

JUNE 21, 2011
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order on June 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Mayor Jackson gave the invocation.

Mayor Jackson led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Jackson called the roll:

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

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

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

Staff Present: Kelly Henderson, City Administrator, David Bandre, City Attorney, and Darla Sapp, City Clerk.

Mayor Jackson presented the agenda for June 21, 2011 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the agenda with the following changes: addition closed session for personnel matters, removing Charles Senzee under appearances and correcting the agenda under other for fireworks request for Bluegrass Estates should be Bluegrass Terrace. Mayor Jackson called for the vote with the changes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented the minutes of June 07, 2011 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Jackson called for corrections or questions. Alderman Calvert reported under Council Bill No. 2011-020 he voted nay and the minutes reflect he voted aye. Mayor Jackson called for the vote with the correction. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented the bills to be paid for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher 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 presented Randy Wyatt to serve as EMA for the City of Ashland. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Calvert to appoint Randy Wyatt to serve as EMA for the City of Ashland. Mayor Jackson reported that Alderman Wyatt volunteered at the last Board meeting to serve as EMA. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-absent, Alderman Uhrig-absent. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Council Bill No. 2011-016 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to take up Council Bill No. 2011-016, an ordinance amending Chapter 21, Business Licenses, Section 21.004 Investigation and Issuance and Section 21.015 Revocation of the Ashland Municipal Code. First Reading by title only. Mayor Jackson reported the verbiage was amended and the intent is basically to stream line the business license process. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Wyatt-absent, Alderman Uhrig-absent. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Council Bill No. 2011-018 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to take up Council Bill No. 2011-018, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Missouri, relating to the current code, amending Section 14.205 “Billing and Collection Procedures” of the City Code, City of Ashland. First Reading by title only. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Wyatt-absent, Alderman Uhrig-absent. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Ordinance No. 887 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to take up Ordinance No. 887, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, relating to the annual adjustment of water and sewer rates, causing the addition of 14.211 “Annual Inflation Adjustment; of the City Code, City of Ashland. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Calvert questioned this. Kelly Henderson, City Administrator reported this helps to slowly increase the rates to help to cover the cost of operating the system. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Wyatt-absent, Alderman Uhrig-absent. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Ordinance No. 888 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Calvert to take up Ordinance No. 888, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Missouri, relating to the customer responsibility of water service lines and apparatuses causing the addition of 14.185 “Responsibility of Water Service Customers” of the City Code, City of Ashland. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. Alderman Calvert questioned if the responsibility of owner would be where the water meter is. The Board discussed this and felt most of the water meters would be in the property owner’s yard or in the right of way. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-absent, Alderman Uhrig-absent. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Ordinance No. 889 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to take up Ordinance No. 889, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Missouri, relating to the customers responsibility of sewer service lines and apparatuses causing the addition of 14.116 “Responsibility of Sewer Service Customers” of the City Code, City of Ashland. Mayor Jackson called for questions or comments. Alderman Calvert asked if it was the property owner’s responsibility from where the connection from the main is made. It was reported that yes it would be. The Board discussed this. Mayor Jackson called for the vote.

Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Calvert-nay, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Wyatt-absent, Alderman Uhrig-absent. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson reported the next item on the agenda was discussion of the proposed rental occupancy permit. Mayor Jackson asked if anyone had any updates or thoughts or feedback they would like to share. He reported that Alderman Uhrig is still working on a proposed ordinance to present. The Board discussed this. Mayor Jackson called for anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this matter. Bruce Bauer stated he owns rental property in Ashland and he is against any type of ordinance requiring a rental occupancy permit. Alderman Thomas stated the reason the ordinance was needed was to help protect renters from landlords not maintaining their property in a safe manner.

Mayor Jackson presented a letter from Ashland Health Care requesting permission to set off fireworks on July 2, 2011. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Calvert to grant permission for Ashland Health Care to set off fireworks on July 2, 2011 with the stipulation they notify the fire department. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Wyatt-absent, Alderman Uhrig-absent. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented a letter from Bluegrass Terrace requesting permission to set off fireworks on July 3, 2011. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to grant permission for Bluegrass Terrace to set off fireworks on July 3, 2011 with the stipulation they notify the fire department. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Calvert-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Wyatt-absent, Alderman Uhrig-absent. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board. No one came forth.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jackson informed the Board he would be unavailable next week and Mayor Pro-Tem Uhrig will be in charge.

City Administrator's Report:

Kelly Henderson updated the Board on the wastewater treatment system continuous testing of the facility. He stated he needs to schedule a public informational meeting with the school for the Main Street Improvement Project. The Board discussed this and set a date of August 2, at 6:00 p.m. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission will have a Public Hearing on June 30 to review the new proposed subdivision development ordinances. Mr. Henderson reported he is rebalancing current staff and will submit further recommendations in July and he reported he needed to have a discussion in closed session tonight for personnel matters. He informed the Board the demolition of 200 North Main Street will be in the winter. Mr. Henderson gave an update of the radio read meter installation and the software training would be June 27th. He stated that July we should be able to read Route 1 with the radio reads. Mr. Henderson reported the city park bridge replacement is scheduled for replacement before mid-fall. He discussed the Angel Lane street repairs, coordination between the City and the County and the schedule to have the

work completed. Mr. Henderson informed the Board that he and Alderman Uhrig had an introductory/informational meeting with Josh Beck with Community Edge, LLC and asked the Board if they would like to set a meeting with Mr. Beck to see if they wish to pursue this route for economic development. The Board was in agreement to meeting with Mr. Beck. Mr. Henderson informed the Board that the city engineers have been ordered to complete final design for repairs to the storm water system on Pacer Drive.

City Attorney's Report:

David Bandre reported that the swimming pool looks fantastic and the attendance is up from last year. He reported he has also heard positive comments on the how the park looks. He informed the Board he will not be in attendance on the July 19 Board meeting. He stated there is no update on the pending litigation.

Board of Aldermen's Report:

Alderswoman Henke-Christopher asked if we got the study completed for the swimming pool yet. Kelly Henderson reported we did receive it this week and once we get it in a digital format we will send it out to the Board members to review.

Alderman Calvert reported the postmaster is having problems getting addresses for new construction. The City Administrator reported he will take care of this.

Alderman Long asked about getting no thru trucks or weight limit signs on Walnut, Johnson and Oak Street area.

Alderman Thomas reported that some of the flags need to be replaced at the Avenue of Flags.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Calvert to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (3) with a five minute break. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion Carried.

The City Clerk was not present in the closed session.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Michael P. Jackson, Mayor

Mayor Jackson reported they were back in open session with reportable action taken to offer an increase in the hourly wage to Wade Middaugh to be effective the first day of the next pay period.

Dave Thomas made motion and seconded by Mike Calvert to adjourn. All voted aye and meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Barb Henke-Christopher

Michael P. Jackson, Mayor