

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 21, 2020 at 815 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll:

Ward One: Leslie Martin-here, 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, James Creel, Public Works Supervisor and Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda of January 21, 2020 for consideration with the amendment of removing Ernie Wren under appearances, Correcting Council Bill No 2020-001 to read 109 East Broadway instead of 107 East Broadway and correcting Council Bill No. 2020-002, to read Southwoods Commercial Park Plat No. 5 instead of Cobblestone Court. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of January 07, 2020 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a Proclamation to Officer George Roberson of the Ashland Police Department for being fired upon in the line of duty. Chief Woolford also spoke on this incident.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wishing to appear before the Board to come to the podium and state their name and place of residence on any subject. He stated this is the only public speaking portion of the meeting. Shawn Middendorf from Alliance Water Resource introduced Derek McCubbin as our local manager. Derek McCubbin gave a brief overview of his experience.

Mayor Rhorer presented an appointment of Jay Berendzen to the Downtown Beautification Committee. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the appointment as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-nay, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Brian Sapp to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to appoint Brian Sapp to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board. Alderman Sapp reported Brian Sapp is the Commander of the American Legion and has a meeting tonight and would not be able to attend this meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-abstained, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-nay, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-001 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2020-001, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a commercial lease agreement with Westhoff Rentals, LLC for 109 East Broadway. First reading

by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Tony St Romaine explained he negotiated the contract and it will be \$2200.00 per month and begins on March 31. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-002 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2020-002, an ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the City Code of Section 19.1230 pertaining to fireworks and use of. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer stated he was not comfortable with this ordinance and asked this be changed. Alderman Lewis questioned if the definition for commercial was clear enough. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated this would be for commercial purposes only, such as nursing homes and assisted living. He stated there would be an application process. Alderman Sullivan asked that the businesses that has gotten the permit in the past be notified to this change so they are not caught off guard. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-003 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the re-plat of Southwoods Commercial Park Plat 5. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp reported this was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission contingent upon the sewer being available to this lot. Alderman Lewis questioned if this was a larger lot being divided? Alderman Sapp stated that was correct. Gene Basinger, surveyor for this lot stated there is sewer available on the south east corner of the new lot. He stated they did not make an easement on the plat because there are no requirements that it has sewer. He stated if the sewer is not there then we could turn down the building permit. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-004 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2020-004, an ordinance to approve the cooperative agreement with Southern Boone School District to pay for improvements to West Red Tail Drive. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1281 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1281, an ordinance to approve the cooperative agreement with Southern Boone School District to pay for improvements to West Red Tail Drive. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to solicit bids for Sarah Drive bridge improvements. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to solicit bids for Sarah Drive Bridge improvements. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Lewis questioned if the bridge was currently closed? Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated the report suggested placing a weight restriction on the bridge because no construction plans could be found. He stated the options are to replace the existing precast box culvert. He stated we need to have engineered drawings to bid out the project. They would then bring back a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. He stated they received a price of \$28,500.00 from Allstate Consultant to do the engineering work. Alderman Lewis stated he felt the cost of engineering was high. Alderman Sapp stated two weeks ago they voted to close the bridge and asked why it had not been closed.

Mayor Rhorer reported it is the same as the tennis courts and recycling issues. He stated we hired a City Administrator and we need to give Tony flexibility in looking for other options and making these decisions. Tony St. Romaine stated we have sufficient funds available in this budget year to replace the bridge. He stated the estimated cost for bridge replacement is \$85,195.00. He asked the Board to pass the motion directing him to contract with Allstate Consultants for engineered drawings and bid specifications for the replacement and advertise and obtain bids for the replacement of Sarah Drive Bridge. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer stated he has five and a half meetings left. He has loved volunteering. He thanked Alderman Sapp for leading the sub-committee for Liberty Landing Subdivision. He stated he has served r the city for twelve years and it takes a lot of time and patience. He stated he was most proud of the Main Street sidewalk, Potterfield development, Baptist Home and the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

City Administrator's report:

Tony St. Romaine stated his report is on the spreadsheet with the updated items in bold and there is also a memo with a couple of items on. He reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had a work session on the Ashland Commons Development on January 14 and the preliminary plat and conditional use permit application will be on February 11, 2020 Planning and Zoning agenda. He stated this development would attract smaller families and attract to more dense mixed-use development. He stated this developer is donating property for the City Hall and Police Department.

He updated the Board on the banking services request for proposals that closed on January 10, 2020. He stated they received three proposals and they would present a recommendation at the next meeting.

He reported the city hall lease was an action item on the agenda for the first reading.

Tony St. Romaine reported the request for proposals were sent out for the website until January 20, 2020. He stated they have received two proposals and he sent out an amendment to extend for another week in hopes of getting more proposals.

He stated we had a work session on the comprehensive plan prior to this meeting.

He reported the Downtown Beautification Committee is now full and a meeting is scheduled on January 30.

Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator discussed economic development strategy. He stated they have been having conversations with key stakeholders in the community about the need for a part-time employee to coordinate economic development efforts in the City. He stated he had a meeting with Vicki Kemna and Bill Lloyd to discuss how this might be possible. He stated the position could be funded with contributions from the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, Southern Boone Economic Development Committee and the City of Ashland. This part time position would be hired as a City of Ashland employee. He stated we need to find someone with experience and this would be part of next year budget considerations. He stated if the Board were in agreement with this, he would seek formal agreements with both organizations and will plan to include the City's portion (\$20,000) in the upcoming proposed budget. Mayor Rhorer asked for consensus of the Board. The Board was in agreement with this.

Tony St. Romaine discussed the park improvements and working with the Regional Planning Commission to complete a grant application for LWCF funding for various park projects. He stated the applications are

due February 14, 2020. He stated they would be looking at USDA and tennis court associations for funding for the tennis courts.

He reported he has begun reviewing all job descriptions, establish pay range for each position as well as update the personnel manual.

Tony St. Romaine stated the last item is recycling and refuse collection. He stated at the last meeting the Board voted to move forward with the new recycling lot on West Red Tail Drive adjacent to the water building. He stated he has been researching the possibility along with ascertaining citizen interest of having Republic provide curbside recycling on a city-wide basis. He stated as of 1/16/2020, 186 citizens had responded and 143 were in favor of mandatory curbside recycling if the fee is less than \$5.00 per month. He stated 40 residents were opposed. He asked to postpone the construction of the new recycling lot and continue discussion with Republic for curbside recycling and bring a proposal to the Board for consideration. He stated the residents currently pay \$1.50 a month on their bill for the recycling containers. He stated this would not make a huge impact. Alderman Sapp questioned if we received any interest in the current recycling lot? Tony St. Romaine stated we have not. Mayor Rhorer asked this be placed on the next agenda to postpone the directive on constructing the new recycle lot.

He stated the Wastewater Treatment Facility is moving ahead and there should be a potential change order to place a security fence around the plant. He discussed the sludge removal from the current lagoon. He stated that Tom Ratermann of the Boone County Sewer District suggested removal of the sludge by a farming operation that does land application.

Public Works Director monthly report:

James Creel reported they have put 43 tons of gravel on Hunters Bend Road. He stated the Main Street Sidewalk is finished with the exception of landscaping, seeding and mulching in the spring. James Creel presented the subdivision acceptance inspections that is in process. He reported they have placed 4 tons of cold patch on the streets. He updated the Board on the winter street maintenance and scheduling of shifts.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays had no report.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Bronson announced that he would be resigning after the second meeting in April of 2020.

Alderman Clay stated they have done a lot of work the last four years and he would be stepping down in April.

Alderman Sapp reported himself, Alderman Sullivan and James Creel had a preliminary meeting for the Liberty Landing Subdivision last week. He stated they had a good discussion and are focusing on a direction to pursue negotiations of the problems of the homeowners and developer.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor