

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer reported the City is holding two public meetings and one public hearing related to the proposed Wastewater Treatment Collection System Improvements Project for the purpose of receiving public comments and views of interested persons. The Project is anticipated to be funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources-Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program and/or other programs. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 815 East Broadway, Southern Boone County Fire Protection District Training Facility.

Mayor Rhorer called the public meeting to order for the facility plan and the engineering alternatives considered during the planning phases of this project as proposed by Allstate Consultants, LLC. Stephen Lin from Allstate Consultants, Engineering firm for the City of Ashland reported this public meeting was for discussion of the waste water treatment and collection system and he passed around a sign in sheet. He presented the preliminary engineering report and facility plan for wastewater treatment and collection system improvements for public viewing.

Stephen Lin, discussed the problems that have created the need to design/build this wastewater treatment and collection system.

#### Treatment Facility

- Population growth of the City has increased flow and put additional demands on the facility
- Population in 2000 (1,969) to 2010 (3,077)-growth of 98.3%
- 2015 Population-3,800 to 3,900
- Treatment System is an existing single cell lagoon that has been modified for aeration and divided into 4 separate cells with floating baffle curtains (polymer membrane) with treatment modules
- Improvements in 2008-2009 was a 5 year interim solution
- Treatment Facility is having issues with meeting effluent criteria-contributed by I&I, lack of operation control and flexibility to make adjustments
- Numerous “Notice of Warnings” and “Notice of Violations” from MDNR
- Compliance schedule for new effluent limits-February 2018, more stringent ammonia criteria

#### Collection Facility

- Interceptor Sewer upgrade-8” pipe from Liberty Lane to the treatment facility needs to be upsized for future growth
- Provide sewer to new customers and improvements to existing facilities
- More development in the future: Residential with Eagle Lakes South, Sunset Meadows, Liberty Landing (potentially 470 new homes), Developments in Northeast Ashland for the Baptist Home, Alta Vista properties, and Columbia Regional Airport

Discussed what Alternatives were evaluated

#### Treatment Facility Alternatives

- Improvements to the Existing Aerated Lagoon Treatment System-\$2.25 to \$3.0 Million, upgrades and additional equipment, but short term solution, improvements will be needed in another 5 to 10 years.
- Land application (No-Discharge System-\$10.0 to \$15.0 Million, high capital investment on equipment and storage, would also need 750 acres or more of ground for irrigation)
- New mechanical treatment plant-\$5.0 to \$6.0 Million, advanced aeration treatment system with concrete basins, will have phased components for expansion
- Regionalization-Connection to City of Columbia-\$21.0 to \$25.0 Million or more, connection would be approximately 10.5 miles away, requires large scale pumping station, or multiple stations, and possible upgrades to Columbia's collection system
- 2-Mile Prairie Regional Treatment Facility- \$8.0 to \$10.0 Million, study conducted in 2009 with multi-partner initiative (Ashland, Columbia, Hartsburg, Boone County Regional Sewer District) for a regional treatment facility in Southern Boone County, no longer appears to be an active option

#### Collection System Options

Option 1- Service to the Baptist Home-\$0.9 to \$2.0 Million, multiple routes but would only serve the Baptist Home with a pump station and force main to connect at northern point of Ashland

Option 2-Service to the Baptist Home and Columbia Regional Airport \$2.0 to \$3.0 Million, a large force main for future expansion from Angel Lane to the new treatment facility, would utilize the existing 3" force main along Angel Lane to connect Columbia Regional Airport

Option 3- Regional Service to Northeast Ashland-\$3.0 to \$3.75 Million, regional pump station and collection system to serve the Baptist Home, Alta Vista Properties and Columbia Regional Airport

Option 4-Regional service to Northeast Ashland and Southwest Ashland-\$5.0 to \$5.75 Million, similar to Option No. 3 but will also have regional pump station and collection system in southwest Ashland to serve future developments and alleviate aging facilities.

Mayor Rhorer closed the public meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer called the public meeting to order on the user rate for the proposed project at 6:50 p.m. Stephen Lin passed around the sign in sheet. Stephen Lin reported that in 2014 voters approved a \$7 million dollar revenue bond for the treatment facility.

Stephen Lin provided an outline on how the City will finance the costs of the project.

- August 2014 voter approved \$7 Million revenue bond issue
- Bond issue allows the City to leverage low interest government loan programs
- Anticipated financing for the project will be through the Department of Natural Resources-State Revolving Fund Program-20- years at 2.5% to 3.0% interest rate
- User fee increase will be primary source to pay debt service and O&M costs
- City cash on hand and local cost share and connection impact fees may also be source of funding contribution to project

Discussion of additional costs that will result from this project

- Most costs will be for construction, engineering services, and other professional services such as attorneys and a financial advisor
- Other additional costs with easement negotiations

Discussed the estimate user rates that will be necessary

- Current rate is \$13.90 base rate with \$4.78 per 1000 gallon charge or \$37.80 for typical 5,000 gallon user.
- Final rate will depend on final project selected by the City
- City is actively pursuing expansion to Northeast Ashland
- Assuming funding from the MDNR State Revolving Fund program, no customer growth and project consists of construction of new treatment plant and only the Baptist Home connection-\$57.00 to \$60.00 for a typical 5,000 gallon user
- With expansion and customer growth such as service to Northeast Ashland-\$49.00 to \$53.00 for a typical 5,000 gallon user
- Currently under evaluation with MDNR and may be subject to another public hearing

Mayor Rhorer closed the public meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. concerning the impact on the environment of the proposed project. Stephen Lin, Allstate Consultants passed around the sign in sheet for public hearing on impact on the environment of this project. He discussed how the project will impact such areas as wetlands, floodplains, threatened/endangered species, cultural resources, prime farmland, public lands, parks, etc.

- City owned property adjacent to existing lagoon treatment facility, currently undeveloped
- New treatment plant will consist of concrete basin, buildings, roadways
- Collection system expansion and extensions will be linear type construction and disturbed areas will be restored to existing state as best as possible
- Wetlands, floodplains, and jurisdictional streams are currently being identified and inventoried for government agencies for further evaluation
- Government agencies have identified the Grey Bat, Indiana Bat, and Northern Long-eared Bat as federal listed species with critical habitats, construction practices will be implemented for tree removal
- Impacts to cultural resources, prime farmland, and parks are not anticipated

He discussed how the proposed project may impact the development pattern of the area.

- The proposed project is to facilitate growth
- Depending on selection of collection system improvement options, the primary areas affected will be in Northeast Ashland and Southwest Ashland
- Currently, the City is prioritizing the Northeast Ashland area, to connect the Baptist Home and Columbia Regional Airport
- Development in the Northeast area is anticipated to increase

Stephen Lin discussed the environmental clearances requested from the coordinating agencies.

- Historic Preservation-No properties impacted
- Division of Parks-No State Parks impacted
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Indiana Bats and Northern Long-eared Bats are specified in the area
- A-95 Clearinghouse-No comments or recommendations

- Conservation Department-Gray Bats, Indiana Bats, and Northern Long-eared Bats are species in the area, minimize movement of invasive exotic species, beware of karst geological features, adhere to Clean Water Act, and revegetate disturbed areas
- Department of Geology and Land Survey-No impact
- Corps of Engineers District Office-Need to provide information for each proposed crossing within the waters of the United States, provide wetlands delineation

Discussed the impact of personal property such as driveways, trees, easements, etc.

- Minimized impacts to personal property
- Paved driveways will be saw cut and replaced with asphalt or concrete
- Trees will be taken down and removed by contractor
- All affected property owners have been contacted and easements have been in negotiation since June 2015 and finalized

Discuss the impact on water quality, air quality, etc.

- The construction of the new treatment plant is designed for a higher level of treatment than the current system and will improve the water quality
- Air quality is not anticipated to be affected or changed aside for short term impacts from construction equipment
- Odors for the treatment plant; but will probably not be worse than the existing facility

Mayor Rhorer called for any questions from the public. Being none he asked if the Board had any questions or comments. Alderman Fasciotti questioned the backfilling procedure for sewer lines. Stephen Lin reported the specs would be in the bid packet and would have a one year warranty on the work and they would be doing the construction inspections on the work being done. Alderman Lewis questioned if this treatment is adjacent to the existing lagoon and if it will be utilized. Steven Lyn reported it is adjacent to the existing lagoon and will be utilized as a wet weather basin.

Mayor Rhorer closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. on December 15, 2015 at 815 East Broadway Ashland, Missouri.

Alderman Bronson gave the invocation.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll:

- Ward One: George Campbell-here, George Elliott-here
- Ward Two: Jesse Bronson-here, James Fasciotti-here
- Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Fred Klippel-absent

Staff Present: Lyn Woolford, Police Chief/Interim City Administrator, Jessi Kendall, Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk, Darla Sapp, City Clerk and Fred Boeckmann, City Attorney.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for December 15, 2015 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of December 01, 2015 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Jeff Kays, City Prosecutor gave a quarterly report to the Board. He discussed the cases filed and the status of the cases. The Board discussed the fine structure for items that go to trial. Mr. Kays stated he had his quarterly meeting with the police department tonight and have decided that first offense on D.W.I.'s be handled on the municipal court and not the state. He stated they reviewed the expiration dates of license plates.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board. Steve Heying of 514 Redbud Lane suggested having the fine set by ordinance.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2015-038 for consideration. Alderman Fasciotti made motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to take up Council Bill No. 2015-038, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with property owner's pertaining to the acquisition of easements for the northeast Ashland sewer extension project; authorizing the Mayor to execute sewer connection fee waivers; accepting sewer easements and temporary construction easements; and authorizing the City Clerk to record the easements. First Reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-absent, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Elliot-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported in order to be transparent the Council Bill involving Alderman Campbell will be voted on separately.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2015-039 for consideration. Alderman Elliott made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Council Bill No. 2015-039, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with George R. Campbell pertaining to the acquisition of easements for the northeast Ashland sewer extension project; authorizing the Mayor to execute the sewer connection fee waivers; accepting the easements; and authorizing the City Clerk to record the easements. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-absent, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Campbell-abstained, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2015-040 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to take up Council Bill No. 2015-040, an ordinance extending the unincorporated area on the east side of Highway 63 East of Perry Avenue and South of Ashley Drive; directing the City Clerk to give notice of the annexation; and placing C-G (General Commercial Zoning) on the property. First Reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-absent, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2015-041 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to take up Council Bill No. 2015-041, an ordinance approving the minor subdivision plat for Wren Estates Subdivision. First Reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for

questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Interim City Administrator Woolford reported the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the minor plat and approved it contingent upon Wes Bolton from Allstate Consultants approving the plat and it has been approved as well. Mayor Rhorer questioned the stormwater easement. Steve Heying, Surveyor explained the plat and the stormwater easement. Alderman Klippel-absent, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1047 for consideration. Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to take up Ordinance No. 1047, an ordinance to amend Section 20.115, Section 20.110 and Section 20.1355 of Chapter 20; Traffic Code. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Klippel-absent, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1048 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Ordinance No. 1048, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with property owner's pertaining to the acquisition of easements for the northeast Ashland sewer extension project; authorizing the Mayor to execute sewer connection fee waivers; accepting sewer easements and temporary construction easements; and authorizing the City Clerk to record the easements. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-absent, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1049 for consideration. Alderman Fasciotti made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Ordinance No. 1049, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with George R. Campbell pertaining to the acquisition of easements for the northeast Ashland sewer extension project; authorizing the Mayor to execute the sewer connection fee waivers; accepting the easements; and authorizing the City Clerk to record the easements. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Campbell- abstained, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Klippel-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1050 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to take up Ordinance No. 1050, an ordinance approving the minor subdivision plat for Wren Estates Subdivision. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-absent, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer expressed his concern of the round- a-bout on the east side of the overpass. He felt this is a safety issue and that MoDot needs to address this. Alderman Elliott discussed the drainage issue on the west side of the overpass that has never been addressed. Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution requesting Missouri Department of Transportation to address safety concerns regarding the condition of the Route Y round-a-bout at the Highway 63 overpass. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Elliott to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Klippel-absent. Motion carried.

Steve Heying reported he has submitted a variance request for the Board of Adjustments several months ago and there has not been a meeting set. Mayor Rhorer reported we did not have enough members until last meeting. The City Clerk reported that the meeting has been set for January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Chief Woolford monthly report:

Chief Woolford gave an overview of the monthly stats to the Board. He reported training for the law enforcement block grant for the partition and two portable radios. He reported the SUV still needs the gun rack installed and decals then it will be road ready. He reported Jeff Kays did the police training meeting tonight. He discussed the first offense DWI be written a summons and released.

#### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported the Christmas Tree lighting event was a huge success. He thanked the Park Board. Mayor Rhorer reminded the Board of the leadership breakfast at the school on Monday. Mayor Rhorer thanked Chad Sayre, Allstate Consultants, George Campbell, Fred Boeckmann, City Attorney and Darla Sapp for the huge amount of work on the sewer force main easements.

#### Interim City Administrator's monthly report:

Lyn Woolford reported the solid waste contract is up in February and we will be renewing this and there is no expected rate increase. He discussed the recycling container lot abuse. Mr. Woolford discussed the Christmas Tree Lighting event and increase in business for Skyline on Broadway and Pizza Haus. He reported that McDonalds is still waiting for the fire district to review the placement of the fire hydrant; speed control on Redtail and the placement of two street lights; MoDot street sweeper was broke down so they have been unable to clean the round-a-bout.

Jessi Kendall, City Treasurer reported the sales tax was up this month and the budget is progressing along.

#### Fred Boeckmann, City Attorney's Report:

No report.

#### Board of Aldermen's Report:

Alderman Bronson questioned the trash agreement on special pick up. It was reported they could contact Republic Trash service and they would tell you how much for a one time pick up. He reported on the Christmas Tree Lighting event and he is the Chairman of the Lemonade Daze. He encouraged the Board to file for re-election.

Alderman Campbell commented that he felt that Larry Potterfield would be an asset to the community, believe in the potential he offers to the city and the revenue the city can obtain from the development of his property.

Alderman Elliott discussed the news reports on drones. Alderman Elliott suggested painting eagles on the red area of the round-a-bouts as on the water tower.

Alderman Lewis thanked the mayor for meeting with him on Monday to get him caught up with the projects the city has been working on and the status. He apologized for his phone being on during the meeting but his daughter is in labor.

Alderman Campbell motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Klippel-absent. Motion Carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor