

MAY 05, 2009
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Asmus called the meeting to order on May 5, 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, John Hills-here

Ward Three: Mike Jackson-here, Matt Uhrig-here

Staff Present: Mike Asmus, Mayor, Chris Heard, City Administrator, David Bandre, City Attorney, Anthony Consiglio, Police Chief and Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Mayor Asmus presented the agenda for May 5, 2009 for consideration. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderman Thomas to accept the agenda as presented. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented the minutes of April 21, 2009 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Jackson to accept the minutes as presented. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Chief Consiglio gave his monthly report. He updated the board on events the department participated in, one being "Click it or Ticket" and a docudrama at the high school. He presented the police department's mission statement. The board had no changes to the mission statement. Chief Consiglio informed the board of the two new officers he has hired and gave a brief overview of the officer's education and experience.

Mayor Asmus asked that item #6 be taken up on the agenda. The board agreed to this.

Mayor Asmus presented Ordinance No. 809 for consideration. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderman Thomas to take up Ordinance No. 809, an ordinance to approve the preliminary plat of East Ashland Plaza for C-S Properties-Columbia, LLC. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Hill-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented annual appointments as required by code with confirmation from the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Asmus presented Mike Jackson as Mayor Pro-Tem with confirmation from the board. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Hills-aye.

Mayor Asmus presented Mick Wilson as City Prosecutor with confirmation from the board. Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye.

Mayor Asmus presented David Bandre as legal adviser with confirmation from the board. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye.

Mayor Asmus presented Jessica Wenger as Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer with confirmation from the board. Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye.

Mayor Asmus presented Darla Sapp as City Clerk with confirmation from the board. Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye.

Mayor Asmus presented Anthony Consilgio as Police Chief with confirmation from the board. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye.

Mayor Asmus reported in the past he appointed a liaison to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, Law Enforcement Advisory Committee and the Board of Adjustment. He reported this will be placed on the next meetings agenda.

Mayor Asmus presented Ordinance No. 810 for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Reberry to take up Ordinance No. 810, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Mo. repealing Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2008-024, Chapter 27; Animals. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Chris Heard, City Administrator reported he will be negotiating an agreement for the animal control services in the future. The board discussed this and costs associated with this service. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented Council Bill No. 2009-011 for consideration. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to take up Council Bill No. 2009-011, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Atlas Tracks, Inc. to resurface Ashland City Park Tennis Courts. First Reading by title only. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Chris Heard, City Administrator reported this project is a priority for the park board. He informed the board this service is being done under the cooperative agreement and does not require our formal bid process. He recommended

Option 2 and the alternate to include the nets and posts. Alderman Jackson amended the motion to include option 2 with the alternate to include the nets and posts and Alderman Hills agreed with the amendment. Mayor Asmus called for the vote with the amendment. Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented Council Bill No. 2009-012 for consideration. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to take up Council Bill No. 2009-012, an ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to execute change order number one with Southern Ditching and Excavating for the Ashland Pedestrian Trail Phase III. First Reading by title only. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Chris Heard, City Administrator explained the scope of the project and proposed changes associated with option 1 and option 2. He recommended the board proceed with Option 1. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to amend the motion to proceed with Option 1. The board discussed working out an agreement with the school district on the potential of cost sharing on the improvements that would be done on school property. Alderman Jackson made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to include communication and agreement to be worked out with the school district prior to the second reading of the ordinance. Mayor Asmus called for the vote with the amendments. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented a Resolution for consideration. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Thomas to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for worker's compensation and commercial package insurance. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Chris Heard, City Administrator reported this is formal acceptance of the worker's compensation insurance and the commercial insurance package. He reported Winter Dent is our broker and they solicited quotes for insurance. The lowest and best quote was from Continental Westerns & Mo. Employee's Mutual for \$45,487.00. The board asked various questions. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Reberry-aye, Alderman Uhrig-aye, Alderman Jackson-aye, Alderman Wyatt-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Asmus presented the bills to be paid. Alderman Wyatt made motion and seconded by Alderman Reberry to approve the bills as presented. Mayor Asmus called for questions or comments. Alderman Thomas asked if these were the final bills for the remodeling project. It was reported that this should be the final bills. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Asmus reported on HB 316 Open Meetings and Records Law requiring an hour or two training for all elected and appointed officials on the sunshine law. He stated he would get this set up for the summer.

Mayor Asmus recommended the Board of Aldermen attend the elected official course on June 11 & 12 sponsored by Missouri Municipal League. He suggested the board have a work session outside City Hall to discuss comprehensive planning for the board.

Mayor Asmus stated he asked the Chief of Police and park board for a recommendation on passing an ordinance to not allow minors in the park after dark.

Mayor Asmus informed the Board that Thursday is National Day of Prayer.

Mayor Asmus reported the movie in the park was a success and a movie date has been set for June 6th and another one for August 15th.

Mayor Asmus reported an Eagle Scout has selected to construct disk golf in the park as his project.

City Attorney's Report:

David Bandre did not have anything to report at this time.

City Administrator's Report:

Chris Heard gave an overview of the bank balance sheet. He reported the changing of banks went smoothly.

Chris Heard asked for approval to update the electric and lighting in the meeting room for a cost not to exceed \$2,700.00 from Meyer Electric. He reported he has authorization up to \$2,500.00 and this exceeds his authority. He also reported on installing a three way switch in the police department with a sensor for \$300.00. The board discussed this. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Jackson to authorize the modifications to the electric and lighting in the meeting room and the police department. Alderman Jackson questioned if AmerenUe had any incentives for updating to energy efficient lighting. Chris Heard was to check on this. Mayor Asmus called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Chris Heard gave an overview of upgrading three City Hall computers and establishing a replacement program. He reported a cost under state contract of \$1,107.52 each. He stated he will be moving one of the computers to the public works department for Curtis Bennett. The board discussed this and had reservations on the price. Alderman Wyatt was to review this and get back with the City Administrator on his findings.

Alderman Hills asked the status of the speed bump that was approved two years ago on Redtail Drive. Chris Heard, City Administrator reported John Fraga was going to get design standards to the fire department for their comments on this project. He will follow up on this matter.

Alderman Jackson asked the status of the funding for downtown revitalization. Chris Heard explained the grant and reported he had to submit paperwork to the State this week.

Alderman Jackson reported he will not be in attendance at the next board meeting.

Alderman Thomas reported on the condition of some trailers in Golden Windmill Mobile Home Park. He also reported on tall grass and weeds on Industrial Drive.

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

The City Clerk was not in attendance at the closed meeting.

Darla Sapp
City Clerk

Mike Asmus
Mayor

Mayor Asmus announced the board was now out of closed session and back in open session, and that no reportable action was taken in this evening's closed session.

Alderman Thomas moved to adjourn.

Alderman Reberry seconded this motion.

Mayor Asmus called a voice vote; motion carried.

Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Compiled by: Mike Asmus