

OCTOBER 15, 2013
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order on October 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Ashland City Hall, 109 East Broadway.

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

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

Staff Present: Josh Hawkins, City Administrator, Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief and Travis Davidson, Assistant Public Works Director.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda for October 15, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer reported there is a lot of people in the audience and asked that when we get to appearances the citizen state their name and address and each person will be given three minutes to speak. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of October 08, 2013 for consideration. Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to approve the minutes as presented. 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.

Lyn Woolford, Police Chief gave a report to the Board. He updated the Board on the status of the new police vehicles and equipment. He showed the Board the new reflective decals for the cars and stated he wanted the patrol cars visible to the people we serve. He updated the Board on a search warrant they assisted the County on at 107 West Johnson. Chief Woolford gave an overview of the police reports, traffic tickets and criminal arrests for the month. Chief Woolford reported we have 24 hour coverage. Chief Woolford asked the Board consideration on issuing parking tickets without it going through the court services. He stated currently the parking tickets are ran through the court system with a fine of \$5.00 and court costs making it \$45.00. He stated we will need to revise our code and establish a fine schedule. Chief Woolford will work with Jeff Kays, City Prosecutor on this then bring it forward to the Board for consideration. Alderman Taggart suggested that the parking zones be marked more clearly. Chief Woolford presented some information on offsite data storage to the Board. Chief Woolford reported he had

a request on prohibiting large trucks on East Johnson. Chief Woolford stated they had a request for children at play signs on Mustang Drive.

Alderwoman Martin stated the shrubs at Main Street Bank have been trimmed and thanked Chief Woolford on getting this done.

Travis Davidson, Assistant Public Works Director gave his monthly report to the Board. He reported the wastewater permit comment period has closed. He reported this is a monitor only four year permit. He stated there are minor changes to sampling requirements. He updated the Board on street work on October 25th at the intersection of Ash Street and North Main. Mr. Davidson reported trouble with Caspian lift station. He reported we need to have extra motors for when we have trouble we can easily fix issues. He stated he is working on the cost estimate. The Board discussed the alarm system not working properly and looking at a better system. Mr. Davidson reported we are waiting on the County to let us know what direction they are wanting to go with Angel Lane repairs. Alderwoman Martin stated it was her understanding the County was waiting on us. She suggested we check on this project. Alderman Hills questioned the cost of a sewer camera. He stated he had some surplus items to sell that could be used towards this purchase. Alderman Taggart reported he has met with someone that works for the City of Columbia doing gps tracking for sewer lines. He stated this person has great knowledge of certain types of cameras, pro's and con's and could save us from making the wrong choice. Travis Davidson explained his need for the sewer camera. Alderman Taggart questioned if the new truck was in service yet. Travis Davidson reported it is at Knapheide getting a new bed on it and getting it equipped.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board. No one came forth.

Mayor Rhorer reported the next item on the agenda was the territorial agreement with Consolidated Public Water District. Mayor Rhorer reported he met with the County Water District and discussed this. There are six lots in Jewel Tea Subdivision that have requested water service that are in the city's area but we do not have water within one mile of this location. The County Water District has said they would trade us an area and they could service this area, but after review they did not find any area to do this. The Board discussed this at length.

Mayor Rhorer reported we need to reschedule a work session with Chad Sayre, Allstate Consultants on the proposed waste water treatment plant and traffic. Mayor Rhorer suggested Chad Sayre pick a day he is available and get back with us but he would like it after November 11, 2013.

Mayor Rhorer reported we need to schedule a work session with MML on an overview of the Sunshine Law. Mayor Rhorer suggested we schedule this around the other meetings. The Planning and Zoning Commission would be invited to attend this.

Mayor Rhorer stated we need to set a work session on the six month budget revision. He asked if November 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. would work with everyone's schedule. Alderwoman Martin stated she will not be able to attend that meeting. The Board discussed this and decided on October 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer reported the next item on the agenda was discussion of reinvestment of the \$65,000.00 certificate of deposit from sewer funds. Josh Hawkins, City Administrator asked that this decision be deferred until we can go through the six month budget review. It was discussed to check on the grace period.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported there is an impeachment hearing tentatively set for November 11, 2013.

City Administrator Report:

Josh Hawkins reported he has been working less than a week and he felt the City has a lot of potential. He updated the Board on a meeting he attended with Homeland Security.

City Attorney Report:

Andrew Bach stated they are excited to have Josh Hawkins on Board. He stated that the court hearing on October 21, 2013 will be handled by David Bandre and the Board does not have to attend this.

Board of Alderperson's Report:

Alderman Taggart asked what the hourly rate David Bandre is charging us for this process. Mayor Rhorer reported David Bandre has not gotten back with him yet.

Alderman Hills welcomed Mr. Hawkins to Ashland and stated he would be a big asset. He stated he had the Board confidence and welcomed him.

Alderman Thomas asked the status of the downtown business district project Charles Senzee was working on. Mayor Rhorer reported he would forward this to Mr. Hawkins to review so we can move forward on this.

Alderman Thomas made motion and seconded by Alderman Hills to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (3) personnel matters. Jodie Jackson, reporter from the Columbia Tribune called for point of order and asked if the closed session was to discuss Aldermen or other public officials or an employee. Mayor Rhorer reported it was for discussion of an employee. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

The City Clerk was not present at the closed session.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor

Mayor Rhorer reported we back in open session with reportable action of: changing the status of an employee from permanent part-time to full-time status.

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

Gene Rhorer, Mayor