

FEBRUARY 02, 2010
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order on February 02, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Alderman Uhrig gave the invocation.

Mayor Jackson led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Jackson called the roll:

Ward One: David Thomas-here, Barbara Henke-Christopher-here

Ward Two: Randy Wyatt-here, John Hills-here

Ward Three: Matt Uhrig-here, Randy Eckley-here

Staff Present: Mike Jackson, Mayor, Chris Heard, City Administrator, David Bandre, City Attorney, Anthony Consiglio, Police Chief and Darla Sapp, City Clerk.

Mayor Jackson presented the agenda for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Eckley to accept the agenda as presented. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion Carried. Mayor Jackson presented the minutes of January 19, 2010 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Eckley to approve the minutes of January 19, 2010 meeting. Mayor Jackson reported an addition on the first paragraph it should be seconded by Alderman Eckley. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented the bills to be paid for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Uhrig to pay the bills as presented. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. The board asked various questions regarding the bills. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Police Chief Consiglio gave his monthly report to the board. He presented the calls for service. He updated the board on staffing and his interview process to replace two officers. He presented his final report on the canine program. He informed the board that he would be installing the graphics for the patrol car in warmer weather. Alderman Uhrig asked that the Chief prepare (repair*amended 2-16-10) a report on the salary range of patrol officers in the surrounding communities. He stated he has been concerned of the quality of candidates and was wondering if it was related to the pay scale. The board discussed this.

Mayor Jackson presented Ordinance No. 840 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Thomas to take up Ordinance No. 840, an ordinance approving a replat of Lots 5 and 6, Sunset Meadows Plat 1 for McKee Development, LLC. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Eckley-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Ordinance No. 841 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to take up Ordinance No. 841, an ordinance granting a conditional use permit to Scott and Corlyn Miller for the purpose of operating dance instruction and the sale of dance apparel at 800 South Henry Clay Blvd. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Eckley-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-nay, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Hills-aye. Motion Carried. Mayor Jackson asked if anyone wished to appear before the board. Jeff Christianson introduced himself as a candidate for the Boone County Presiding Commissioner.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jackson reported we received a thank you note from the family of Bob Sappington for donating \$100.00 from the Friends of Ashland to the American Legion. Mayor Jackson informed the board of his visit with the 8th grade current events class on January 26, 2010, relating to concerns of traffic and safety on Ash Street. He informed the board of upcoming invitations to the Boone County Historical Society for 100 years of Boy Scouting, Landmark Forum and a Main Street Revitalization conference.

Mayor Jackson reported he would be scheduling a budget session. He informed the Board he would like to set up a budget sub-committee and recommended Chris Heard, Jessi Wenger, Randy Wyatt, Barbara Henke-Christopher, and himself to serve on this.

City Attorney Report:

David Bandre suggested having a meeting between the City Prosecutor, Police Chief, City Administrator and himself to review the traffic and criminal codes.

City Administrator's Report:

Chris Heard presented the request for proposals for on-site network administration for the city computer system. The board discussed this and the specifications. He reported this would be advertised in the Boone County Journal and also sent to the recipients listing. Alderman Hills expressed his concern of not using the local business and questioned the reasoning for requesting proposals. The board discussed setting up a bidding schedule for city services. Alderman Wyatt suggested a written project plan that clearly states the expectations of each party that would help to better alleviate any confusion and provide a more cohesive proposal.

Chris Heard presented the job description and salary range for the Director of Community Development position. He stated that he was planning on advertising this week and hopefully someone hired by April. Alderman Uhrig stated he was personally concerned and would like to hold off on hiring this person to look at the comprehensive employee chart and salary range. He stated he was not comfortable with the duties and would like to discuss this more. He suggested taking this back to the committee and see how this employee would fit in with the employee structure. The board discussed this and felt it should go back to the committee for review.

Board of Alderperson's Report:

Alderman Eckley reported he would be attending the airport advisory meeting tomorrow. He asked if any action was taken on the speed limit on Angel Lane.

Alderman Wyatt stated himself and Alderman Uhrig have discussed the idea of setting up a sub-economic development committee consisting of several businesses. He stated their goal is discussion on promoting our existing businesses and opening up the communication between the businesses and the City.

Alderman Thomas reported some of the flags at the Avenue of Flags needed to be replaced.

Alderman Uhrig reported the Optimist Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday with the proceeds going to the swimming pool. He questioned the status of the Main Street Improvement Grant. Chris Heard reported he would have someone attend the February 16th council meeting to update the board on this grant. Alderman Uhrig stated we had discussed previously moving the City Attorney and City Administrator from the board table since they are advisory. The board agreed to this.

Alderman Hills reported that someone drove through the grass area again in front of the primary/elementary school.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (3). Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Eckley-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye. Motion Carried.

The City Clerk was not present at the closed meeting.

Mayor Jackson announced that the board was back in open session. All Aldermen/women were present. Mayor Jackson announced no reportable action.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Alderman Uhrig. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Michael P. Jackson, Mayor