

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2020
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 04, 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-absent
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Jeff Sapp-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief and Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda of February 04, 2020 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the agenda. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of January 21, 2020 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer called for a ten-minute break. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take a ten-minute break. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-nay, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer called the meeting back to order at 7:09 p.m.

Ernie Wren, Optimist Club stated the Optimist Board met reference the pool and felt they needed to discuss options with the City to keep this open. He gave a brief history of the pool and the agreement of reimbursement of up to \$3000.00 per year. He stated they appreciated this but this agreement was 14 years ago and felt it needed to be renegotiated. He stated the costs have gone up and the minimum wage increased and this is not sustainable. He stated most community pools are owned and operated by the municipality. He asked that a couple of council members meet with him and Missy Bonderer and review the options. He stated this would have to be agreed upon by both boards. Mayor Rhorer stated they would work on gathering a small committee and get back to Ernie Wren.

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.

Mayor Rhorer presented the re-appointment of Pamela Dees and David Mars to the Park and Recreation. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the re-appointment as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-006, an ordinance amending Chapter 2. of the City code, Section 2.103 pertaining to purchasing. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2020-006, an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the City code, Section 2.103 pertaining to purchasing. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported we made several adjustments to chapter 7 pertaining to purchasing and the updates need to be reflected in Chapter 2 as well to be consistent. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-007 an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 as it pertains to compensation of the Mayor. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2020-007, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 as it pertains to compensation of the Mayor. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Tony St Romaine, City Administrator stated the Mayor currently receives a stipend of \$500.00. He stated the stipend is intended to help offset some of the Mayors expenses related to the requirements of the position. He stated some municipalities also have a stipend for the alderman and other committee members. Mayor Rhorer stated the Mayor is not part of the voting body. He stated he has attended lots of meetings, spent a lot of money on fuel and car maintenance. He stated the stipend helped but did not cover these costs of what he lost. Alderman Sapp stated lunches and fuel are reimbursable by the City. Alderman Bronson stated this is a volunteer position and was enacted at the time because of the amount of time the Mayor had to dedicate due to what the city was going through. He stated we put the yearly clause in there so we would have to revisit it every year. He stated Mayor Rhorer earned the stipend. Alderman Bronson stated we are not sure who is coming in next and it should not be a financial incentive. He suggested in 6 months we revisit this and see if the stipend is warranted.

Alderman Bronson made motion to rescind his motion to amend Chapter 2 as it pertains to compensation of the Mayor. Alderman Clay rescinded his second to the motion.

Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay that a review be done to see if the stipend is warranted in October. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Martin-nay, Alderman Sapp-nay, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Mayor Rhorer broke the tie by voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-008, an ordinance of the City of Ashland authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for banking services with Central Bank of Boone County. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2020-008, an ordinance of the City of Ashland authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for banking services with Central Bank of Boone County. First reading by title only. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported they requested proposals for commercial banking services. He stated they reviewed these and recommend Central Bank of Boone County. Mayor Rhorer reported we have cd's in other financial institutions as well. Tony St. Romaine stated this is a one-year contract with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1282 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1282, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a commercial lease agreement with Westhoff Rentals, LLC for 109 East Broadway. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1283 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1283, an ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the City Code of Section 19.1230 pertaining to fireworks and use of. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Tony St. Romaine stated the application form will be drafted within the next couple of weeks then a letter will be sent out notifying the health care institutions of the new process. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1284 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the re-plat of Southwoods Commercial Park Plat 5. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a Resolution approving change order No 5 for McClanahan Construction Co. Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up the Resolution approving Change Order no 5 for McClanahan Construction Co., Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported that Derek from Alliance Water Resources was present to help answer any questions. He stated the change order is needed to put a fence completely around the wastewater facility since it is required by Department of Natural Resources. He stated there is funds available in this project. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported the next item on the agenda was to postpone the directive on construction of the new recycle lot. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported he is waiting on a proposal from Republic Services on curbside recycling. He stated he felt we could keep the price under \$5.00 a month. He stated once he gets this information he will bring back to Board for consideration. He stated we currently charge \$1.50 per residential account for the recycling bins. He asked that we postpone construction of the recycling lot. He stated the school is not thrilled to see this in the front of their parking lot. He stated they are concerned with the wind blowing recycling contents on to the school property. Alderman Lewis questioned if it would have to be mandatory. He stated the survey sounds like 20 to 40 percent interested and 20 percent is opposed to it. He questioned if it could be Friday as a recycling day. Tony St Romaine stated a lot of smaller communities are discontinuing their recycling program because of not having enough customers. Tony St. Romaine stated the only way Republic would consider it would be if it was a mandatory program. He stated he would get firm facts and cost so we can get this information out to the public. They discussed the cost of \$60,000.00 to get the lot ready for the recycling, concrete pad, fencing, signs, security camera and establishing hours of operation for the site. Mayor Rhorer stated no amount of education is going to stop the improper dumping, etc. Mayor Rhorer stated he was against mandatory curbside recycling. Mayor Rhorer stated this is just postponing the directive of construction of the new recycle lot not saying we are not going to do it. He stated we are allowing time to research other options.

Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to postpone the construction of the recycling lot for 6 weeks. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-nay, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported the next item on the agenda is to vote to open the tennis courts. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to open the tennis courts. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator informed the Board they had a company look at the tennis courts and they should be getting proposals back this week for repairing cracks with sealant and resurfacing. He said a rough estimate to

repair the cracks was \$7,000.00 and resurfacing between \$20,000.00 to 25,000.00, He stated the tennis court company said it was not unsafe to play on. He stated the proposals will be brought back to the board for consideration but he felt the tennis courts should be reopened. The Board discussed this. Mayor Rhorer stated he would like to see a recommendation from the Park Board when you get the quotes in and see how they want to proceed. Alderman Lewis asked the life span for the repairs and a new tennis court.

Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented an exception from distance requirement from a church or school for a liquor license for Pizza Haus pursuant to State Statute 311.080.

Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to grant an exception of 100 foot requirement from a church or school to Pizza Haus at 112 East Broadway. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-abstained, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sullivan-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer did not have a report.

City Administrator's report:

Tony St. Romaine reported they are reviewing proposals for a website.

He reported the Downtown Beautification Task Force meet last week and he gave them a broad overview. He stated they appointed Lonna Trammel as Chair, Tracy Banning as Co-Chair, and Dawn Sapp is going to write the report. He stated they would meet in February and to determine the downtown beautification boundaries. He stated they would meet on a regular basis.

Tony St. Romaine reported he met with Dave Richardson and they are willing to donate a piece of property that backs up to Lakeview Park. He has the legal description and the Attorney will be drawing up paperwork for this transaction. He reported there is still a small piece of property .8 acres they are trying to acquire as well.

He stated he is working on the personnel manual and he is reviewing all job position descriptions, establish a pay range for each position.

He stated he met with the two property owners by the North Henry Clay Blvd. pocket park and they are finalizing the division of the property. He stated that the attorney would be working on an agreement.

He reported the waste water treatment facility had effluent last week and the last several days manufacturers representatives have been on site to monitor the start up of the equipment. He stated he would be scheduling a ribbon cutting/open house sometime at the end of March. He stated this has been a long project.

Tony St. Romaine stated he found out this afternoon in going through the procedural part of applying for a park grant requires a resolution by the Board of Alderman. He stated the deadline for the grant applications are February 14th. He suggested a consensus of the Board on these grant applications and he would write a letter of support. He stated he was unsure how this would score since a resolution is what is required and it was too late to get it on the agenda. The Board discussed this and felt a special meeting could be done at time to be determined prior to February 14.

Police Chief's monthly report:

Chief Woolford presented his police activity report. He gave a demonstration of a pop shield he is wishing to purchase and would have in his budget request. He updated the Board on the patrol vehicles mechanically down and in the body shop for repairs.

City Attorney's Report:
Jeff Kays had no report.

Mayor Rhorer stated there was several incidents in the school zone and asked that these violators be prosecuted.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Lewis reported a constituent contacted him reference being allowed to get a permit to drive a golf cart on city streets. He stated he was told this was not covered under our current ordinance by City Hall. Lyn Woolford, Police Chief stated golf carts are made of different material then ATV's are made of and do not have turn signals, etc. Alderman Lewis stated he would personally like to see them included in the permits. This was discussed and the Board felt more research needed to be done on the state statutes regarding this and asked that it be placed on the next agenda.

Alderman Bronson reported they met with some homeowners of Liberty Landing and let them vent about their issues and problems. He stated the next step is to have a meeting with Martin Builders as well as some of the contractors in the subdivision.

Alderman Clay discussed the stormwater issue runoff on Billy Joe Sapp. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated we would be talking about this in the budget work session.

Alderman Sapp informed the Board of the meeting last Wednesday with Liberty Landing property owners. He stated the next step is to have a meeting with Martin Builders and see what their thoughts and ideas are. He stated he hopes to bring the homeowners and contractors in for a joint meeting and hopefully come to an agreement and move forward.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor