

TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2014
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 04, 2014 at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called the roll:

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

Ward Two: Jeff Anderson-here, Jim Fasciotti-absent

Ward Three: Anthony Taggart-here, vacant seat

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart presented Paul Beuselinck to serve as Ward Three Alderman to finish Carl Long's term. Paul Beuselinck gave an overview of his experience and vision of the City of Ashland. Mayor Pro-tem Taggart nominated Paul Beuselinck to serve as Ward Three Alderman and Alderwoman Martin seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called for the vote. Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk swore Paul Beuselinck into office. He took his seat at the table.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on March 04, 2014 at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Alderman Anderson gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called the roll.

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

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

Ward Three: Anthony Taggart-here, Paul Beuselinck-here

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

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart presented the agenda for March 04, 2014 for consideration. Alderwoman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Beuselinck to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called for the vote. Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman

Martin-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Beuselinck-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart presented the minutes of February 18, 2014 for consideration. Alderman Anderson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to consider the minutes of February 18, 2014 as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called for changes or amendments. Alderman Anderson requested that a memo with the explanation of counting Alderman votes in certain situations be included in the minutes. Fred Boeckmann, City Attorney reported he would have this for consideration at the next meeting. Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called for the vote. Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Beuselinck-abstained, Alderman Campbell-abstained, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-absent. Motion carried.

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

Lyn Woolford, Police Chief gave his monthly report. He gave a brief overview of the police activity for the month. Chief Woolford reported theft in some storage units in town, a stolen vehicle and a mobile home fire at Golden Windmill. Chief Woolford discussed sick leave and trying to cover shifts. He discussed the parking tickets written in February. He informed the Board he has been working on the proposed budget for 2014-2015. Chief Woolford reported on training for his department.

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart asked if anyone wished to appear before the board. Jenny Grabner reported she will be on the agenda for the 18th of March and she briefly explained the livable streets program to the Board. She explained the different types of training involved. She reported that eight communities have applied for this and they will award this to four communities. The Board asked questions of what other communities have been awarded this and the time commitment of staff. The Board discussed making this part of the comprehensive plan. She stated the recipients of the grant should be announced soon.

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart asked if anyone in the audience wished to appear before the Board.

Nate Goodrich approached the Board referencing the charge on his water bill for sewer for watering his yard in the Fall of 2012 and Spring of 2013. He gave a summary of the history of his complaint with no resolution. He stated he does not have an underground irrigation system or the second meter. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator explained the sewer charge is based on the water charge. The Board discussed averaging sewer charges on certain months. Mr. Goodrich asked that he receive a \$900 credit in what he feels is an over payment. The Board discussed considering policy on this matter.

Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to take a break. Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called for the vote. Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Beuselinck-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-absent, Alderman Taggart-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Beuselinck made motion and seconded by Alderman Anderson to go back in open session. Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Beuselinck-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called the meeting back to order.

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart reported the next item on the agenda was discussion of the sewer charge. Mr. Hawkins reported we currently have an exclusion for the sewer charge on filling swimming pools and if you have an in ground irrigation system with a separate meter. The Board discussed different ways to average the sewer bill. They discussed the pros and cons of this. The Board discussed this at great length and felt we should come up with a procedure to resolve this matter. Alderwoman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to direct the City Administrator to investigate what has transpired and seek legal advice and bring it back for determination on Mr. Goodrich's situation. Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called for the vote. Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Beuselinck-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart reported the next item on the agenda is discussion of the city website. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported there are several templates in the packet for review. He reported this is currently done in house by Wade Middaugh. He stated this is at no additional cost to the city. The Board discussed this and felt the website had been the same from several years and needs a change. The Board felt there could be a lot more information on the website. He stated that if we wanted this professionally done it could cost from \$3,000 to \$9,000 dollars plus annual hosting fees. Josh Hawkins discussed using civic plus.

Alderman Beuselinck reported we need to continue the discussion of the water and sewer charge in the near future.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taggart reported we need to discuss the Avenue of Flags program. He stated that the citizens were concerned that the flags had been taken down for the winter. The Board discussed the Avenue of Flags and the continuance of this program. Josh Hawkins gave an overview of the history of the flags, maintenance and continuing cost of the flags to the City. He presented a couple of options of flying the flags only during certain holidays and adding additional flag poles to be sold. He stated there is currently 25 flags and we are trying to find ways to fund this program. It was reported the flags cost approximately \$107.80 per year if flown all year. The Board discussed the different options on funding this program. The Board discussed having the existing Parks and Recreation Board oversee this program and make it part of their mission.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Pro-tem Taggart had nothing to report.

Board of Aldermen Report:

Alderwoman Martin reported she has received compliments on Mr. Boeckmann and Josh Hawkins.

Alderman Anderson questioned what Allstate has done for the \$5,000 on the City's behalf on the MoDot Hwy 63 project. Josh Hawkins said he would look into this and report back to the Board. Josh Hawkins reported this is a State Highway and MoDot has control over this project. The Board discussed this project and concerns at the Henry Clay and Broadway intersection.

Alderman Anderson proposed changes to the city code Chapter 2, Section: 2.130.3 and 2.505.5. He read the code to the Board. The Board discussed this. Fred Boeckmann, City Attorney was going to review this.

Alderman Beuselinck reported he was happy to be here.

City Administrator Report:

Josh Hawkins, gave an overview of the MoDot construction project for Ashland. They discussed the inconveniences and traffic congestions at length. He reported there was a pre-construction meeting with APAC, MoDot, emergency personnel and city staff about the schedule and the traffic congestion concerns and communication to the citizens. The Board discussed this project at length. Mr. Hawkins discussed the Planning and Zoning Commission will be working on updating the comprehensive plan with the Regional Planning Commission. He stated that he will be reviewing and updating the taxi and limo code with the City Attorney. Mr. Hawkins reported he has been working on the budget for 2014-2015. The Board scheduled a budget work session for March 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next Council meeting.

City Attorney Report:

Fred Boeckmann stated he had nothing to report.

Alderman Beuselinck made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to adjourn the meeting pursuant to Chapter 610.021 1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. Mayor Pro-tem Taggart called for the vote. Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Beuselinck-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk was not present at the closed meeting.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor

Mr. Beuselinck made motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into the settlement agreement with Mr. Anderson. Second by Ms. Martin. Roll call vote: Mr. Anderson abstained. All others voted aye.

Gene Rhorer, Mayor