

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order on September 17, 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: John Hills-here

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

Staff Present: Joy Ahern, Interim City Attorney, Lyn Woolford, Chief of Police and Jessica Kendall, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for September 17, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made a motion and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of September 03, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Anderson who had been suspended from the board participation earlier in the day approached the council members and apologized for his tardiness. He was asked to be seated in the public area and complied.

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

Lyn Woolford, Police Chief gave his monthly report to the Board. He updated the Board on revenue the city as received on traffic tickets. He also handed out the 2013 citation summary, Incident report listing and arrest file by officers. Police Chief Woolford reported he submitted a \$9,491.49 grant request with MO. Dept. of Public Safety. If approved, the city providing 10%

match to purchase two in car video cameras, gun racks for the patrol cars and traffic control devices.

Chief Woolford stated he didn't have time to check into storage for records being stored off site but he will check into such a facility before the next council meeting.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone else wishes to appear before the board. Alderman Anderson came before the council and expressed his concerns about board decisions in his absence and the selection of the city attorney.

Christina Kiefer, expressed concern regarding the lack of a council decision on the city attorney position. Ms. Kiefer felt that her volunteer time on the city attorney hiring committee was wasted. She wanted answers from the council regarding their decision not to move forward with the hiring committee's choice.

Curtis Twenter, 501 Springtime Dr., wanted the council to look into an ordinance that homeowners of cats should follow the same rules as homeowners of dogs. He also stated concerns of the walkway from Seasons Ridge to the park and schools.

Jan Anderson wanted the council to know she supports her husband and is upset with the Mayor and the decision to suspend her husband from the Board.

Alderman Thomas made motion to appoint Alderman Long as liaison for Police Advisory Committee. Seconded by Alderwoman Martin. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

In regards to the City Administrator search, committee member Alderman Hills recommended Josh Hawkins for City Administrator. Alderman Taggart from the City Administrator search committee agrees with the recommendation. Alderman Thomas made a motion to appoint Josh Hawkins as Ashland's City Administrator contingent upon the background check. Seconded by Alderman Hills. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made a motion to consider Council Bill No. 2013-023, An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$409,000 principal amount of combined waterworks and sewage system refunding revenue bonds, series 2013, of the City of Ashland, Missouri; authorizing certain actions and documents and prescribing other matters relating thereto; and adopting a tax-exempt financing compliance procedure. Alderman Long seconds the motion. Steve Goehl from D.A. Davidson & Co. was present to answer any questions and updated the Board that we received better interest rates than expected. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made motion to take up Council Bill No. 2013-024, An Ordinance to change the zoning of a parcel of land from (R-1) Single Family Residential to (R-2) Two Family Residential for Sherman and Joanne Horton. Alderwoman Martin seconds the motion. Owner Sherman Horton was present to answer any questions and addressed the Board of his attention to build a duplex facing Ash Street. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

On two occasions Mayor Rhorer had asked Mrs. Anderson to stop being disruptive. On the third occasion, City Attorney Joy Ahern demanded that the offensive behavior toward her stop. Alderman Anderson left voluntary and Mrs. Anderson was escorted out of the chamber room.

Mayor Rhorer asked if there was anything else the Board could do. Mr. Horton asked if the second reading could take place tonight so they could break ground. Mayor asked Attorney Bach if it was possible. It was. Mr. Horton thanked the board.

Alderman Thomas made a motion Ordinance No. 961. An , An Ordinance to change the zoning of a parcel of land from (R-1) Single Family Residential to (R-2) Two Family Residential for Sherman and Joanne Horton. Alderman Long seconds the motion. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made a motion to take up Ordinance No. 960. An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$409,000 principal amount of combined waterworks and sewerage system refunding revenue bonds, series 2013, of the City of Ashland, Missouri; authorizing certain actions and documents and prescribing other matters relating thereto; and adopting a tax-exempt financing compliance procedure. Alderman Long seconds the motion. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made motion to donate \$3,000 to the Ashland Optimist Club for operation of the community swimming pool. Alderman Hills seconds the motion. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-abstained. Motion carried.*amended 10-08-2013-Alderwoman Martin-abstained.

Alderman Thomas made a motion to accept Bilt-Rite Buildings bid for roof repair/replacement, \$32,639.00. Alderman Taggart inquired about engineering approval. Mayor Rhorer explained the bids were redone. Alderman Thomas amended his motion on the contingency of engineering approval that the building can support the extra weight. Seconded by Alderwoman Martin. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made a motion to accept Sapp's Home Pro, Inc. for mold remediation. Alderman Hills seconded the motion. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

The next thing on the agenda was scheduling a two hour work session between the Board of Alderman and Allstate Consultants. After a short discussion Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 6-8 p.m., was decided to discuss traffic and sewer plant.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer handed out information from Michael McCubbin regarding Keystone Subdivision. Mr. McCubbin wasn't available to attend tonight's meeting. Mayor Rhorer reported that Travis Davidson and himself went out and shot the basin. Mr. McCubbin would like a change to the basin. This issue will be on the agenda in the near future.

Interim City Attorney:

No Report

Board of Alderperson's Report:

Alderman Taggart suggested we look at the qualifications for City Alderman. For safety concerns maybe a background check is needed. Alderman Taggart handed out copies from other cities.

Alderman Martin wanted to thank Travis and Alderman Taggart for the fence on Pacer Drive. Also expressed support to Mayor Rhorer.

Alderman Thomas wanted to report that the paper misquoted him on Landmark Bank.

Alderman Hills expressed his support of Mayor Rhorer and Interim City Attorney Joy from Ahern and Bach. It's a privilege to serve whether appointed or elected.

Alderman Long voiced a concern on the cat situation.

Alderman Thomas made a motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to go into executive session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (1) legal actions/litigation and (3) personnel matters. Mayor Rhorer called for a vote. . Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Thomas made a motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Jessica Kendall
City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk

Gene Rhorer
Mayor