

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2016 at 815 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll:

Ward One: George Campbell-here, Danny Clay-here

Ward Two: Jesse Bronson-here, James Fasciotti-here

Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Fred Klippel-here

Staff Present: Fred Boeckmann, City Attorney, Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief/City Administrator.

Mayor Rhorer called the public hearing to order on the proposed 2016 property tax rate. He called for questions or comments from the public. Dan Elliott of Ward One stated while he was in office he did not get a clear explanation on how the tax was figured. Mr. Elliott stated he has researched this and explained this to the Board of what he understands. He encouraged the Board not to raise the tax rate.

Lyn Woolford explained the tax rate calculation and stated the proposed rate is 0.2480 and the 2015 rate was set at 0.2641.

Mayor Rhorer closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda of August 16, 2016 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of August 02, 2016 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board. No one came forward.

Mayor Rhorer reported Stacy Mygatt has withdrawn her application for the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2016-042 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2016-042, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the year 2016 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2016-043 for consideration. Lyn Woolford, City Administrator reported we need to table this since we do not have all the necessary documentation. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to table Council Bill No. 2016-043, an ordinance accepting the proposal from Bilt-Rite Buildings. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-abstained,

Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1090 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Ordinance No. 1090, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the year 2016 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a request for the Cub Scouts to use the park for overnight camping and to allow an open camp fire. The Board discussed this and did not have anything against this. Alderman Campbell extended an offer to the Cub Scouts to camp at his lake on Angel Lane. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to allow the Cub Scouts overnight use and open camp fire at the city park. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported he attended the ribbon cutting at 5:00 p.m. tonight for the new McDonalds. He thanked Alderman Fasciotti, the Board and staff for covering for him during his absence.

City Administrator's Report:

Lyn Woolford updated the Board on Ash Street sidewalk and water line project. He informed the Board he hired an inspector to oversee this project. The Board discussed this. He reported no updates on when APAC will start the street overlay. He also informed the Board bids are being accepted for the water building mechanical, electrical and plumbing until September 1.

He gave an overview of his conversation with Richard Jones on the yard waste disposal concerns. He stated Mr. Jones considers rental property as commercial property. The Board discussed this at length and felt this needs to be discussed prior to the next contract for yard waste disposal.

Lyn Woolford stated we have finished the fiscal year audit with Gerding, Korte and Chitwood and the audit with the Department of Public Safety for the grant money.

He gave an overview of the sales tax report to the Board. He reported we have received the funds from The Baptist Home for the sewer connection and should be receiving the funds from the cellular tower lease soon. Mayor Rhorer reported we are in good position to make head way. He stated we need to be cautious and he is working with Steve Goehl on paying off two existing bonds.

Lyn Woolford reported they had a police staff meeting on August 15 and the City Prosecutor Jeff Kays met with the police officers. He reported Tactical Solutions provided annual recertification for baton, OC spray and Taser. He informed the Board that Officer Nichols is working for the Columbia Police Department and he has hired reserve officer Danny Ferreiro as a full time officer. He stated he moved another reserve to part time status. He gave an overview of the police incidents for May, June and July.

City Attorney's Report:

Fred Boeckmann had no report.

Board of Aldermen's Report:

Alderman Klippel asked if the sewer jet machine could remove the debris from the pipe on East Liberty Lane. He asked if the property owner on Main Street would be billed for the damage to the city water main

while repairing a leak in his basement. He stated they did not do any locates and pulled the saddle out from the main. Lyn Woolford, City Administrator reported he would check into this matter.

Alderman Fasciotti reported he received a compliment on the Board.

Alderman Bronson stated we need volunteers to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board. He asked that everyone watch for kids since school starts tomorrow. He asked for volunteers for the walking school bus which starts on the 29th of August.

Alderman Clay reported they need some members on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He updated them on the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and the discussion of planning for the future and transportation.

Alderman Klippel asked the status of the new sewer plant. Mayor Rhorer reported we would be scheduling an update from Allstate Consultants soon.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor