

MAY 04, 2010
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order on May 04, 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, David Bandre, City Attorney, Anthony Consiglio, Police Chief and Darla Sapp, City Clerk.

Mayor Jackson presented the agenda for May 04, 2010 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Wyatt to accept the agenda as presented. Alderman Hills made motion to add a closed session to the agenda after the regular meeting. Mayor Jackson stated that he did not want to go into closed session it had not been discussed prior to the meeting. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Motion Carried. Alderman Hills-opposed.

Mayor Jackson presented the minutes of April 20, 2010 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Jackson called for corrections or amendments. Being none he called for the vote. Motion Carried. Alderman Wyatt-abstained.

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.

Police Chief Anthony Consiglio gave his monthly report. He informed the board on upcoming training, a Special Olympics run that he and Officer LaForest are participating in. He stated the canine vehicle has been put back into service and they have added graphics to it. He introduced Officer Robinson to the board. He updated the board on the tall grass at 600 Peterson getting cut and the problem yard on Amanda Drive staying in compliance. Alderman Wyatt questioned the shift differential for police department. This was discussed at length.

Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to pay shift differential from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at a rate of .35 cents per hour and from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. at a rate of .50 cents per hour for the police department. The board discussed this. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson asked for a follow up on the speeding issue on Ash Street. Chief Consiglio reported they have stepped up enforcement in this area as well as the city park.

Alderman Thomas asked for an update on the purchase of the new patrol car. Chief Consiglio reported we should have the paperwork the first of June on this.

Lorie Fussner of 600 Appaloosa requested that Children at Play signs be installed on Appaloosa, Trotter and Martha Crump Drive. The board discussed this and will have the public works department look at this.

Mayor Jackson presented a business license application for Maria's Restaurant d/b/a El Ranchito for 107 Eastside Drive. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to approve the business license for El Ranchito as presented. Edgar Rodriguez, manager reported they are waiting on the hood to be installed then they would be open soon after. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented an application for liquor by the drink for Maria's Restaurant d/b/a El Ranchito for 107 Eastside Drive. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to approve the liquor by the drink license for El Ranchito as presented. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Council Bill No. 2010-010 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to take up Council Bill No. 2010-010, an ordinance amending Chapter 14; Article III annual review and adding section 14.220 use of hydrant meter for swimming pools of the Ashland Municipal Code. First Reading by title only. Mayor Jackson called for explanation. Chris Heard, City Administrator this is giving the staff direction for filling up pools with a hydrant meter and waiving the sewer charge on this usage. It was reported that it had to be close to a fire hydrant in order to utilize this. 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 Ordinance No. 843 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to take up Ordinance No. 843, an ordinance vacating an alley commonly known as Block 3 Gay's Addition. Mayor Jackson called for the questions or comments. Mayor Jackson called for the vote. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Henke-Christopher-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Jackson presented Ordinance No. 844 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Henke-Christopher to take up Ordinance No. 844, an ordinance

authorizing the mayor to execute the Boone County Road Improvement /Repair Cooperative Agreement between Boone County, Missouri through its commission and the City of Ashland for the 2010 Revenue Sharing Program. 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 asked if anyone wished to appear before the board on an item not on the agenda.

Allen Beckett mobile home park owner of 107 South College reported he was seeking help in getting a mobile home moved into his park due to the set back rulings. He stated this has been a mobile home park for over 40 years. He reported he bought the park in 2005 and was told this would be grandfathered in. He stated he was seeking a variance from the board. This was discussed at length. Chris Heard, City Administrator reported there is a variance request for the Board of Adjustment asking for 107 South College and 111 Burnam Avenue from the nonconforming use. The City Clerk reported a date has not been established due to conflicts with the board members and the attorney for Mr. Beckett. She reported that a fifteen day advertised public notice has to be put in the newspaper. The board informed Mr. Beckett that a date for the meeting would be set as soon as possible.

Eric Albert stated he owned a trailer park in Columbia and they have a 6 foot setback. He stated he does not have to inform anyone he is moving a mobile in or out. He stated he felt this was a little over done and Ashland needs to remember their businesses. He said it looked a little sorry and not very friendly making rules for businesses to make them go out of business.

Corey Meyers approached the board and confronted issues with the City Administrator. He presented a signed petition requesting the immediate release of Chris Heard. He expressed that many business owners have had conflicts with him and he stated that you can't work with him. He informed the board of the City Administrator having his tag electric pulled until he has all of his rough ends. He reported that was not the code. Alderman Uhrig stated employment matters would not be discussed in open session only in closed session.

Darryl Woods reported he came in support of his customer at the bank. He reported when the economic times were bad in the fall of 2008 the city administrator pulled money from Main Street to send to Wall Street. He reported that Main Street Bank is a community bank. He stated that the City Administrator stated he was not here for the community to make friends that he was here to do a job. Mr. Woods stated the money was moved for lower interest rate then Main Street Bank was paying and the money is the community's not Mr. Heard's money.

Sue Ann Crawford stated she lived in Setter Knoll Subdivision and her water pressure is bad and she has made numerous complaints with no results. She stated the whole neighborhood has low pressure. Mayor Jackson stated we would have this looked into.

Dr. Dooley expressed his concern that since Mr. Heard has been hired it has been oppressive to businesses. He felt the business owners should be asked their opinions. It was reported the

economic development committee met today and it is a board to see how the city can work with the business owners.

Barbara Bishop of 302 Salinda Drive asked if Mr. Heard was setting in on the economic development meeting held today. She stated the business people may not express their concerns with him sitting on this. She stated that Mr. Eftink informed the business owners or person's affected by code changes. She expressed her concern of Mr. Heard and his attitude to the citizens and business people.

Nicki Newport reported she and her husband moved here three years ago to open a business and she felt they got the run around in getting the business license issued. She stated she did not feel the businesses were being heard, felt there was lack of communication. She stated she felt there was a division and we should work as a team.

Mayor's Report:

Mike Jackson commended Alderman Wyatt and Alderman Uhrig for organizing the economic development meeting today. He stated that 10 or 12 business owner's attended and more were a lot of issues on the table. He thanked them for their efforts.

City Attorney's Report:

David Bandre updated the board on the legislature session and MML offering a five hundred dollar scholarship to municipal employees.

City Administrator's Report:

Chris Heard, City Administrator updated the board on MoDot Main Street project, issues with wastewater modifications, water projects and interviews for the Community Development Director.

Board of Alderperson's Report:

Alderman Thomas asked the status of the business license for ABC Seamless Siding. Chris Heard, City Administrator we reported have received the license application and they have called for a site inspection with the county but they have not gone through the fire inspection or got a sign permit. Alderman Thomas questioned the computer maintenance, light on the water tower not working and vacant lots in Setter's Knoll, Industrial Drive and Golden Windmill Trailer Park needing areas cleaned up. Chris Heard, City Administrator reported we are calling Computech when we need work done on our computer system and the light on the water tower is on the punch list of needing fixed.

Alderman Wyatt updated the board on the economic development meeting and reported they plan on forming a committee and setting up another meeting.

Alderman Hills asked for an update on storm water issues in Palomino Ridge due to the recent rains. Chris Heard, City Administrator reported Jeff Meadows from C.M. Archer Group is working on alternate plans and getting pricing.

Alderman Long stated he has not seen so much unrest in this community as he has at this meeting tonight. He stated he plans on looking into these issues himself.

Alderman Uhrig reported he felt the first meeting of the economic development committee went well and a lot of the topics were discussed today that has been brought up tonight. He stated he felt that would provide a voice for business owners.

Alderman Thomas asked the status of the work by Woods Mechanical for the installation of a manhole by KIDSWORKS Daycare. Daryl Woods reported the work is done and they are waiting for the ground to settle so they can do the finish work.

Alderman Thomas expressed his displeasure to the Mayor for not allowing their request for a closed session and was not aware of the change not to allow.

Alderman Hills expressed his concern of making a motion to go into closed session and then being refused to go into closed session by the Mayor. He stated they serve the people and we can't deal with issues on a timely basis and that bothers him. Mayor Jackson reported they should come to him before hand out of common courtesy.

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

Darla Sapp
City Clerk

Michael P. Jackson
Mayor