

TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2020
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 03, 2020 at 815 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson 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 and Terry Toalson, Interim Police Chief.

Mayor Rhorer was absent.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented the agenda of March 03, 2020 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented the minutes of February 18, 2020 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson 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.

Alicia Ozenberger stated she lives in Season's Ridge and is here to discuss item number #13 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between ACT Missouri and the Ashland Police Department. She stated she is employed at Mental Health Bureau of Justice and is writing this grant which if awarded, is a three-year grant for School Resource Officer to participate in the school mental wellness team to provide better care for the students, school climate assessment and mental health training. She stated they have an agreement with the school but not with the Ashland Police Department. She asked for consideration of this Resolution to pass. Alderman Sullivan asked for additional information. Alicia Ozenberger gave a website address.

Derek McCubbin of Alliance Water Resources gave a brief update on the wastewater treatment plant. He stated the startup is going well and as planned. He stated they are working on a few things with the engineering firm. Alderman Clay questioned if they had hired an additional employee yet. Derek McCubbin reported they have an interview scheduled for tomorrow.

Cecil Payne stated he is a Planning and Zoning Commissioner and was unable to attend the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting regarding the Ashland Commons, LLC preliminary plat and Conditional Use permit this was voted on. He stated he has a real problem with the 50-foot lot width and the reduction of the setbacks. He stated this would not allow for extra parking or for children to play. He stated setbacks were put in place for a reason. He also asked that at least two spaces be considered as green spaces. He asked that the Board consider this when voting.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented the appointment of Amy Banning to the Parks and Recreation Board. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to approve the appointment of Amy Banning to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented the appointment of Marcy Wood to the Parks and Recreation Board. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to approve the appointment of Marcy Wood to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented Ordinance No. 1287 for consideration. Alderman Sullivan stated he would leave the room before discussion of this due to possible conflict of interest. Alderman Sullivan went outside the meeting room. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1287, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 as it pertains to compensation of the Mayor. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Sullivan returned to the meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented Ordinance No. 1288 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1288, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Municipal Agreement. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented Ordinance No. 1289 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up Ordinance No. 1289, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Maintenance Agreement. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented Ordinance No. 1290 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1290, an ordinance approving the preliminary plat for Ashland Commons Plat 1. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp stated this is the second reading. He stated this came before the Planning and Zoning Commission and they had discussion of the lot width and setbacks but they recommended approval. Alderman Sullivan questioned the difference in set back and lot widths. Alderman Sapp reported that 50-foot lots are permitted under the Planned Residential Development. He stated the setbacks would be from the required 25-foot front yard setback to 15 feet. Alderman Sapp reported this development would be similar to a Brownstone townhome where smaller houses, one to two bedroom for young professional or elderly people would reside. He stated they are planning a tight-knit and walkable development. Alderman Bronson questioned the green space. Alderman Sapp reported there is none planned and it is not required in our code. Alderman Sapp reported this is a mixed-use space with some office space that will include City Hall and the Police Department. Alderman Sullivan questioned adding green space. Brian Harrington from Allstate Consultants stated as it sets right now there is no green space. He stated there is a detention basin they plan to make aesthetically pleasing in the southwest corner of the property. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote.

Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson- aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented Ordinance No. 1291 consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1291, an ordinance granting a conditional use permit to Ashland Commons, LLC to permit Planned Residential Development. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp stated this is the same thing as we just spoke of and allows for residential use in a commercial district and was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented Ordinance No. 1292 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1292, an ordinance accepting a Missouri General Warranty Deed from Richardson Family Limited Liability partnership. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp stated this is a donation of a piece of property from CL Richardson Construction with a portion of the lake at Lake View Estates. He stated we need to acquire one more piece of property. He stated this allows the City to move forward to look for resources and grants to help beautify that area and for the Perry Avenue extension. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson- aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented a resolution for consideration authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of understanding between ACT Missouri and the City of Ashland on behalf of the Ashland Police Department. Alderman Sullivan made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding between ACT Missouri and the City of Ashland on behalf of the Ashland Police Department. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp stated he is in favor of this and it brings training to the School Resource Officer at no cost to the City. Alderman Lewis asked Interim Police Chief Toalson his thoughts on this. Interim Police Chief Toalson stated they support this program. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented a resolution for consideration authorizing the City Administrator, Tony St. Romaine to enter into adopt-a-highway agreements with MoDot. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator, Tony St. Romaine to enter into adopt-a-highway agreements with MoDot. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for question or comments. Alderman Sapp reported the City entered into this agreement several years ago for the City to maintain the quadrants at the overpass. He stated MoDot was mowing these once or twice a year and we wanted to improve the look of the entrance into the City. He suggested we continue to do this. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Bronson- aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented a resolution for consideration authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lawn waste disposal contract with Clean Cut Services. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lawn waste disposal contract with Clean Cut Services. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson reported this is a continuation of the lawn waste contract with an increase of 3 percent. He reported in the past there were a couple of issues but they have been resolved and he stated he had not issue with this agreement. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented a resolution for consideration authorizing the Chief of Police to seek financial assistance available under the Missouri Highway Safety Program for Traffic Enforcement. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to seek financial assistance available under the Missouri Highway Safety Program for Traffic Enforcement. Interim Police Chief Toalson stated this is a grant application for eight radar units at no cost to the city. He stated these would be for a state of art units. He informed the Board that one of the Officers was writing the grant since he has had previous grant writing experience. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson reported the next item on the agenda is discussion of Red Tail Drive speed bump. Alderman Sullivan stated he has had residents bring the speed bump up to him and said they could not attend the meeting this was voted on because of prior commitments. The Board discussed the speed bump and the issue with parking along and next to the speed bump causing a safety issue. The Board discussed restricting the parking along this area and asked that it be placed on the next agenda. The Board discussed letting the residents along this area know of the discussion at the next board meeting. The Board members were in agreement for the speed bump to remain. Alderman Sapp reported the speed bump was a pilot program to see how well it worked out.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer was not present.

Interim Police Chief Monthly report.

Interim Police Chief Toalson stated we have already covered what he was going to talk about. He stated they would continue to meet our priorities & business as usual. He thanked the Board for their consideration of both grant applications tonight. Alderman Bronson stated he appreciated the Police Department doing business as usual.

Alderwoman Martin reported she is getting many questions about the crossing guard schedule. Interim Police Chief Toalson reported they are making every effort to be at that location and believes it has been covered since the last Board of Aldermen meeting. The Board discussed this.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays stated he is continuing to meet our priority and business as usual.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Sullivan stated he has been getting complaints on speeding on Liberty Lane. He stated he noticed the speed trailer is set up on Liberty Lane now.

Alderman Sullivan reported that he, Alderman Lewis and Alderwoman Martin attended the MoDot meeting at the school today on Highway 63 Improvements projects. He stated it was an interesting meeting and the estimated project costs are 5 million dollars. He stated the projects consist from Ashland overpass to Route H being the main priority. He stated depending on how the bids came in they would work from Ashland to Mt. Pleasant Road and Claysville Road. He stated when MoDot deeded the roadway in front of New Salem Church to the City to maintain they were putting in a deceleration lane on Hwy 63. He stated he wants to get clarification from MoDot on why the City took over maintenance on this. He stated they are going to reroute Loy Martin Road. He stated we need to figure this out. He stated all traffic would be routed into Ashland causing more traffic issues.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Jesse Bronson, Mayor Pro-tem