everyone start driving like school is back in session now.

Alderman Clay stated someone has dumped excess concrete on the roadway in Seasons Ridge Subdivision.

Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to go out of the regular meeting and go into closed session, pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (1) (2) and (12) with a ten minute break. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported we are back in open session with reportable action taken of:

Motion and second to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to negotiate a contract for the purchase of real estate.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor