

JULY 20, 2010
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order on July 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Alderman Uhrig gave the invocation.

Mayor Jackson called the roll:

Ward One: David Thomas-here, Barbara Henke-Christopher-here

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

Ward Three: Matt Uhrig-here, Carl Long-here

Staff Present: Mike Jackson, Mayor, Chris Heard, City Administrator, and Darla Sapp, City Clerk.

Mayor Jackson presented the agenda for July 20, 2010 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to accept the agenda as presented. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented the minutes of June 15, 2010 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Uhrig to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Jackson called for corrections or amendments. Being none he called for the vote. 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 to be paid as presented. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. The board asked various questions. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson reported on the sales tax increase for the last two months.

Mayor Jackson appointed Jeffery Anderson to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission with confirmation from the board. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye.

Mayor Jackson presented a picnic/special events license application for the Ashland Optimist Club for August 27 and 28th. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the picnic/special events license for the Ashland Optimist Club contingent upon the special event public safety plan approval by Chief Consiglio. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye. Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Council Bill No. 2010-016 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Thomas to take up Council Bill No. 2010-016, an ordinance approving Jewel Tea Estates Plat 1 for Larry D. and Ruth Ann Douglas. First Reading by title only. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. Chris Heard, City Administrator explained the location of this tract of land to the board. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Council Bill No. 2010-017 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to take up Council Bill No. 2010-017, an ordinance amending Chapter 27, Animals; Section 27.020; Definitions, 27.025 Keeping near dwellings; 27.035 Cleanliness of pens, coops, etc; adding new Section 27.161 Limitations upon number of chickens kept and deleting Section 27.050 Hatcheries of the City of Ashland Code. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. Alderwoman Henke-Christopher asked several questions concerning the breeding and size of lot. Chris Heard, City Administrator explained the ordinance and the Planning and Zoning Commission discussion and recommendation of adopting this ordinance. The board asked various questions and discussed this at length. Alderman Uhrig asked that this not be voted on tonight since they feel there are serious issues with the limitation of numbers, breeding issues, rooster, coops, slaughtering and the language being vague in the proposed ordinance. Alderman Uhrig also expressed concern of Section 3 of any livestock keeping near dwellings.

Alderwoman Henke-Christopher made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to table Council Bill No. 2010-017. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented a resolution for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to consider the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute a change order for the Ashland Water Improvements Project #201190. Chris Heard, City Administrator explained the change order. The board discussed this. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Long-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson asked if anyone wished to appear before the board on an item not on the agenda. Jesse Daniels asked for a sign variance to allow for an off premise sign. Mayor Jackson reported there is no procedure for asking for a variance to allow an off premise sign. He reported the current ordinance does not allow off premise signs. Chris Heard explained the sign ordinance. The board discussed this and felt this needed to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review of the ordinance and recommendation of changes. Alderman Thomas asked that this be sent to Planning and Zoning Commission and ask that the off premise sign be on a case by case basis.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jackson asked that the walking tour in Palomino Ridge be set for September 7 at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Uhrig brought up other areas that need to be looked at, also.

Mayor Jackson reported the fall festival flyer was in the board packet. He also asked for nominations for the business and citizen of the year.

City Attorney's Report:

David Bandre was not present.

City Administrator's Report:

Chris Heard, proposed that the board use the MML September 12-15th conference as a retreat. Alderwoman Henke-Christopher and Randy Wyatt expressed their interest in attending. He reported we are back to full staff with the hiring of the Community Development Director. He gave the board an overview of his administrative goals and objectives.

Alderman Hills left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Chris Heard discussed the audit and the results should be completed in September.

Alderman Wyatt suggested the board members have a table at the Fall Festival and maybe have a survey for citizens to tell us how we are doing. Alderman Wyatt asked if the personnel reviews were complete. Chris Heard reported that they were complete.

Alderman Thomas reported the ABC Seamless Siding sign has been removed from the front of their building. Chris Heard reported that the owner is moving forward in getting the inspection, sign permit and licensing taken care of.

Alderman Thomas reported no progress on the Sarah Drive extension.

Alderman Thomas expressed concern of the garage sale signs not being taken down. He reported he felt we should write tickets and fine the citizens for doing this. Chris Heard, City Administrator read the garage sale ordinance to the board. The board discussed the garage sale ordinance and stated if we did not enforce this ordinance then it needed to be removed from the code book.

Alderman Wyatt informed the board of the swimming pool and the activities at the pool. He stated he was happy to see the pool was doing well.

Alderwoman Henke-Christopher updated the board on the pool passes sold, number of user's and the activities.

Alderman Long asked if we had an emergency contingency plan and if so if he could have a copy. Chris Heard reported there is the Boone County Mitigation Plan that has Ashland in it.

Alderman Long reported he has been confronted by citizens wanting a drop box located in our back lot by the US Postal Service Drop Box so citizens could use it easier. Chris Heard reported we would look into this.

Alderwoman Henke-Christopher reported she had a citizen come to her with a parking issue in her subdivision and she turned this over to the Chief to take care of.

Alderman Wyatt discussed parking issues on Pinto Pony Drive.

Alderman Uhrig asked that the Economic Development Committee become an official committee of the City. A resolution is to be drafted for adoption at the next board meeting.

Alderman Uhrig suggested having a city staff and Board of Aldermen pool party to be paid for by Friends of Ashland Fund.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Darla Sapp
City Clerk

Michael P. Jackson
Mayor