

**AUGUST 18, 2009**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Asmus called the meeting to order on August 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Ashland City Hall 109 East Broadway.

Mayor Asmus called the public hearing to order on the proposed tax rate for 2009. There was no public input.

Alderman Jackson gave the invocation.

Mayor Asmus led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Asmus called the roll:

Ward One: David Thomas-here, vacant seat

Ward Two: Randy Wyatt-here, John Hills-here

Ward Three: Mike Jackson-here, Matt Uhrig-here

Staff Present: Mike Asmus, Mayor, Chris Heard, City Administrator, David Bandre, City Attorney and Darla Sapp, City Clerk.

Mayor Asmus presented the agenda for August 18, 2009 for consideration. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderman Wyatt to accept the agenda as presented. Mayor Asmus reported under appearances we had two cancellations and he asked that Council Bill No. 2009-027 be moved up to after the approval of the agenda. Mayor Asmus called for the vote with the changes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented Council Bill No. 2009-027 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Wyatt to take up Council Bill No. 2009-027, an ordinance approving the minor subdivision plat, Westhoff Subdivision Plat 1; A replat of Lots 1, 2 and 3 Henry Clay Subdivision South for Westhoff Rentals, LLC. First Reading by title only. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Chris Heard, City Administrator gave an overview of this plat and reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented the minutes of August 04, 2009 for consideration. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderman Uhrig to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented Ordinance No. 823 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Jackson to take up Ordinance No. 823, an ordinance of the City of Ashland authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ashland Optimist Club, Inc. for emergency shelter facilities. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Mayor Asmus

called for the vote. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented Council Bill No. 2009-024 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Jackson to take up Council Bill No. 2009-024, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland, Mo. for the Year 2009 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. First Reading by title only. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Chris Heard, City Administrator gave an overview of the proposed tax rate. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented Ordinance No. 824 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Jackson to take up Ordinance No. 824, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland, Mo. for the Year 2009 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates; Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented Council Bill No. 2009-025 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Jackson to take up Council Bill No. 2009-025, an ordinance approving a settlement agreement with AT & T SBC landline. First Reading by title only. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. David Bandre, City Attorney explained the settlement agreement. The board agreed to zero contribution for MML. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented Council Bill No. 2009-026 for consideration. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to take up Council Bill No. 2009-026, an ordinance to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials. First Reading by title only. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Chris Heard, City Attorney explained this ordinance had to adopt this policy every two years. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented Council Bill No. 2009-028 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Jackson to take up Council Bill No. 2009-028, an ordinance approving a conditional use permit for Alan and Marcia Koehn to allow for a group child care home at 507 East Johnson. Chris Heard, City Administrator explained the conditional use permit and reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. Alderman Thomas expressed his concern of the narrow street, picking up and dropping off children would create extra traffic and the back yard was very slanted with vegetation growing in the fence. Chris Heard reported they would also have to go through state inspection and regulations. Mayor Asmus suggested we ask that the petitioners come to the next meeting. He also suggested that in the future we ask that the petitioners come to the board meeting their request is being considered at. First Reading by title only. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Mayor Asmus

called for the vote. Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-nay. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented the bills to be paid for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Thomas to approve the bills as presented. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Alderman Thomas and Alderman Jackson questioned a few of the bills. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Asmus reported the two applicants for Ward One Alderman, George Campbell and Barb Henke-Christopher will attend the next council meeting for an informal meet and greet. He informed the board that he will be listing his home for sale in the near future. Mayor Asmus asked for input from the board on the Business of the Year and Citizen of Year. He presented a letter from the Southern Boone County Fire District Board on the city's work on the building inspection process. The Mayor reported there were two recommendations from the Park Board that was in their packet that will be discussed at the next board meeting.

City Attorney's Report:

David Bandre updated the board on Industrial Drive right of way easement status. He stated the deadline for signing the easement is August 24, 2009 then if not signed then formal legal proceedings would be filed.

City Administrator's Report:

Chris Heard encouraged the board members to attend to Missouri Municipal League conference on October 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>. He also expressed he would like to have board retreat. He informed the board on the cost of running 3-phase electric to the new well and water tower site. Chris Heard presented an administrative policy he would like to try that would require a developer of a commercial lot to pay for the cost of constructing a sidewalk on his property where there is no existing sidewalks to connect to. The funds would go into the street fund and be used for sidewalks.

Board of Alderperson's Report:

Alderman Thomas reported there are a number of faded signs within the City that needs to be replaced.

Alderman Uhrig reported he is working on a proposed policy for the city staff hanging banners for private organizations.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Wyatt to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Darla Sapp  
City Clerk

Mike Asmus  
Mayor