

NOVEMBER 05, 2013
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order on November 05, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

Alderman Anderson gave the invocation.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer called the roll.

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

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

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

Staff Present: Josh Hawkins, City Administrator, Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief and Jessi Kendall, Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk.

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

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of October 15, 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 special meeting minutes of October 29, 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 Hills to approve the bills as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. The Board asked several questions. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer complimented Chief Woolford on the traffic control at the grade school. He stated he has received positive comments from the citizens.

Chief Woolford updated the Board on the patrol car decals. Chief Woolford gave an overview of the Halloween event the police department had at the old jail cell. He stated they had approximately 200 children. Chief Woolford stated they have revamped the warrant procedures and explained the process to the Board. Chief Woolford gave his monthly arrest and calls of service report. He reported there is a Council Bill reference parking fines on the agenda tonight for consideration. Chief Woolford informed the Board that the two signs that were requested

have been ordered and should be installed within 30 days. Alderman Taggart asked the status of the self defense course. Chief Woolford stated he does not have a confirmed date yet. But felt it will be after the first of the year.

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

Kevin Dooley, owner of Dooley Animal Hospital expressed how displeased he was on the actions of the Board on the impeachment and asked that they drop this.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2013-026 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to take up Council Bill No. 2013-026, an ordinance adopting the six month budget revision. First Reading by title only. Alderman Taggart-nay, Alderman Anderson-abstained, Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderwoman Martin-absent. Andrew Bach, City Attorney informed the Board that the Council Bill failed.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2013-027 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to take up Council Bill No. 2013-027, 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. First Reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Taggart asked if the no parking areas were clearly marked yet. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator reported he would check on the status of this. Chief Woolford stated they would give a grace period on this. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Long-aye, Alderman Hills-aye, Alderman Thomas-aye, Alderman Taggart-aye, Alderman Anderson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported he agreed with Mr. Dooley's statement. Mayor Rhorer reported he is working on a project with Cecil Payne on the private road on North Henry Clay Blvd. He stated he will bring this information to the Board for review at the next meeting. Alderman Hills suggested this go through the Planning and Zoning Commission first. Mayor Rhorer reported that Vee Fasciotti, park board member wanted to thank the Board for allowing beer in the park for the fall festival.

City Administrator Report:

Josh Hawkins reported his report had a recap of the budget revisions. He reported we would be pursuing the data record storage for the police and city hall records. He explained the fees to the Board. Mr. Hawkins updated the Board on projects the staff is working on. He reported they met with Scott Olson and Josh Creamer from the Boone County Fire Department on developing an emergency preparedness plan. He stated they would be working with them on this through the winter months. He updated the Board on the roof construction and mold remediation schedule. Josh Hawkins presented for consideration that Christmas Eve be a holiday for city employees. He stated he will bring this forward at the next meeting. Alderman Taggart asked for the City Administrator to look into the pro's and con's of becoming a 3rd class city.

City Attorney Report:

Andrew Bach, asked the Board that as we go forward the Board members go through Mr. Hawkins for legal questions to help control legal costs. He stated that this keeps Mr. Hawkins in the loop. Alderman Thomas reported the Mayor should also be kept informed.

Board of Alderperson's Report:

Alderman Taggart stated he voted nay on the budget because of the legal fees for the attorney and special attorney and felt this was a gross misuse of tax dollars.

Alderman Anderson stated he noticed where we refinanced a bond and wondered where we were on paying another bond off early. The City Treasurer reported there has not been any discussion on this. Mayor Rhorer reported we have held up on items so Mr. Hawkins could review the budget and get an understanding of the financial condition of the City.

Alderman Hills stated he would like to address Alderman Taggart's comment on the \$60,000.00 legal fees and felt this should not be discussed with the pending impeachment proceedings. He stated he did not feel this number was accurate.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Long to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor