

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 via zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Mayor Rhorer presented the following meeting guidelines: One person speak at a time to allow the City Clerk to be able to hear to take the minutes. He asked that we leave a couple of minutes between speakers to allow for computer lag. If you wish to speak please let the Mayor know. He stated we would be practicing the General Roberts Rules of Order. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator asked the public to have their microphones muted after the public speaking portion of the meeting is over.

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, Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator, Jon Sanders, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, Terry Toalson, Interim Police Chief and James Creel, Public Works Director.

Mayor Rhorer presented the 4-21-2020 agenda for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of the 3-17-2020 meeting for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the minutes from the 3-17-2020 meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of the 3-20-2020 special meeting for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the minutes from the 3-20-2020 meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished to speak before the Board on any subject. He stated this is the only public speaking portion of the meeting.

Fred Parry, Boone County Commissioner, stated he is enthusiastic about the Ranken Technical College Project and the County has proposed a local match of \$100,000 of said Economic Development Administration grant application from the Boone County Community Health Fund. He stated they did the first reading of the Resolution today at their Commission meeting and a second reading will be held on Thursday. He stated this is big deal for Boone County community. He stated this is something that would benefit the community as well as local hospitals and medical services field. He stated the Commissioners support this Resolution and he is confident it will pass on Thursday.

Sara Walsh, Missouri State Representative stated she echoed what Fred Parry said. She stated she was proud of what has been accomplished and she will be writing a letter of support for the Ranken project grant.

Steve Walsh, Press Secretary for Congressman Hartzler stated he is working on a letter of support from Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler as well.

Chris Felmlee, Superintendent of Southern Boone Schools stated he is in support of this project. He stated it is a great opportunity for Ashland and will attract businesses. He stated that Ranken will offer programs on health care, medical, manufacturing, construction and ag, tech and bachelor of science. He stated there are a wide variety of programs offered. He stated this is a great opportunity for Ashland and the Mid-Mo. region. He stated it allows our students to earn advanced degrees and utilize the A-plus program. He stated this is exciting for our community.

Bill Lloyd, Southern Boone Economic Development Council stated if Ranken located here it would be a rare opportunity that he feels will be a winner for everyone. He stated it would be a regional draw and great for the Southern Boone County Community. He stated this is a wonderful opportunity for a lot of folks. He stated the grant is close to being written. He stated the Southern Boone Economic Development Council is excited and they appreciate all the Board's support.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the commitment of local match for Economic Development Administration Grant application in the amount of \$50,000 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to approve the resolution authorizing the commitment of local match for Economic Development Administration Grant application in the amount of \$50,000. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Tony St Romaine, City Administrator reported the guest speakers did a good job speaking in favor of this project. He stated there is a shortage of the skilled work force. He stated this is a prime time to apply for the Economic Development Administration Grant. He stated this is a \$7 million project if approved EDA Funding 90% and the Boone County Community Health funding \$100,000 and the City of Ashland \$50,000. He stated that the \$50,000 city funds would be the cost of the engineering portion of the roadway. He reported a 5-acre tract of land (south of Salters) on Perry Ave. has been donated with the option to purchase an additional 10 acres. He stated this is in the city limits and zoned commercial. He stated they are waiting on the land appraisal to come back. He stated they have had numerous conference calls with the stakeholders on this project. He stated the resolution confirms the project and the financial commitment of the City and we will be a co-applicant with the Southern Boone County School District. He stated this is a great partnership and they have been working on this for several weeks. He stated the grant application is due May 1, 2020 and they are gathering letters of support for the project. He stated this is not a done deal. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented for appointment Cory Bergthold to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to confirm the appointment of Cory Bergthold. Tony St. Romaine stated that later in the agenda there are several agreements for approval for on-call engineering services for review of site plans and plats, etc. He stated that Cory Bergthold is affiliated with Engineering Surveys and Services and discussed this possibly being a conflict of interest. Corey Bergthold stated that certainly, there would be times he might have to recuse himself from discussion and voting but he did not think it would be a problem. Alderman Bronson stated if he recused himself he did not see a problem. Alderman Sapp stated he felt it would be good to have Cory on the Planning and Zoning Commission to able to use his expertise. Tony St. Romaine stated this could be managed prior to meetings on what he would need to recuse discussion and vote from. Alderman Sullivan questioned if he talked with his employer on serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Cory Bergthold stated it is not a problem with his firm. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented for appointment Scott Dooley to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to confirm the appointment of Scott Dooley. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ernie Wren for re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Sullivan made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to confirm the re-appointment of Ernie Wren to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-014 for consideration. Alderman Sullivan made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up Council Bill No. 2020-014, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Tony St. Romaine stated we had some budget work sessions but we were unable to meet the first meeting in April. He stated the Board would need to do two readings of the Budget tonight since it has to be approved prior to May 1, 2020. Tony St. Romaine stated that himself and Jon Sanders, Treasurer will be sharing the screen and giving an overview of the budget. He stated the budget message prioritize three areas, people, process and priority. He stated they were pleased to see they achieved a healthy budget and maintained a healthy reserve. He gave an overview of the cash reserve policy he has proposed on the agenda. He stated that Ashland continues a large period of population growth. He stated he believes the population in the 2020 Census will exceed 5000 and he has included a statement about forming a Charter City and steps it will take to accomplish that. He explained the procedure would be a vote of the people. He stated there is a lengthy process to move forward and planning to take place. He stated we have several large projects this year such as a new City Hall in conjunction with the Ashland Commons development. He stated the Planning and Zoning has not met for a couple of months due to the Covid 19 pandemic. He stated Ashland Commons and the YMCA are waiting on a traffic study to be completed. He stated he felt that improvements to the South Henry Clay Blvd. and Liberty Lane intersection would be needed. He stated a round-a-about would probably be needed at that intersection. He explained some street resurface projects outlined in the budget. He gave an overview of the classification and pay plan. He stated he is recommending the city's minimum wage be \$15.00 per hour for all established permanent positions. He explained the salary, merit and cost of living is subject to fund availability. He presented information on how they did a survey of similar size jurisdiction for salary ranges. He stated the development of Cartwright Properties, East Ashland Plaza and the Ranken Technical College could be three significant things to increase tax base over the next three years. Jon Sanders, City Treasurer gave a power point presentation of the proposed budget and gave an overview by fund. He stated it looks different from prior budgets and stated they included charts and graphs to make it easier to understand. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated the Comprehensive Plan is not completed because of lack of meetings due to the corona virus. He stated hopefully we will have a final draft on the Comprehensive Plan in May and should be able to have a public hearing on the plan. He stated the planning and zoning codes and stormwater management codes are out dated and would cost around \$25,000 to \$30,000 to update. He stated we need to see how we manage stormwater to our sewer system. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-015 for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up Council Bill No. 2020-015, an ordinance adopting the FY2021 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Ashland. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated the City has not had capital improvement adopted before. He stated it is critical that the City have this plan. He stated with Jon's

assistance and the department heads they have created a living document that will change from year to year. He stated the funding source is normally not identified but the projects are listed so it is not overlooked. He stated this is important because it connects city development, comprehensive plans and financial plans. He stated it is intended to reflect the community values and goals, and the overall policy goals of the Board of Aldermen, including existing city-wide long range plans. He stated the CIP listed for this year is included in the budget. He gave an overview of the 10-year plan and detailed sheets explaining the projects. He stated this is a living document and would be changed. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-016 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2020-016, an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year 2020 Budget. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-017 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up Council Bill No. 2020-017, an ordinance adopting the FY2021 Classification & Pay Plan. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1293 for consideration. Alderman Sullivan made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up Ordinance No. 1293, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of agreement with Alliance Water Resources, LLC. 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 Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1294 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up Ordinance No. 1294, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1295 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up Ordinance No. 1295, an ordinance adopting the FY2021 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Ashland. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1296 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up Ordinance No. 1296, an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year 2020 Budget. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1297 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to take up Ordinance No. 1297, an ordinance adopting the FY2021 Classification & Pay Plan. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman

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

Mayor Rhorer presented a policy resolution supporting a compensation philosophy for employees of the City of Ashland, Missouri that reflects the values and goals of the City. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up for consideration the policy resolution supporting a compensation philosophy for employees of the City of Ashland, Missouri that reflects the values and goals of the City. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported this tie into the compensation pay plan. He stated they want to maintain a competitive labor market and it supports the compensation philosophy and makes sure we maintain competitive pay scales. He stated they would also do employee job performance evaluations. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried

Mayor Rhorer presented a policy resolution establishing a cash reserve policy for the City of Ashland. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up a policy resolution establishing a cash reserve policy for the City of Ashland. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Revize Web Services sales agreement. Alderwoman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to take up the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Revize Web Services sales agreement. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Engineering Surveys and Services. Alderwoman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to take up for consideration the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Engineering Surveys and Services. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Allstate Consultants. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up for consideration the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Allstate Consultants. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Sullivan suggested that Tony St. Romaine clarify this with the general public. Tony St. Romaine stated they put out request for qualifications for on-call engineering services. He stated we previously had contracts with three firms. He stated we received six submittals from the request for qualifications and they are all qualified. He stated this is not a guarantee of work but just a rotating list of firms we would use to review site plans, preliminary plats and final plats. He stated we have a plan reviewer in this year's budget and at some point we would bring these reviews back in house. He stated the cost of services were submitted in Exhibit A. He stated if we have a project we would have them submit proposals and would award this with an amendment to the contracts. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Klingner & Associates. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up for consideration the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Klinger & Associates. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Bartlett & West, Inc. Alderman Sullivan made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to take up for consideration the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Bartlett & West, Inc. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Meco Engineering. Alderwoman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to take up for consideration the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with Meco Engineering. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with McClure Engineering Company. Alderman Sullivan made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to take up for consideration the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with professional engineering services for general on-call engineering services with McClure Engineering Services. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Sapp-abstained, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Watson Concrete, Inc. for consideration. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up for consideration a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Watson Concrete, Inc. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. James Creel stated this resolution allows the city to utilize the cooperative agreement with the City of Columbia. He reported C.L. Richardson Construction is doing the dirt work and Watson Concrete is doing the concrete pad for the recycling lot. He stated Columbia already had the specifications and contract so we are utilizing this contract. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer had no report.

City Administrator Report:

Tony St. Romaine gave an overview of his City Administrator report. He reported several items on the priority list that were approved tonight, budget, CIP, new City website. He stated the GIS mapping was also part funded in the budget. Tony St. Romaine informed the Board he is working on the amendment to the code reference the use of golf carts on streets. Tony St. Romaine reported the Lake View Park

improvement is also in budget and waiting to hear the status of the grant in the fall. He also stated the lodging tax is being worked on. Sara Walsh stated it has not passed in the house that it still has to get on the floor. She stated she did not know where it was. She stated that if it does not move forward this session she would present again at the next session.

He stated that we are bidding out some mowing of City property so we can dedicate our employees to street work. He stated we sent out request for proposals for that work and should bring a contract back to the Board for consideration. He stated that Allstate Consultants is surveying the pocket park property and may see it come through in the next month or so. He stated that they just approved the Watson Concrete for the construction of the concrete pad for the recycling lot. He stated the specifications was from the City of Columbia. He stated we would also be placing an 8-foot chain link fence with vinyl slates through it. He stated a video system is installed at the water department to help monitor the site to assess dumping issues. He stated within the next couple of weeks the dirt work would be completed. He stated the new recycling lot should be completed at the Water Building within the next two to three months.

He stated the solid waste would increase by 3% on June 1, 2020.

Tony St. Romaine, stated MoDot is working on the appraisals and negotiations with the property owners on the Route M and Henry Clay round-a-bout.

He stated the wastewater treatment plant has some punch list items that need to be worked through. He stated it is important for the community to be recognized for the great asset we have in the City of Ashland. He stated the last part of the project would be grading, seeding and mulching within the next few weeks. He stated he would like to have a ribbon cutting/open house in late May or early June.

Alderman Sullivan asked that “No parking” on Red Tail speed bump be added to the next agenda.

Public Works Director Monthly report:

James Creel, Public Works Director stated since the agenda was rather large for the meeting he postponed his report until the next meeting. Alderman Sullivan questioned if the parking signs were up on Ashley Drive. James Creel, Public Works Director stated they are placed in the 100 Block on Ashley Drive. He stated he has talked with Stacey Salters of Salter’s Lawn care about this parking restriction.

Derek McCubbin, Alliance Water Resource gave an update on the sewer plant operations. He stated they were able to forgo the sludge removal cost because they were able to run it through the plant. He stated this was recorded with Department of Natural Resources. Derek McCubbin stated as Tony St. Romaine mentioned earlier the seeding, mulching, and straw still needs to take place at the plant and a few things on the punch list that was gone through with Allstate Consultants, Donald Fisher and Stephen Lyn. He stated the end of this project is in sight and a ribbon cutting ceremony could be done in May or June.

City Attorney’s report:

Jeffrey Kays stated he had a couple of things to report. The Woolford hearing is scheduled for May 12. He stated the Police Department has not been writing many tickets due to the corona virus. He stated Boone County Circuit Court has postponed all court dates and they would be rescheduling them.

Board of Alderman Report:

Alderman Sapp explained that he abstained from the McClure Engineering contract because his brother in law works there. He also stated he has received comments and complaints about the gas prices in Ashland being .12 cents higher than Columbia. He asked if the Mayor could look into this with the companies.

Alderman Sullivan thanked the City Administrator for all the information and his work on the Ranken project. He stated that Tony has worked hard on this for the last couple of weeks. He stated this is Ashland's and Boone County chance to shine. He stated this is an investment in our young people and hope we can pull this off. He stated there are so many people involved in this project.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor