

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7: 00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the public hearing to order to hear public input on the annexation request for Knipp Farms, LLC, Diana L. Hallett and Larry N Hall Revocable Trust and the Baptist Home. Mayor Rhorer asked for public comment. Steve Long of the Baptist Home reported the Baptist Home bought this property for future development and he thanked the Board for their support and asked for an affirmative vote in the annexation of these properties. He stated this would help them firm up their master plan for development of this piece of property. Mayor Rhorer called for public comment and no one came forth. Mayor Rhorer closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer called the public hearing to order to hear public input on the proposed property tax rate for Ashland for 2015 at 7:03 pm. Alderman Fasciotti stated this is an increase in last year taxes. Alderman Calvert stated he thought it would be the same or lower than last year. Mayor Rhorer reported the maximum tax rate is generated by the State Auditor's office. Mayor Rhorer closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. on August 18, 2015 at 815 East Broadway Ashland, Missouri.

Alderman Bronson 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: Mike Calvert-here, James Fasciotti-here

Ward Three: Jesse Bronson-here, Fred Klippel-here

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

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for August 18, 2015 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to approve the agenda. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of August 04, 2015 for consideration. Alderman Calvert made motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Matthew Swan gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout project. He stated his plan is to build two picnic tables in the Palomino Ridge Park and place them on an area made with railroad ties and mulch. He stated he has met with the park board and the maintenance department and they suggested they anchor the picnic tables to keep people from moving them around or stealing them. Mr. Swan reported the picnic tables would be made with treated spruce wood. The Board discussed this project with Mr. Swan. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to accept the Eagle Scout Project as presented by Mr. Swan. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board. Mayor Rhorer presented Danny Clay to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission with Board confirmation. Mayor Rhorer reported Mr. Clay would not be able to attend until later in the meeting while he is on lunch break. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to table this appointment. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2015-022 for consideration. Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Calvert to take up Council Bill No. 2015-022, an ordinance extending the corporate limits of the City of Ashland, Missouri, by annexing unincorporated area including property on the east side of U.S. 63 South of Angel Lane and property on the West side of U.S. Highway 63 North of New Salem Baptist Church; directing the City Clerk to give notice of the annexation; and placing C-G (General Commercial) zoning on most of the property. First Reading by title only. Alderman Campbell questioned the zoning of Knipp Farms being General Commercial and not Airport zoning. Fred Boeckmann reported they requested general commercial and there is a list of things you can do in this zoning. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2015-023 for consideration. Alderman Calvert made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to take up Council Bill No. 2015-023, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the year 2015 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Calvert questioned the increase from last year. The Board discussed the difference in what was sent out in the packets and what is in front of them tonight. Josh Hawkins reported we did not receive this information from the County until yesterday. The State Auditor's office advised the City Clerk to publish the amount from last year contingent upon the County and State's certification. Fred Boeckmann reported that this is the maximum statutory rate set by the State Auditor's Office from assessed valuations sent to them by the County. The increase is because of the cpi. The Board of Aldermen discussed this at length and their concern for the decrease in property value assessment. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote on the proposed property tax rate of 0.2641. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Calvert-nay, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-nay, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1033 for consideration. Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to take up Ordinance No. 1033, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the year 2015 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Calvert-nay, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-nay, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief monthly report:

Chief Woolford, discussed the effectiveness of the speed trailer when it is in place. Chief Woolford reported the department has been certified with radar and lidar. He reported they have written four tickets for speeding in the school zone. Alderman Fasciotti questioned if these tickets get prosecuted or not. Chief Woolford reported most people pay the speeding tickets out of court and are not challenged. Chief Woolford reported the City Prosecutor will attend the September 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to give an overview of the cases he has prosecuted. Chief Woolford reported he thought there was some confusion by Mr. Kays if he had to report this to the Board. Alderman Fasciotti questioned if there was cases dismissed by Mr. Kays. Chief Woolford reported that we get back a disposition on each ticket that is written but he does not review this. Alderman Elliott questioned where the fines from speeding tickets go. Chief Woolford explained the fine

portion comes to the city and the other fees are divided out to Crime Victims Fund, Law Enforcement Training, Sheriff's Retirement and the court. Chief Woolford reported he received a request to place speed limit signs on Hunters Bend. He reported this is currently a county road with a maintenance agreement that the city maintains it. He questioned who would place speed limit signs on there. Fred Boeckmann, City Attorney reported it is still a county road and they would need to do this. Mayor Rhorer reported he would talk with the County Commission on this. Chief Woolford updated the Board on sending Officer Creel to supervision school and the possibility of moving him to a Sergeant. He presented a request for vendor approval to the Board for a Ford utility police interceptor. He presented three quotes to the Board. The Board discussed this. Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to approve the vendor of Joe Machens Ford Lincoln. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer placed the appointment of Danny Clay to the Planning and Zoning Commission back on the table for consideration. Danny Clay introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief update on his experience. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

#### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported the City staff had lunch with Larry Potterfield, owner of Alta Vista Properties on Monday. He stated he has 440 acres to develop and wants to know what the City of Ashland wants and does not want in that area. He would like something that would benefit the entire community and create draw in that area. He asked the Board to present him with ideas to pass onto Mr. Potterfield.

#### City Attorney's Report:

Josh Hawkins, reported the sales tax report shows an 18 ½ percent decrease. He stated when they review the budget for a six month revision he would probably scale the income down. The Board discussed getting a print out of the sales tax from the state. Josh Hawkins stated that we would hold off on the resurfacing of the tennis courts. Mr. Hawkins stated they would be scheduling a public meeting on the Ash Street Sidewalk improvement project. He gave an update of MECO Engineering is working on the storm water ordinances and he is getting RFQ's for an architect for City Facilities and asked if anyone would want to set in on this committee. Alderman Bronson volunteered.

Alderman Fasciotti questioned Mr. Hawkins on his professional development in Arkansas. Mr. Hawkins reported he would write a memo on this for the next meeting. He gave a brief overview of the Economic Development training.

#### City Attorney's Report:

Fred Boeckmann had nothing to report

#### Board of Aldermen's Report:

Alderman Klippel discussed a health issue he has and the possibility he might have to step down from his service to the City in December.

Alderman Campbell suggested holding a town hall meeting and have the citizens of the community discuss what they feel would be good for the community as far as development of Mr. Potterfield's property.

Alderman Bronson expressed his concern of the property value assessment going down for the City of Ashland.

Alderman Fasciotti added to what Alderman Campbell thinks about the Larry Potterfield developing his property and felt it is exciting and would be a great addition to this community.

Alderman Elliott stated the flowers in front of Casey's have been trimmed back.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor