

AUGUST 06, 2013
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order on August 06, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. 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: David Thomas-here, Louise Martin-here

Ward Two: Jeff Anderson-here, John Hills-here

Ward Three: Anthony Taggart-here, Carl Long-here

Staff Present: Andrew Bach, Interim City Attorney, Travis Davidson, Assistant Public Works Director, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief and Darla Sapp, City Clerk.

Mayor Rhorer presented the meeting guidelines. He asked that the ringers on cell phones be turned off. He asked that each person that wishes to address the Board, go to the podium and state their name and address; there will be a brief public portion for discussion on items and after ordinances. He asked the each person be allowed to speak without interruptions.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for August 06, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of July 11, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried. Alderwoman Martin-abstained.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of July 16, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Taggart to approve the minutes with the correction on page 3 paragraph 2; Anderson Taggart, should be Alderman Taggart. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried. Alderwoman Martin-abstained.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of July 25, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried. Alderwoman Martin- abstained.

Mayor Rhorer presented the bills to be paid for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the bills as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Anderson asked if the budget report was part of this discussion. It was reported this was the bills to paid. The Board asked several questions. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Lyn Woolford, Police Chief introduced himself . He addressed the Board on needs of a safe to store firearms. He stated he has gotten three bids, the lowest being \$900.00 delivered. Mayor Rhorer asked the

Board for the vote on this purchase. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye.

Police Chief Woolford reported there is a police position vacant in the police department and he would like to fill from the eligibility list. He asked for approval in filling this position. Mayor Rhorer asked for the Board for approval. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye. Alderman Anderson asked for a copy of the police schedule. It was stated this could be provided but must remain confidential.

Police Chief Woolford reported he has 5 applications for reserve officer. He stated with the rodeo and fall festival coming up he felt it was critical to utilize the reserve program. He stated he would like to strengthen the reserve force. He stated that we do not currently have enough equipment for them. He stated that by utilizing the reserve program it would supplement getting the training time during shifts, and less overtime. He stated he would like to pay the reserve officers since this is currently a non-paid volunteer program. He asked that the Board consider compensating the reserve officers. Police Chief Woolford stated this program benefits our pool of applicants when a position would come open with the department.

Alderwoman Martin reported she had an individual ask her about policing in the park. Chief Woolford reported he has plans for policing in the park.

Police Chief Woolford reported that the school flashing signal needs to be set for when school starts next week. He reported that he has an individual that can program these lights in approximately three hours or so.. He asked that this individual be compensated for his time of up to \$100.00. Mayor Rhorer asked if any Board member was against this. They all were in agreement with this.

Police Chief Woolford reported he is looking into grants with the Department of Public Safety for equipment for the department. He stated the new patrol car that was ordered is in and they will be making the transfer of equipment. He stated he would like to change the design of the decal. He stated the gentleman that we use for this service has been doing this for the City for many years and his understanding is that the gentlemen has not been paid. He stated that he has asked the Boone County Journal to put a notice in the paper reminding everyone that school starts next week.

Alderman Anderson commented on the presence of the patrol car in town.

Alderman Hills stated the speed in Bluegrass should be watched with school starting.

Alderwoman Martin asked about the cross guard position. Mayor Rhorer reported that we have hired someone to fill this position.

Alderman Thomas asked Police Chief Woolford if he has met with resource officer at school yet. Police Chief Woolford reported he has not.

Travis Davidson, Assistant Public Works Department presented his maintenance report to the Board. He gave an overview of the North Main Street project being completed with the exception of the street striping which should be done on Saturday. He updated the Board on the meeting they had with County Officials on Angel Lane street project. He stated that a copy of the bid estimate sheet was provided to the Board. The Board discussed the bid estimates, scope of work each entailed and the County paying for 1/3 of the cost. Mayor Rhorer reported we would be working on this agreement with the County and that it will be presented back to this Board for approval.

Alderman Hills asked about the repainting of the eagle on the water tower. It was reported this would be discussed later.

Alderwoman Martin asked about the manhole to be raised on Meadowmere View. Travis Davidson explained this to Alderwoman Martin. She asked why the neighbors had not been notified of this project and asked that he meet with her to discuss this. Mr. Davidson is to meet with Ms. Martin.

Alderman Anderson suggested that some of this maintenance report be given to the Boone County Journal. Travis Davidson, Assistant Public Works Director stated he is planning on doing this but needs to see how much space allotment Mr. Wallace is going to give hm.

Travis Davidson reported he was on vacation with the bids for the fence on Salinda was on the agenda. He explained the fence is highly recommended by the Department of Natural Resources. He stated they are going to try to budget one or two holding basins per year for fencing.

Travis Davidson reported he went down to look the water problem on Salinda Drive at Barb Bishop's house. Mayor Rhorer reported they looked at her situation due to broken water line and Mr. Henderson putting a swale to funnel the water. It was reported that this did not work. Mayor Rhorer reported they have asked Ms. Bishop to get a bid from her landscaper to correct this issue and the Board would consider reimbursing her for this or part of. Alderman Taggart asked if there would be a release signed at that point. It was reported there would be need to be release.

Alderman Long asked what the different color on the fire hydrants meant. Travis Davidson reported it was the amount of flow. He stated they are mapping this and he would bring this to a meeting or they can look can come to the maintenance shed to review this information.

Alderman Anderson stated he was glad Mr. Davidson understands Ms. Bishop's situation and is able to work on a solution to the problem. Alderman Anderson thanked Mr. Davidson for the code enforcement efforts he has made. He also stated that it is important that the inspections are being done and not being missed. He stated that he would like to see the equipment and day to day operations of the public works department as well as the crew.

Barb Bishop of 302 Salinda Drive came to the Board reference the water issue in her yard. She asked what the status of this is. She expressed her aggravation with not getting this taken care of. There was discussion of how the problem started and the Board felt that Ms. Bishop needed to get a landscaper get a bids on fixing the swale the city put in her yard. The Board stated that the engineering proposal for Salinda Drive was a separate issue then her yard. Mayor Rhorer stated we have no money in the budget to do improvements to this road this year. The Board expressed their willingness to work with Ms. Bishop on getting this resolved.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board.

Mike McCubbin resident of 409 Billy Joe Sapp stated he was just following up on Mr. Powers doing this ditch work on West Broadway. Mayor Rhorer reported he would follow up on this and get back with Mr. McCubbin.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2013-021 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to take up Council Bill No. 2013-021, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Missouri to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials. First Reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or

comments. The City Clerk reported that this is required under the Ethics Commission and must be approved every two years by municipalities. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 956 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to take up Ordinance No. 956, an ordinance approving Sappington Subdivision. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 957 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Taggart to take up Ordinance No. 957, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for Information Technology Services with Personalized Computers. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. The Board discussed this. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer asked for authorization for Travis Davidson and Lyn Woolford to have a city issued bank credit card from Boone County National Bank. Alderman Hills expressed his concern for these credit cards and the limits allowed to charge. The Board discussed the city code having this limit for department heads. There was discussion that a expense report and receipt for every item purchased must accounted for. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to authorize Travis Davidson and Lyn Woolford to be issued a bank credit cards. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported the next item on the agenda was bids for fence on the Salinda Drive lift station. Travis Davidson, Assistant Director of Public Works reported that he received bids for fencing on Salinda Drive as per the Department of Natural Resources recommendation. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Taggart to approve the bid from James Fencing. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a request for reimbursement on sewer impact and sewer connect fees of \$1,550.00 by Jim Laughlin. Travis Davidson reported that this property is inside the city limits but has a lagoon. He stated the property owner has paid the fee to be connected but has not gotten a plumber to connect the property. Mr. Laughlin has asked for a refund because he is no longer interested in hooking the sewer up since the house is vacant and is for sale. The Board discussed this and felt the code needed to be researched. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to table this until we can get a legal opinion on this. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer asked for approval to post bid notice for roof repair and mold remediation. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Taggart to post the bidding of the roof repair and mold remediation. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's report:

Mayor Rhorer presented a copy of goals to try to meet. He asked that the committee for City Attorney try to have an appointment ready for next meeting. Alderman Anderson and Alderman Thomas stated they would try. Alderman Anderson reported that they accepted request for qualifications until July 31. Mayor Rhorer reported on the next agenda he would have the appointment of liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Police Advisory Board and Emergency Management. Mayor Rhorer stated he would like a city administrator recommended for hiring in the very near future. Alderman Hills stated they expanded their search and are still receiving applications and have not begin interviewing. Mayor Rhorer was to get with Alderman Hills and Alderman Taggart and review these applications.

Mayor Rhorer discussed the sunshine law and e-mails. He stated that he could get the Missouri Municipal League to do a work session on the sunshine law for the Board. The Board felt this was a great idea.

Interim City Attorney Report:

Andrew Bach had nothing to report.

Board of Alderperson's Report:

Alderwoman Martin stated the corner of Henry Clay and Meadowmere View is starting to get cleaned up as well as the entrance of Palomino Ridge Subdivision.

Alderman Anderson stated we needed to address the creation and description of a public works supervisor and consider who we might appoint to this position. He stated we also need to decide if this is an exempt or non-exempt employee.

Alderman Thomas reported the vacant lot on East Broadway belonging to Martin's needs to be cleaned up. He reported the home on North Henry Clay Blvd. is starting to get cleaned up.

Alderman Hills stated that Bruce Wallace said the transportation tax we had on the ballot today has passed.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Taggart to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor