

MARCH 03, 2009
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Asmus called the meeting to order on March 03, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Mike Jackson gave the invocation.

Mayor Asmus led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Asmus called the roll:

Ward One: David Thomas-here, Larry Reberry-here

Ward Two: Randy Wyatt-here, One vacancy

Ward Three: Barbara Bishop-here, Mike Jackson-here

Staff Present: Mayor, Mike Asmus, Chris Heard, City Administrator, David Bandre', City Attorney, and Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Mr. Phillip Glaab asked that the board take action on the police chief's position. He recommended Anthony "Nino" Consiglio for the position.

Jim Fasciotti expressed concern from not promoting within the department and the message it would send to the officers. He recommended Anthony "Nino" Consiglio.

Dustin Hoffman of 603 Appaloosa informed the board that he is a State trooper and both are great candidates and would do a good job.

Mayor Asmus presented the agenda for March 03, 2009 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Jackson to accept the agenda. Alderwoman Bishop asked that anyone wishing to appear before the board be moved under appearances. She asked that after the interviews they go into closed session and asked that the City Administrator be excused. Mayor Asmus called for the vote with the amendments. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented the minutes of February 17, 2009 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Reberry to consider the minutes as presented. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus called for appearances. Dustin Hoffman 603 Appaloosa presented the board with a sewer issue at his home. The City Administrator was to work with Mr. Hoffman on this.

Mayor Asmus presented Ordinance No. 804 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Jackson to take up Ordinance No. 804, An ordinance granting the authority to close a bank account and to transfer the funds to general fund.

Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderwoman Bishop-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion Carried.

Mike Asmus recognized Mel Rupard and asked if he wished to speak before the board. Mel Rupard asked if the police chief appointment was going to be taken in closed or open session. It was reported it would be in closed session but released within the required 72 hours.

Mayor Asmus presented Council Bill No. 2009-005 for consideration. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to take up Council Bill No. 2009-005, An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute Supplement Agreement No. 2 to engineering services contract with AllState Consultants, LLC. for roadway widening and drainage improvements on Henry Clay Blvd.. First Reading by title only. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Alderwoman Bishop stated she was not aware that this project went through due to a bidding error. David Bandre reported this is to have the inspection, field work done by Allstate Consultants during the construction phase. The board discussed the delineators not being installed after the board requested it due to safety. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderwoman Bishop-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented the bills to be paid for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to pay the bills as presented. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. The board asked various questions. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus asked if anyone wished to appear before the board. No one came forth.

Mayor Asmus reported the next item on the agenda was review of the proposed budget for 2009-2010. Mayor Asmus reported this is the first look at the budget and the public hearing would be at the next meeting. Alderwoman Bishop questioned the procedure, format and outline of what the budget entails.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Asmus had nothing to report.

City Attorney's Report:

David Bandre had nothing to report.

Aldersperson's Report:

Alderwoman Bishop asked about the final draft of the comprehensive plan. She said they were assured it was a good job then she reads in the paper that it is not good.

John Hills, Planning and Zoning Chairman gave a brief recap of the concern regarding the quality and the way the comprehensive plan had evolved from the Regional Planning

Commission. He stated that he was also shocked to read this in the newspaper and he had no indication of dissatisfaction of the comprehensive plan. He reported that this would be discussed at the next Planning and Zoning meeting. The board discussed this at length.

Alderwoman Bishop reported she would not be at the next meeting on March 17th .

Alderwoman Bishop stated she was surprised of the way they received the budget, no guidance to how the figures were derived at, and what projects were being recommended and why. The City Administrator will have a budget message and highlight these at the next council meeting. She recommended that a budget work session be held before the next meeting with the department heads, Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Wyatt asked if we are going to vote on the police chief tonight. Mayor Asmus reported he did not know if it would be tonight or not. He also reported his memory was the delineators would be put back up on South Henry Clay Blvd. for the last three or four months and no action had been taken. Chris Heard reported we did not have any of the white delineators but we put up cones and they did not last but a couple of days.

Alderman Wyatt reported if we opened the road that goes to the new well/water tower site it would ease the flow and congestion of traffic at the school. The board discussed taping the construction zone area.

Alderwoman Bishop asked that the agreement with Cole Farms to complete the street be enforced.

Alderman Reberry reported he has received a lot of phone calls from citizens on the Police Chief position.

Alderman Thomas reported he took exception to the article in the paper on the council not making a decision on the police chief candidates since that was not the case.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Wyatt to close the open meeting and go into closed meeting pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (3) personnel. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderwoman Bishop-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye. Motion Carried.

The City Clerk was not present at the closed session.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Mike Asmus, Mayor

Mayor Asmus reported that in closed session he had appointed and the board had confirmed Anthony Consiglio as police chief at an annual salary rate of \$42,000 effective the start of the city's next pay period. City Administrator Heard asked board if chief

appointee would be eligible for any raises that may be available to city staff in the budget to be adopted in April. Board discussed and agreed that chief appointee would not be eligible for a raise this budget cycle.

Alderman Thomas then made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Wyatt seconded this motion. Mayor Asmus called for a voice vote. Motion Carried.
Board adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Complied by: Mike Asmus