

**PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING
109 E. BROADWAY
ASHLAND, MO. 65010
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING:

1. Chairman Batson called the meeting to order Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at 109 E. Broadway, Ashland, Missouri. Commissioners in attendance were Brad Williamson, Fred Klippel, Danny Clay, James Branson, Greg Batson and Jeffrey Sapp. Commissioners absent were Paul Beuselinck and Nikki Courtney.

Also present were Mayor Gene Rhorer, Acting City Administrator Lyn Woolford and Administrative Assistant Megan Young.

2. Chairman Batson called for a motion to approve the November 10, 2015 agenda. Commissioner Sapp made a motion to approve the November 10, 2015 agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Clay. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Chairman Batson made a motion to approve the previous minutes dated October 13, 2015. Motion was made by Commissioner Branson to approve the previous minutes dated October 13, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS: None.

5. OLD BUSINESS: Complete Streets Ordinance. Chairman Batson stated the Board of Aldermen want to know what the commission thinks about this policy. Commissioner Klippel said that as an ordinance the city would have a hard time enforcing it, and we would have to stay on top of it. It would be hard to force contractors to make better streets. It would raise the price of local homes. We need to maintain our own streets. Mayor Rhorer suggested Ashland adopt this as a policy that way it comes across better and the City Administrator has more leeway. We should take steps to encourage change and the community will accept this. Show the community the benefits of the policy. City Administrator Woolford said this policy would be beneficial towards the grants we are working on. Commissioner Sapp made a motion to move this forward as a Resolution to the Ashland Board of Aldermen. Seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION: None.

7. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Gene Rhorer reported the site plan for the Baptist Home complex should be completed soon. He has a meeting with them tomorrow, and will keep the Commissioners updated on the progress.

8. City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Lyn Woolford had nothing to report.

Guest Comments: Alderman Campbell spoke about the access from the north into town. Projects cause more influx into town. We need to consider ways to fix traffic congestion. Ashland needs to look at a transportation corridor down Martha Crump extending to an overpass at Minor Hill and Angel Lane. The Commissioners discussed this and agreed to add an Agenda item for the December 2015 meeting to discuss the Martha Crump extension to Minor Hill.

Commissioners' Report: Commissioner Sapp stated Alderman Campbell brought up good points, and it is easier to plan things out from the beginning. Commissioner Klippel agreed that we were needing proper infrastructure. We need to keep ourselves open. Commissioner Clay commented it would be nice to extend Henry Clay up to the new Baptist Home complex. Commissioner Williamson stated Ashland is close to the tipping point. A population of 5,000 will invite more businesses. Chairman Batson said there is no denying that at this point Ashland is a bedroom community, and an increase in commercial businesses would help balance that. Chairman Batson informed the commissioners about the annual City of Ashland Appreciation Party on December 17th, and the Texas Hold Em' Poker Tournament benefitting the Ashland City Parks on November 12th.

Chairman Batson called for a motion to adjourn, November 10, 2015, Planning and Zoning Meeting. Commissioner Sapp made a motion to adjourn, November 10, 2015, Planning and Zoning Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klippel. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Megan Young