

NOVEMBER 01, 2022
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Slinker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 01, 2022 at 101 West Broadway.

Mayor Slinker led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Slinker called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-here, Bryan Bradford-here
Ward Two: Melissa Old-here, Stephanie Bell-absent
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, David Wilson -here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Kyle Michel, City Administrator, Gabe Edwards, Police Chief, Todd Smith, City Attorney and James Creel, Public Works Director.

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the October 18, 2022 meeting for consideration. Alderman Bradford made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented the agenda for approval or adjustment. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker reported under scheduled appearances is Terri Russell to discuss traffic concerns on Allegiance and Liberty Lane intersection. Terri Russell introduced herself and stated she lives at 4980 Democracy Drive. She reported she moved here a year ago August. She stated the intersection at Liberty Lane and Allegiance is dangerous and they would like to see a three-way stop along with a stop a head sign at the base of the hill to the west. She stated they would also like to see the speed increased to 35 mph. from the city limits eastbound to Henry Clay and westbound from Henry Clay Blvd to the City limits. She informed the Board a car and motorcycle wreck occurred at that intersection along with many near misses. She presented the Board with signatures of the residents that were in agreement with this request. The Board discussed they would have to conduct a traffic study of the area and have traffic engineer review the data and present their findings to the Board. James Creel, Public Works Director reported when Liberty Landing North phase across from Allegiance is built they had plans of making this a four way stop with pedestrian crosswalk. He stated they planned to extend the school zone as well. The Board discussed reducing the speed to 35 miles per hour. Gabe Edwards, Police Chief reported they have started the traffic study in this area, which should be completed by Thanksgiving. He stated the model traffic manual dedicates where signs could be placed and you cannot use stop signs as a traffic-calming device without the supported data justifying it.

Mayor Slinker presented Ordinance No. 1417, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Missouri amending the Ward Boundaries of the City of Ashland, Mo. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Kyle Michel, City Administrator, informed the Board the report is the same as last meeting and is in the packet with no changes. He stated this is the second reading and if it should pass, we will notify the county and start the process to get the changes made. Mayor Slinker called for comments from the public. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for the motion. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Ordinance No. 1417, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Missouri amending the Ward Boundaries of the City of Ashland, Mo. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker reported the next item on the agenda is discussion and possible action on April 2023 Ballot Measures. He called for a staff report. Kyle Michel, City Administrator stated earlier this year the Board discussed if a when a Use Tax ballot measure should be brought again before the voters consideration. He informed them if they wish to pursue this for the April 2023 Election we would need to take action in November. He stated we have been discussing impact fees as well as general sales tax up to 1 cent on the ballot for consideration. He asked the Board for directions on what they want us working on. Kyle Michel gave an overview of the use tax and estimated revenue of \$30,000.00 as well as quarter cent sales tax approximately \$100,000.00 The Board discussed this at great length and the consensus was to not place a ballot measure on the April 2023 ballot.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Slinker stated the Halloween event at the Optimist had a great turn out as well the event in his neighborhood. He updated the Board on the ABC meeting this morning and the flag program where they are going to sale SoBoCo flags for businesses to fly during game days. He reported the Thanksgiving Day donation lunch would be at the Optimist building with proceeds going to the Veterans Welcome Home.

City Administrator Report:

Kyle Michel reported a couple of events scheduled for the YMCA 12th of November at 9:00 am for community clean up and the park and recreation board having one on the 5th of November at 8 a.m. at the park.

City Attorney's Report:

Todd Smith, City Attorney, reminded the Board of candidate filing beginning on December 6 and closing on the 27th of December for the April 2023 election.

Police Chief Monthly Report:

Chief Edwards stated he is lighter one employee. He stated with the Board discussing taxes and impact fees he wanted them to be aware they need more Police personnel and equipment needs as well. He stated tonight the Sheriff's Department had to respond to a physical attack at the park due to the on duty officer having to take someone to jail. He stated we are our own entity and should be taken care of ourselves. He stated the other police departments are busy and have a staffing shortage as well. He stated this is food for thought as we move forward.

Board of Alderperson's Reports:

Alderman Bradford explained some instances where he called the non-emergency and the emergency numbers and was placed on hold. Alderman Wilson stated unfortunately that is where we are now with the staffing shortages.

Alderwoman Old reported the County Clerk will be holding an early absentee voting at the Southern Boone Library on Saturday from 10-3 and asked that we promote this on Facebook.

Mayor Slinker called for comments from the public, Aldermen and staff.

Mayor Slinker called for a vote to move to closed session at 7:52 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (1) confidential or privileged communications between the public government body and its attorney. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (1) confidential or privileged communications between the public government body and its attorney. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker called the open session to order at 8:18 p.m. and reported we are in open session with no action or reports resulting from closed session.

Mayor Slinker called for the vote to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor