

FEBRUARY 05, 2013  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Jackson called the regular meeting to order on February 05, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Alderman Wyatt gave the invocation.

Mayor Jackson led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Jackson called the roll.

Ward One: David Thomas-here, Gene Rhorer-absent

Ward Two: Randy Wyatt-here, Mike Calvert-here

Ward Three: Matt Uhrig-absent, Charles Calvin Crandall-here

Staff Present: Kelly Henderson, City Administrator, Anthony Consiglio, Police Chief, David Bandre, City Attorney, Wade Middaugh, Utility Clerk and Darla Sapp, City Clerk.

Mayor Jackson presented the agenda of February 05, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Wyatt to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jackson presented the minutes of January 15, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Calvert to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Jackson called for corrections or changes. Mayor Jackson noted an error on page two, last paragraph "Alderman Crandall reported he checked with Allied Waste and we could have them pick up curb side recycling once a week at a cost of 3.90 cents per month." He stated it should read, "Alderman Crandall reported he checked with Allied Waste and we could have them pick up curb side recycling once a week at an additional cost of \$3.90." Mayor Jackson called for the vote with the correction. Motion carried.

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

Anthony Consiglio, Police Chief gave his monthly report to the Board. He stated he did not have the monthly calls for service report since it seemed some items were not reported correctly on the report. He informed the Board there is an agreement in the packet with MoDot for \$2,195.00 for their consideration tonight. The project includes one lidar (radar unit) (\$1,695.06) and one PBT (~~personal~~ preliminary breath test) for (approximately \$500). He stated these would be purchased on a state contract. He stated this is a reimbursement type grant. He informed the Board this is his fourth month of

training and he has a 4.0 grade point average. Alderman Crandall questioned the staffing for the department. Chief Consiglio stated they have one vacant spot and are conducting background checks with no anticipated date yet of hire.\*amended 2-19-2013

Randy Garrett addressed the Board on needing gravel on Loy Martin Road. He thanked the crew for grading the roadway today but said it needs to have rock placed on it. He also informed them of a culvert pipe that has fell through and needs to be fixed on Loy Martin Road.

Wade Middaugh, Utility Clerk presented three proposed changes to the water and sewer policy. He reported the first would be to repeal the hydrant meter section of code. He stated this was added to the code two years ago as we attempted to allow customers to fill swimming pools using a hydrant meter to help offset the sewer charges on their utility bill. He stated this did not work due to some fire hydrants being too far away and discolored water. Wade Middaugh reported that we now use a form asking for the size of the pool and we then calculate the gallons and waive the sewer charge for this. He reported this is for residential pools. The second request was to increase the reconnection fees. He informed the Board that we currently charge of \$15.00 during business hours and \$30.00 after business hours. He stated he contacted several utility companies in the surrounding area and found theirs to be considerably higher. He proposed we increase our fees during business hours to \$30.00 and \$60.00 after hours. He felt this may deter customers from getting to the point of disconnection and to more adequately cover our costs. He stated the increase in reconnection fees and the change to disconnection notification were a policy changes only, not code changes. He presented the third change to disconnection notification. He informed the Board of the current policy. He proposed that we stream line the process to eliminate the door hanger and instead mail the disconnect notice out in its place. This will eliminate the cost of door hangers, the ink to print them and for time public works employees to deliver them. The Board discussed these changes.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Wyatt to approve the increase in the reconnection fees from \$15.00 during business hours to \$30.00 and \$30.00 to \$60.00 for after hours as proposed by Wade Middaugh, Utility Clerk. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Crandall-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Rhorer-absent, Alderman Uhrig-absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Thomas to approve the change to the disconnection notification as presented in the memo from Wade Middaugh, Utility Clerk. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Crandall-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Uhrig-absent, Alderman Rhorer-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Jackson asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board. Dave Westhoff stated he is a business owner at 603 South Henry Clay. He stated the town has grown a

lot. He expressed concern of the condition of South Henry Clay Blvd. for safety, the pedestrian trail and the condition of the roadway and curbs. He stated that the concrete ramps in the parking lot at Breaktime need to be taken out. He also stated the street lights on South Henry Clay are not working. Dave Westhoff also complained of the stormwater control and the water and mud on the pedestrian trail. He also questioned requiring retention ponds for new businesses. He stated that Ashland also has the lowest sales tax and he felt that the city has an obligation to the community to keep up with the changing times. The Board discussed the proposed sales tax proposition they are currently looking at.

Brad Germann stated he lived in Bluegrass South and expressed concerns of the new sewerage plant. He was concerned about the smell, sound and being an eyesore. He recommended a natural cover barrier be placed all around the plant. Kelly Henderson, City Administrator reported that they are very conscience about this and will take great consideration in the subdivision. The Board discussed these improvements and invited Mr. Germann to review the proposed plans. Mr. Germann also expressed concern of the swimming pool and reported a lot of Ashland residents drive elsewhere to go to a nice pool. He asked if the Board ever considered a state of the art pool and he explained that this attracts people to the area. Alderman Wyatt reported we did have a pool consultant come and do a study of the Optimist Club's current facility. He reported the study is available if he wished to review it. The Board discussed this item being on the goals list but no funding was available at this time. Mr. Germann also discussed school safety.

Mayor Jackson presented Council Bill No. 2013-001 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Calvert to take up Council Bill No. 2013-001, An ordinance providing for the imposition of a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent for the purpose of providing funding for storm water control and local parks improvements and a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent for the purpose of transportation, and calling an election on August 6, 2013. First Reading by title only. Kelly Henderson, City Administrator reported this Council Bill is a direct result of what the Board talked about to find ways of revenue. Alderman Crandall asked for clarification on the combined wording of the different tax proposals and how the funds would be managed. The Board discussed not using the word transportation or clarifying it for upgrading the city roads. The Board also discussed changing the parks to public safety. The Board discussed the need to educate the citizens on the ballot issue. The Board discussed making these changes before the final reading. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Crandall-aye, Alderman Uhrig-absent, Alderman Rhorer-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Council Bill No. 2013-002 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Wyatt to take up Council Bill No. 2013-002, an ordinance repealing Section 14.220. Use of hydrant meter for swimming pools of Chapter 14; Sewer, Water and Solid Waste in the City of Ashland, Missouri Code. First Reading by title only. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Calvert-

aye, Alderman Crandall-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Uhrig-absent, Alderman Rhorer-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Council Bill No. 2013-003 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Wyatt to enter a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission blueprint for safer roadways program agreement. First Reading by title only. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Crandall-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Uhrig-absent, Alderman Rhorer-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Jackson reported the next item on the agenda was discussion of the results of the bond schedule with the Boone County Circuit Court. David Bandre, City Attorney reported that the request for the City of Ashland to have its own bond schedule has been denied. The Board discussed revisiting having our own court. This was discussed at length.

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Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jackson presented the Board the updated goals list for 2013.

City Administrator's Report:

Kelly Henderson presented the Board a proposed street major rehabilitation list for 2013. He stated this is the list for street repair and the prices are from APAC. He explained the cost would be \$214,679.97 not including the Angel Lane project. The Board discussed street improvements and sidewalks.

City Attorney's Report:

David Bandre informed the Board of litigation from AT & T cell phone regarding franchise fees. They are requesting around \$4,300 from the City of Ashland. He stated this is a state wide issue and they would be working on this.

Board of Aldermen Report:

Alderman Thomas stated he noticed this week that potholes in the streets were being filled.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Michael P. Jackson, Mayor