

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2014 at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Alderman Elliott 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: Jeff Anderson-here, James Fasciotti-here

Ward Three: Anthony Taggart-here, Fred Klippel-here

Staff Present: Josh Hawkins, City Administrator, Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief, Jessi Kendall, Treasurer/ Deputy City Clerk and Travis Davidson, Public Works.

Mayor Rhorer called the tax levy public hearing to order at 7:05 p.m. on August 19, 2014 at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway. The Board discussed the proposed property tax rate and the possibility of reducing the property tax. There was discussion of having a long range plan on the property tax rate. Mayor Rhorer called for public comment. Being none, he closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m..

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for August 19, 2014 for consideration with the amendment to have the second reading of Council Bill No. 2014-028 tonight. Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to approve the agenda as presented with the amendment. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Klippel- aye, Alderman Fasciotti- aye, Alderman Campbell-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of August 05, 2014 for consideration. Alderman Taggart made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to consider the minutes of August 05, 2014 as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for amendments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye. Motion carried.

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

Travis Davidson, Public Works gave his monthly report. He updated the Board on the stormwater projects and installing a piece of a sidewalk and cross walk by the elementary school. He updated the Board on the Oak Street overlay bid. The Board discussed this at length. There was discussion of Salinda Drive being repaired prior to other street projects.

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

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2014-026 for consideration. Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to take up Council Bill No. 2014-026, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the year 2014 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. First Reading by title only. Alderman Fasciotti suggested lowering the property tax rate. There was discussion on the amount of impact it would have on the budget and the possible attraction this could have to Ashland. It was reported this proposed tax needs to be set tonight or a special meeting will be needed to have this finalized by August 31, 2014. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2014-027 for consideration. Mayor Rhorer reported on the dates the code was revised and dates the plats were accepted were in the Boards packet. The Board discussed the warranty period either being one year or three years. Alderman Anderson made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to take up an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a subdivision warranty agreement for Setter's Knoll Subdivision Plat 3 for William and Kim Martin with a three year warranty. First Reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2014-028 an ordinance to amend section 2.505 of the Code of the City of Ashland as it pertains to regular meetings. Josh Hawkins reported this will allow flexibility to move the board meetings. He stated they have toured the Southern Boone County Fire Protection Training Facility and it has a professional setting and is laid out much better for the public. He stated he is planning a test meeting in order to see how it works for this Board. The Board discussed the code revision and wording at length. Alderman Anderson made motion and seconded by Alderman Elliott to consider Council Bill No. 2014-028, an ordinance to amend forthwith Section 2.505, The Board of Aldermen of this City shall meet in regular session at the hour of 7:00 p.m . on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2014-028 for a second reading. Alderman Elliott made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to take up Council Bill No. 2014-028 an ordinance to amend Section 2.505 of the Code of the City of Ashland as it pertains to regular meetings. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the procedure of accepting public infrastructure.

Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Elliott to take up Ordinance No. 990, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a subdivision warranty agreement for Ashland Keystone Subdivision with Larkin Powers. Mayor Rhorer called for discussion. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Elliott made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to take up Ordinance No. 991 an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a subdivision warranty agreement for Setter's Knoll Subdivision Plat 4, including lots 84-96 for William and Kim Martin. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 992 for consideration and opened up discussion. Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Elliott to take up Ordinance No. 992, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the Year 2014 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. Alderman Taggart-nay, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a request from the Southern Boone Chamber of Commerce to allow alcoholic beverages in the park on Friday August 22, 2014. Alderman Klippel made motion and seconded by Alderman Fasciotti to approve the alcoholic beverages as requested as long as they control the alcohol and it does not filter in the school. Mayor Rhorer called for discussion. The Board discussed this. Alderman Taggart-nay, Alderman Anderson-nay, Alderman Elliott-nay, Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye. Mayor Rhorer stated this is a tie vote. Mayor Rhorer voted-nay. Motion failed.

Alderman Taggart made motion and seconded by Alderman Elliott to approve the request to allow the Chamber to have alcoholic beverages in the park as requested. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye, Alderman Klippel-nay, Alderman Fasciotti-aye, Alderman Campbell-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer did not have anything to report.

Board of Aldermen's Report:

Alderman Taggart asked the status of the overgrown residence on Ash Street. Josh Hawkins reported that the letters asking them to come into compliance have been sent and we are working with the property owners.

Alderman Anderson reported two feet tall weeds on the old car wash lot on the corner of Broadway and Walnut Street.

Alderman Anderson stated since the 7 million dollar bond issue passed we should stop robbing our residents by charging them the sewer charges we do. He suggested this be looked at now and placed on the agenda. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported we will be reviewing these rates as we progress.

Alderman Klippel suggested publishing a thank you letter to the citizens for their support on the bond issue. The Board agreed to this.

Alderman Fasciotti mentioned the "for sale" sign in the right of way at Liberty Lane and Perry Avenue. It was reported letters were sent out on this as well.

City Administrator's Report:

Josh Hawkins gave an overview of the stormwater issue on Meadowmere Drive and Meadowmere View and their observations of the issue. He stated it would need an engineer study to find a solution. The Board discussed this. Alderman Anderson felt the street was functioning as it was designed to do and we should not be spending tax dollars on this issue. There was discussion of the old town stormwater regulations and being exempt on a case by case basis. Mr. Hawkins reported the water line improvement projects have been bid out and will be opened August 27. He informed the Board that the Angel Lane ground breaking will be on September 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. He stated a work session between the Board of Aldermen

and the Ashland Planning and Zoning Commission has been scheduled for Monday September 23. He stated the plans are to hold these work sessions every two to three months. Josh Hawkins reported the six month budget revision will be done in October. Alderman Anderson asked if we got any responses on the letters they sent out. It was reported there was no response as of this date. He informed the Board he received a scholarship to attend the MML conference in St. Charles in September. He answered the Board on various questions they asked.

City Attorney's Report:

Fred Boeckmann had nothing to report.

Alderman Fasciotti made motion and seconded by Alderman Campbell to go from open session and go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded with a ten minute recess. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Klippel-aye, Alderman Fasciotti- aye, Alderman Campbell-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Elliott-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported we are back in open session with no reportable action taken.

Alderman Campbell made motion and seconded by Alderman Klippel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor