

AUGUST 17, 2021
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 17, 2021 via zoom.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell stated under the invocation we would have a moment of silence for the two staff members that lost family this week.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-here, Jean Selby-here
Ward Two: Melissa Old-here, Stephanie Bell-here
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Dorise Slinker-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Nathan Nickolaus, City Attorney, Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator, James Creel, Public Works Director and Dan Vandevoorde, Building Inspector.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell presented the minutes of the August 03, 2021 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Lewis made motion to approve the minutes as presented Alderwoman Old seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell presented the minutes of the Special Meeting on August 09, 2021 for consideration. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell presented the agenda for adjustments. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell presented Ordinance No. 1375, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the year 2021 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Ordinance No. 1375, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the year 2021 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the staff report. Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator stated this is the second reading and this is the annual adoption of the property tax rate of 0.204 for the City of Ashland. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for comments from the public. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Selby-aye, Alderman Slinker-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell presented a Resolution of intent to award the contract to Christensen Construction for the 2021 Mill and Overlay Street Project. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the staff report. Lelande Rehard stated the Board approved for the staff to put this project out for bid. He stated we received one bid from Christensen Construction. James Creel, Public Works Director reported he bid out for the street mill and overlay project and received a sole bid and that was from Christensen Construction. He stated the other contractors did not bid because they could not fit the work in their booked schedules. He reported the bid came in at \$185,827.50. He stated this is approximately 41% of the street repairs, supplies, and maintenance annual budget. He stated their projected cost was \$300,000.00. He stated this bid was set up in a unit manner, which allowed for additional streets to be milled and overlaid as the funds allowed. James Creel stated we could add some streets at the same pricing. He stated he checked with the company and

they are open to this. Mayor Pro-tem called for a motion. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the resolution of intent to award the contract to Christensen Construction for the 2021 Mill and Overlay Street Project. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Selby-aye, Alderman Slinker-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell presented a request from the Ashland Parks and Recreation to allow alcohol in the City Park at the September 11, 2021 Fall Festival.

Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator stated that Tracy Banning, Chairman for the Parks and Recreation Board and Marcy Wood were also present on this meeting and could explain this better. Marcy Wood stated they submitted the request for alcohol sales and location layout as well as a little question and answer information sheet. She stated the Fall Festival is scheduled for September 11. She stated the alcohol sales will start at 5:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. with a band playing. She stated Woody's Pub N Grub is doing the Beer Tent and as applied for their City catering license and are trained for sales and distribution of alcohol sales.

Alderman Lewis stated they have done this many times in the past with no issues.

Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Selby to approve the request from the Ashland Parks and Recreation to allow alcohol in the City Park at the September 11, 2021 Fall Festival. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Selby-aye, Alderman Slinker-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Pro-tem Bell stated she would get with James later. She stated she knows the public works projects are behind schedule but there are smaller projects that need to be completed as well.

City Administrator's Report:

Lelande Rehard reminded the Board of the meeting with Nextsite, the Consultant for Developing Retail and Commercial sector. He stated Mr. Branch will be in attendance and we will host it at 101 West Broadway for the Board and the public will be joining via zoom. He gave an overview of the Missouri Main Street training for next week. He discussed the roundabout project and the comments that it is too low. He stated once it is finished it will make sense. He stated there has been some overruns on this project. Lelande Rehard stated they have received a cost share with MoDot and the EDA grant for the street extension. He discussed the I & I Study Bartlett & West is doing and the study of the northwest sewer. He gave an update on the two software companies for the city staff. Lelande Rehard reported the new Municipal Center remodeling project has begun.

Alderman Slinker stated he has been getting several calls on the roundabout also. He questioned the drop off issue.

Alderwoman Bell asked for an update on census from Lelande Rehard. He stated the census data is out there but not easily accessible.

City Attorney's Report:

Nathan Nickolaus, City Attorney stated he had nothing to report but he informed the Board of the passing of Fred Boeckmann former City Attorney.

Public Works Director Monthly Report:

James Creel, Public Works Director one topic is the roundabout and stated there has been multiple delays with weather, utility relocation and is about 27% complete. He stated there was unsuitable soils under the roadway which led to increased costs. He stated there has been questions of why is it so low. He stated the peak would be taken down on Broadway and the storm water issues will be addressed in the area as well. He asked that they be patient and wait and it will all make since in the end.

James Creel stated the engineering report for Russian Setter Circle has been completed but they are working with Martin Builders timeline to get this underway. He estimated late August or September weather depending. He stated City staff is working on the tennis courts and resurfacing is to start next week and taking approximately one week to complete.

James Creel stated the storm water project on Billy Joe Sapp is moving forward and the materials are currently being bid out.

He stated they are working on a plan for the Caspian Circle detention basin improvements. He stated between Kimberly Drive and Sue Drive they will be replacing the swale to improve the storm water issue.

He stated the Veterans memorial renderings should have been included in their packet. He stated the ground breaking will occur during the Fall Festival and dedication should be on Veteran's Day. He stated they are having a paver campaign and should be organized in the near future. He stated Porter, Berendzen Associates donated the renderings for this project. He stated he is excited about this and it will be a great addition to the entrance to the park.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Slinker reported a nuisance complaint at 115 Church Street. He questioned why some of the comments was removed from the post regarding the rezoning on Hayes Road on the Surveying Ashland Residents facebook page. Alderman Slinker asked for an update on the lawsuit.

Alderman Volkart stated he has been questioned about the property located next to Walk in Faith Church that has had a blue tarp on its roof for several years. He stated he thought we were focusing on cleaning up downtown area. He asked if we have any requirements or time frame these issues get fixed.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for additional comments from the public, board or staff.

John Conway, Civil Engineer stated the request for qualifications have went out and should be received by next Wednesday for a large water main replacement project.

Alderwoman Bell stated they are still selling tickets for the Boots and Bows Event through the Southern Boone County PTA and the Ashland Community Club.

Alderwoman Old reported a preliminary drawing for the mural for the Parks Restroom has been approved and the after the final approval by the Parks and Recreation Board it will be drawn out and community will be painting this during the fall festival.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the adjournment.

Alderman Slinker made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to adjourn. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Stephanie Bell, Mayor Pro-tem