

NOVEMBER 19, 2013
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order on November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Southern Boone Regional Library at 109 North Main, Ashland, Mo.

Alderwoman Martin gave the invocation.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll.

Ward One: David Thomas-here, Louise Martin-here

Ward Two: John Hills-here, Jeff Anderson-absent

Ward Three: Anthony Taggart-here, Carl Long-here

Staff Present: Josh Hawkins, City Administrator, Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Travis Davidson, Assistant Public Works Director, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief, Jessi Kendall, Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk, and Andrew Bach, Interim City Attorney.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for November 19, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to amend the agenda to add Alderperson's Report and to have the second reading of Council Bill No. 2013-028. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of November 05, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the bills to be paid for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the bills as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. The Board asked several questions. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Taggart-nay. Motion carried.

Travis Davidson, Assistant Public Works Director gave his monthly report to the Board. He updated the Board on street signs he ordered and asphalt milling on Angel Lane. He gave an overview of subdivision infrastructure. Alderman Hills suggested street lights on Redtail Drive where the commercial lots have been rezoned to residential. He gave an update on the lagoon and safety training his department went to.

Alderwoman Martin reported she had a complaint on the recycling lot needing gravel and the entrance of Meadowmere View being dark and need a street light.

Travis Hundley from Gerding, Korte and Chitwood gave a brief overview of the Audit report for fiscal year 2012-2013. The Board asked various questions.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board.

Fred Klippel suggested the Alderperson's go out in their wards and see how people feel about the impeachment. He stated this is making our town look bad and we need to get back on track.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2013-028 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to take up Council Bill No. 2013-028, an ordinance adopting the six month budget revision. First Reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Taggart-nay, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Anderson-absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to read Council Bill No. 2013-028 for the second and final time. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator highlighted some of the changes from the previously submitted six month budget revision. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Taggart-nay, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Anderson-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 964 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to take up Ordinance No. 964, an ordinance amending Chapter 20-Traffic Code Section 20.1355: Uniform traffic ticket to be issued when vehicle illegally parked or stopped in the Ashland Municipal Code. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported writing tickets will be phased in. Chief Woolford reported they would start out issuing warnings until January. Alderman Taggart suggested advertising this in the local paper. Alderman Long addressed the illegal turns on Broadway and the need for additional handicap parking in front of the post office. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote on Ordinance No. 964. Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Anderson-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported the next item on the agenda was to schedule a sewer construction workshop with Allstate Consultants and D.A. Davidson. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator suggested the date of December 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The Board was in agreement with this.

Mayor Rhorer presented declaring Christmas Eve a municipal holiday, effectively closing non-emergency services for Tuesday, December 24, 2013. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to declare Christmas Eve a holiday for 2013. The Board discussed this. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer informed the Board that he has received a lot of phone calls with people upset about the impeachment and the cost of the impeachment. He asked the Board if they would be willing to meet in closed session to discuss solutions to disagreements with Alderman Anderson. The Board discussed this and Mayor Rhorer asked for a vote of who would be in favor of this. Alderman Taggart-yes, Alderman Long-no, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderwoman Martin-yes, Alderman Hills-no, Alderman Anderson-absent.

Aldersperson's Report:

Alderwoman Martin reported she has received a complaint on the deep ditch on Ash and Bass Street. Travis Davidson, Assistant Public Works Director stated he would look into this and report back to the Board.

Alderwoman Martin asked why the flags were down at the Avenue of Flags. It was reported these were taken down for the winter. Alderwoman Martin reported she would be willing to pay for her parents flag to help defray the cost to the City. She stated that maybe other people would be willing to help with the cost of the flags for their family member. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported that we would be looking at potential solutions for funding this program. Alderwoman Martin reported she had a lady suggest that a convenience store offer to pump fuel for people that can't pump their own.

Alderman Thomas reported parents were parking in the fire lane when dropping off and picking up children from school.

Alderman Thomas asked for a full accounting of the Ashland Fall Festival from the Chairman.

Alderman Thomas reported he would keep the City informed of his medical issues.

Alderman Long suggested the installation of a dusk to dawn light at the police garage.

City Administrator Report:

Josh Hawkins informed the Board of the certificate of deposit at River Regions Bank. He gave an update on the new roof repair and mold remediation and the need for insulation to be added above the ceiling. He reported he put information in the packets on 3rd class cities and suggested with the 2020 census we look at this and redistrict the wards. Mr. Hawkins reported he met with REDI.

City Attorney Report:

Andrew Bach had no report.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (1) legal actions, causes of action or litigation and Section 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees. Mayor Rhorer called the vote. Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Long-aye, Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-absent. Motion carried.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor

Mayor Rhorer reported we are back in open session with no reportable action taken.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Taggart to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Anderson-absent. Motion carried.

Gene Rhorer, Mayor