

AUGUST 20, 2013
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the public hearing to order at 7:13 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comment on establishing the proposed property tax rate for 2013. Mayor Rhorer called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mayor Rhorer closed the public hearing.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order on August 20, 2013 at 7:15 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: Joy Ahern, Interim City Attorney, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief, Jessi Kendall, City Treasurer and Darla Sapp, City Clerk.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for August 20, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the agenda with the deletions of 6, 7, 8-appointments and the closed session. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote with the deletions. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of August 06, 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.

Mayor Rhorer presented the bills to be paid for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Taggart to approve the bills as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. The Board asked several questions. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Lyn Woolford, Police Chief reported his department was at the shooting range today qualifying. He presented bids he received for a safe for the Police Department and the low bid was \$900 from Powder Horn. He stated he would like to proceed with this purchase. The Board was in agreement. Chief Woolford stated he got the school zone warning light programmed for \$60.00 and he would like to expend the other \$40.00 towards maintenance through the year. The Board authorized up to \$100.00 for this at the last meeting. The Board was in agreement on this. Chief Woolford discussed the school traffic. Chief Woolford reported in getting the car equipped they found that the console does not fit in the new car. This will be approximately \$500.00 or a little more to purchase this. He stated the rest of the equipment would transfer over. Alderman Anderson asked if Clayton Farr had been paid for the previous bills? Chief Woolford reported he will see that this gets taken care of. He informed the Board that he has talked with Joe Piper from Joint Communications and they will dispatch an officer to an animal control call. He stated that the police officer will not capture the animal but be first contact. He updated the Board on the reserve officers and their coverage for the rodeo. Chief Woolford reported he planned on attending the meeting with MoDot on the Highway 63 Improvements on Thursday night. Alderman Anderson questioned the personnel manual and the police procedure manual. Chief Woolford stated he

would look into this. There was discussion of the status of cameras in the patrol cars. Chief Woolford discussed applying for grants for new vests and safety equipment.

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

Morris Nichols of 404 Salinda Drive complained about the storm water problem on Salinda Drive. He reported the street is higher in the center and higher than the curbs. He stated his basement has flooded 5 or 6 times. He suggested the City grind the street back down and repair the bad spots in the concrete and curbs. The Board discussed this possibly being a cost effective solution. He also complained of the speeding on this street between 4 o'clock and 5 o'clock. He complained of the entrance of Salinda Drive and Broadway holds water and freezes in the winter. He also stated there is a hill to the west and if you are in a car you can't see traffic coming. Mayor Rhorer stated we will check on the cost of milling on Salinda Drive.

Barb Bishop of 202 Salinda Drive stated she did not ask her neighbor to come and complain on the stormwater on this street. She stated it will take three months to get a landscaper to look at her yard to give her a bid. She expressed her displeasure with the Board on not acting on this last year when she asked them to do this. Mayor Rhorer stated that the city did put a swale in it but Ms. Bishop was not satisfied with the work the city did. This was discussed at length. She stated she was done with this and would be contacting the City to set up a meeting with her legal counsel. Joy Ahern suggested the Board also has legal counsel present at the meeting with Ms. Bishop and her attorney.

Ernie Wren thanked the Board for the improved communication and effort in the street project by his business on North Main Street.

Mayor Rhorer presented Sherman Horton to be appointed to serve on the Fall Festival Committee. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to appoint Sherman Horton to the Fall Festival Committee. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2013-022 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to take up Council Bill No. 2013-022, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the Year 2013 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 said this rate is formulated by the State of Missouri. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 958 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to take up Ordinance No. 958, 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. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 959 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to take up Ordinance No. 959, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the Year 2013 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 Thomas-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a request for reimbursement of sewer impact and sewer connection fees of \$1,550.00 from Jim Laughlin. He presented the legal opinion from Joy Ahern, Interim City Attorney. Alderman Hills made motion and seconded by Alderman Martin to reimburse Jim Laughlin the \$1550.00 sewer impact and sewer connect fees. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. 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 presented a recommendation from the Park Board for acceptance of Tract A of Lakeview Estates Subdivision Plat 7. Alderman Hills stated that the citizens in that area were concerned about this and felt we should accept it but as green space and not a designated park area. The Board discussed the liability and maintenance on this tract. Bill Fredrick, representative from Jefferson Bank reported they wanted to donate this piece of property to the city rather it is park land or green space. Alderman Taggart asked about the amount of park space that was recommended for the size of city we are. The Board discussed the liability with Joy Ahern, City Attorney. Joy Ahern asked for a title search and paperwork to get this deeded to the City. Alderman Hills made motion and seconded by Alderman Thomas to accept the donation of Tract A of Lakeview Estates Subdivision Plat 7 subject to the title work being satisfactory and approved by the City Attorney. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission on the process to review previously approved conditional use permits. Alderman Thomas stated he was unclear what they were asking for. The Board discussed this and wanted more clarification of what they are wanting to do. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Taggart to table the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission due to not being clear on what they are wanting. 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 called for discussion of financing or refinancing of two revenue bonds. The Board discussed paying off the 2002 Bond for a savings of \$30,000.00 over a nine year period and paying down \$100,000.00 on the 2006 Bond and refinancing it. They discussed this taking the debt down and financial liability off our books so we can borrow money for the new wastewater treatment plant. The Board discussed how they were going to fund the wastewater improvement project. The Board discussed their options and decided to refinance the 2006 Bond with a pay down of \$100,000.00 on the refinancing and wait until the next Board meeting for the 2002 Bond Series.

Alderman Taggart made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to refinance the 2006 Bond Series with a pay down of \$100,000.00 from the unrestricted funds under the perimeters previously decided on by the Board. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported the interview Committee for City Administrator has been conducting interviews. He introduced Lisa Powers-Severson as candidate in the audience tonight.

Interim City Attorney Report:

Joy Ahern, Interim City Attorney informed the Board that she has been in communication with the City of Columbia/Joint Communication's reference to their building by the water tower. She reported there is no written agreement and she would like to clear this matter up.

Board of Alderperson's Report:

Alderwoman Martin asked the status of the roof repair. Mayor Rhorer reported we are getting bids on the roof and we are getting a scope of work on the mold remediation to bid out.

Alderwoman Martin suggested when we have the work session on the sunshine law we include the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Rhorer stated he would try to get this scheduled.

Alderwoman Martin asked if there are any other surprises from previous administration they need to be aware of.

Alderwoman Martin read an e-mail from Keith Renfro at 508 Pacer Drive in reference to a fence not being put back up and a safety gate not being installed on the stormwater pipe. Alderman Taggart stated that he has talked with Travis on this and he was to get with Coby and find out the status of this project.

Alderwoman Martin reported the house on Ash Street and Bass Street has been mowed and dirt has been moved around but the windows remain broken out.

Alderman Thomas stated the vacant lot Bill Martin owns on Broadway needs to be mowed. Mayor Rhorer reported that a letter has been sent on this matter.

Alderman Taggart stated he has received complaints on people mowing their grass in Palomino Ridge duplex area and blowing the grass into the city street. They discussed if we had a ordinance to enforce this issue.

Alderman Taggart stated he had a complaint of the Palomino Ridge detention basin not being maintained. He stated it is filling up with silt and not being mowed. He stated that if we are enforcing other people to mow their property the City should take care of our own.

Alderman Anderson asked the status of the retention basin in Ashland Keystone Subdivision. Mayor Rhorer reported he has met with Mr. Powers and Mr. McCubbin. He stated the detention basin work has not been done by Mr. Powers and when he gets to 75% development of the lots we will start holding building permits until this work is completed. The Board discussed sending Mr. Powers a letter notifying him of this, as well as inform the City staff.

Alderman Anderson reported the City Attorney search committee will have interviews tomorrow evening and should have an appointment at the next Board meeting.

Alderman Anderson reported he has received a call from a resident about the sewer charge being the same as the water charge, even though they are watering their yard. The Board discussed this and stated they would have to install a separate meter to and have an irrigation system to be installed to not be charged the sewer on this.

Alderman Anderson stated we needed to work on job title and description for Travis Davidson. Alderman Hills stated we were waiting for a City Administrator to work on the job descriptions and matrix.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor