

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 18, 2014 at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Alderwoman Martin gave the invocation.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll.

Ward One: Louise Martin-here, George Campbell-absent

Ward Two: Jeff Anderson-here, James Fasciotti-here

Ward Three: Anthony Taggart-here, vacant seat

Staff Present: Josh Hawkins, City Administrator, Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief, Jessi Kendall, City Treasurer.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for February 18, 2014 for consideration. Alderman Anderson made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of February 04, 2014 for consideration. Alderwoman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Anderson to consider the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for changes or amendments. Alderman Anderson asked for an amendment to page three, second paragraph for fees for service of \$120.00 be corrected to \$125.00 per hour. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the bills to be paid for consideration. Alderman Anderson made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to approve the bills as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. The Board asked various questions relating to the bills. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone in the audience wished to appear before the Board. No one came forth.

Mayor Rhorer presented Tom Orozco to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Anderson thanked him for his willingness to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent.

Mayor Rhorer presented Richard Anderson to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Taggart thanked Mr. Anderson for his interest and willingness to participate. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent.

Mayor Rhorer presented Scott Miller to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Anderson stated this was a great commission. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent.

Tom Orozco reported he would send in his resignation from the Board of Adjustment tomorrow.

Mayor Rhorer presented Josh Hawkins to be a representative on the Regional Planning Commission. The Board discussed the Commission and what benefits the City would receive from it. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent.

Mayor Rhorer presented Josh Hawkins to be a representative on the Regional Economic Development Incorporated.(REDI) Board. The Board discussed the organization and what benefits the City would receive from it. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent.

Mayor Rhorer presented Alderman Taggart to serve as Mayor Pro-tem. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Anderson thanked the Mayor for moving on this and commending him on his choice. Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent.

Mayor Rhorer presented for consideration Ordinance No. 970. He presented Mr. Boeckmann, City Attorney's memo on the texting while driving and the state statute that prohibits cities from enacting ordinances that regulate the use of hand-held electronic wireless communications devices in motor vehicles. Alderman Taggart made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to take up an Ordinance amending Chapter 19, Criminal Code, Article IV, by enacting Section 419.220; Use of handheld electronic wireless communications devices while driving prohibited in the Ashland Municipal Code. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Fasciotti-nay, Alderman Taggart-nay, Alderman Anderson-nay, Alderwoman Martin-nay, Alderman Campbell-absent. Motion failed.

Mayor Rhorer explained that we have had a three year contract with Clean Cut Services for yard waste disposal. He stated this would renew the contract to provide for this service to our citizens. The Board discussed citizens being charged monthly on their utility bill for this service and citizens not being aware of the service. The Board discussed making people aware of this and educating them on what they take and hours of operation.

Mayor Rhorer presented a Resolution for the yard waste disposal agreement. Alderman Fasciotti made motion and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew the Lawn Waste Disposal Contract with Clean Cut Services, LLC. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement for legal services. The Board discussed this agreement with Mr. Boeckmann. Alderman Fasciotti made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Mr. Fred Boeckmann for legal services. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the Missouri Livable Streets Program. Alderman Taggart made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to table the discussion on this until the second meeting in March. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer discussed the vacancy in Ward Three and the City Code on filling the vacancy. The Board discussed this and decided to have a special meeting prior to the next regular meeting to do the appointment.

Board of Aldermen Report:

Alderman Taggart reported he has received calls about the concern of the avenue of flags not being up. City Administrator, Josh Hawkins reported the flags have been taken down for the winter months. The Board discussed looking at this program and how it is funded. The Board discussed revenue options for the flags. Alderman Taggart suggested adding this as a discussion item on the next agenda.

Alderman Taggart reported he would like to see the city website be updated. He stated he did not believe our is up to par with other cities. Josh Hawkins reported the website is done in house by Wade Middaugh. The Board discussed this and asked for it to be placed on the agenda as a discussion item.

Alderman Taggart reported he had been contacted by a resident about being billed for sewer on the utility bill for watering their lawn. He suggested we review this before summer gets here. Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of the meeting where this was discussed and the decision that the Board made on irrigation systems and separate meters. The Board discussed this at length and decided to place this as an item on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Alderman Anderson questioned Mr. Boeckmann, City Attorney on the vacant seat being a no vote. Mr. Boeckmann explained this to the Board.

Alderman Anderson questioned when we would be getting the training from Missouri Municipal League on the sunshine law. Mayor Rhorer reported once the election has taken place he would schedule a meeting on the sunshine law.

Alderman Anderson questioned considering paying off one of the bonds. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported he would have Steve Goehl, D.A. Davidson financial advisor discuss this at the work session for the enterprise funds.

Alderman Fasciotti questioned if the citizens would receive an adjustment on their trash bill for when the weather prohibited trash from being picked up. Josh Hawkins reported he would check into this.

City Administrator Report:

Josh Hawkins, City Administrator stated they have been working on the budget and they needed to schedule a work session. He suggested breaking up the enterprise fund which is the water and sewer fund from the general funds. The Board set the work session for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Mr. Hawkins stated he would be going to a different form of budget.

Alderman Anderson questioned the lack of Charles Senzee position and if the inspections were still getting done. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported he is looking into solutions but right now the staff is dividing up the work load. The Board discussed the need for this but did not feel it was a full time position.

Alderwoman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-absent. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor