

NOVEMBER 07, 2023  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Slinker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 07, 2023 at 101 West Broadway.

Mayor Slinker led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Slinker called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-present, Loren Plank-present

Ward Two: Melissa Old-present, Stephanie Bell-absent

Ward Three: Rick Lewis-present, David Wilson-present

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Kyle Michel, City Administrator, Todd Smith, City Attorney and Scott Young, Interim Police Chief .

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting for consideration. Alderman Wilson made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Slinker reminded everyone a written request must be made the Wednesday prior to the meeting with the City Clerk to appear before the board.

Mayor Slinker presented Council Bill No. 2023-036, an ordinance calling a bond election in the City of Ashland, Missouri. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Kyle Michel, City Administrator reported as we discussed at the workshop we agreed to place a bond question for \$40 million in combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds on the ballot. He stated he provided an attachment listing the improvements identified for the next 10 to 20 years' worth of projects. He stated phase one would be improvements to the existing treatment facility to increase capacity from .6 to 1.6 m.g.d. He stated the city currently averages 600,000 plus/or minus per day which is the design capacity of the existing treatment facility. He stated some flow is erroneous stemming from inflow and infiltration by storm water into the wastewater conveyance and treatment systems. He stated the components could potentially be split into three different projects. The first project includes a 1 m.g.d. aero-mod basin and required controls improvements and required to continue allowing construction to occur in Ashland. He stated Bartlett and West conducted a facility plan with a cost estimate of improvements. Kyle Michel stated the bond issue election would be in February. Kyle Michel discussed state revolving fund financing would enable the city to finance projects at less than 2 percent interest compared to market rates of 5 to 8 percent. He stated without voter approved financing, the City would leverage lease purchase financing and the costs would increase by 30 to 50 percent due to higher interest rates. He stated the city would issue the first bonds within one or two years of the bond election. He stated the second reading would be at the next Board meeting then we would get workshops scheduled. Todd Smith, City Attorney stated it is important to have outreach and get the information to the voters. Alderwoman Old asked if we decided not to put in the ballot what would happen. Kyle Michel stated the wastewater treatment plant is approaching capacity and we will have to do improvements as required by the Department of Natural Resources to avoid being in violation. Todd Smith, City Attorney informed the Board that we need to educate the voters but not advocate. Kyle Michel stated we would have two or three open houses prior to the election on February 06, 2023. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Plank made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve Council

Bill No. 2023-036, an ordinance calling a bond election in the City of Ashland, Missouri. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order #3 with M & M Landscaping and Construction, LLC for the South Main Waterline and Resurfacing Project. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Stephen Lin, Allstate Consultants gave a project update and explained the change order. He informed the Board the contractor has completed all construction. He stated the change order is for final quantity adjustments for the water and street construction items for project completion. The net change is a deduct amount of \$17,562.00 and the final cost will be \$755,791.70. He stated the punch list was wrapped up today. He stated the contractor has one final pay request and has asked for a reduction and retaining be dropped to 0 percent. He stated on the next pay request they will ask us to release the retainage and pay out for the project. Mayor Slinker called for questions from the Board. Alderwoman Old asked if the stripping was included in this project or a separate item. Stephen Lin stated the City was to handle this but he understands there has been some difficulty finding someone to do the work. Kyle Michel stated they have been bouncing around to find someone to stripe the streets but it might be next spring. Mayor Slinker stated the roadway came out nice. Stephen Lin stated this has a one-year warranty. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order #3 with M & M Landscaping and Construction, LLC for the South Main Waterline and Resurfacing Project. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

#### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Slinker reported there were over 400 kids at the Halloween event at the Optimist Club. He informed everyone the Christmas parade is December 1. Mayor Slinker questioned the status of the flagpole at City Hall. Kyle Michel stated they are working on this. Mayor Slinker questioned if the benches were in the public right of way. Kyle Michel reported they are tracking on that.

#### City Administrators Report:

Kyle Michel updated the Board on upcoming meetings. He stated the Treasurer reported the streets and police sales tax has generated roughly just under \$11,000.00 for October. He stated this is currently set up on a 50-50 split between streets and police department. He discussed sending out a request for proposals for the lead service lines we received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources on. He stated this would need to be ran for thirty days. He stated it has to be completed by next October. He informed the Board of the holiday luncheon with the staff and boards/commissions on December 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. He informed the Board they are reviewing the sewer connection waivers with Hummingbird Properties and the Baptist Home. He stated the main issues are tracking what waivers have been used. He stated we need to schedule workshops for the land use development code revisions and the wastewater treatment improvements. He stated the agenda's look to be light in December and January so we could possibly do these prior to the Board meetings.

#### City Attorney's report:

Todd Smith stated that Nathan Nickolaus and he would be moving to their new offices on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month.

#### Interim Police Chief's Monthly report:

Scott Young stated the monthly activity report was in front of them at the table. He stated we have increased staffing now to have patrol coverage from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. He stated in December we would have one more out of field training to allow one additional officer. He stated they are working on reviewing applications.

Board of Aldermen report:

Alderman Plank reminded everyone of the Ashland Betterment Coalition Santa and Reindeer event on December 8, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at “Any Event.”

Mayor Slinker called for comments by the public, Aldermen or staff.

Kyle Michel, City Administrator stated there were no updates so no closed session would be needed unless the Board had questions. The Board stated they did not have any questions at this time.

Mayor Slinker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent, Alderman Volkart-aye. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor