

NOVEMBER 21, 2023
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Slinker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 21, 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-present

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

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Kyle Michel, City Administrator, Nathan Nickolaus, City Attorney, James Creel, Public Works Director, Shelley Martin, Treasurer and Scott Young, Interim Police Chief .

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the November 07, 2023 meeting for consideration. Alderman Wilson made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderwoman Bell seconded the motion. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Slinker reported under appearances is John Martin, District 44 State Representative Candidate. John Martin introduced himself to the Board and gave his background, priorities and involvement in the community.

Mayor Slinker presented Ordinance No. 1459, an ordinance calling a bond election in the City of Ashland, Missouri. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Kyle Michel, City Administrator stated this is the second reading and no changes to the staff report. He stated we are looking at a 40 million dollar bond issue on the February 6 ballot for the purpose of funding waste water treatment. He stated we would have a meeting on December 5 at 6:00 p.m. with the engineer to go over the steps. Alderwoman Bell stated this requires a simple majority vote and she felt that February ballot was the right time. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve Ordinance No. 1459, an ordinance calling a bond election in the City of Ashland, Missouri. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank- aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell aye, Alderman Wilson- aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution authorizing the appropriation of funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year 2024 budget. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Shelley Martin, Treasurer informed the Board the 6-month financial statement has been completed; and we are now entering into the second half of our fiscal year. The amendments reflect keeping the budget current with anticipated revenues and expense for the remaining of the fiscal year. Most notably is the decrease in revenue from the County of Boone in regards to road replacement tax. We have seen this revenue source increase yearly until this year. The amount received was less than fiscal year 23 and much less than anticipated in 2024. She gave an overview of the minor adjustments in revenue and expenses in general administration, court fund, streets and water and sewer. She recommended to pass the resolution. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Bell to approve the resolution authorizing the appropriation of funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year 2024 budget. Mayor Slinker called for the

vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution authorizing change order #2 to M and M Landscaping and Construction, LLC for the Perry Avenue Extension Project. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. James Creel presented Change Order Number 2 allowing the dowels and baskets to be modified. He stated the change order is for an underrun/deduct of \$4,711.50 with a savings for MoDot and the City of Ashland a total of \$2,355.75 each. He stated the contractor for the project had requested that the dowel rods and baskets specified in the project plans be changed from 1.25" to 0.75 diameter. The reason for this change is the 1.25" diameter dowels and baskets are larger than what is commonly needed for an 8-inch road deck. He stated the contractor expressed concerns that this may lead to premature surface spalling, as the steel materials would be closer to the surface than they need to be. MoDot official and Great Rivers Engineering staff have no objection to this change order. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderwoman Bell made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the resolution authorizing change order #2 to M and M Landscaping and Construction, LLC for the Perry Avenue Extension Project. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Slinker gave an update of upcoming luncheons and meetings; Chamber on the 29th, Boone County on the 30th at Hallsville and December 1 the Christmas parade. He reported that Ms. Brenda from the old Skyline Café is having a Thanksgiving Dinner for donation only to go towards Welcome Home in Columbia. Mayor Slinker questioned if Salter Lawn Care had any means of disposal of leafs other than bagging them up? Kyle Michel stated not that he is aware of but would check on this.

City Administrators Report:

Kyle Michel reported the MML Legislative Conference is scheduled for February 24. He informed the board the newly elected officials conference is June 6th and 7th and the MML Annual conference is September 15 thru the 18th in Branson.

City Attorney's report:

Nathan Nickolaus stated he had no report.

Public Works Director Monthly report:

James Creel reported the Perry Avenue concrete pour for curb was completed this morning. He stated the contractor goal is to have the concrete road deck poured at the end of next week. He stated the South Main Street project is completed. He stated the design work for Angel Lane culvert has been completed and they are waiting on bid documents. He stated they are working on the TAP grant preliminary designs. James informed the Board he is working with the park board to determine what improvements to complete from the Master Plan. Mayor Slinker questioned the status of the striping on South Main Street. He stated they have not had any luck on finding anyone for this.

Alderwoman Bell questioned the rumblings she has heard about water pressure issues in downtown. Kyle Michel stated that himself, Mayor Slinker, Alderman Lewis and Curtis Bennett has checked on these issues and they were found to be plumbing issues in the buildings.

Board of Aldermen report:

Alderwoman Bell stated she understands there is confusion and frustration on how the Board of Aldermen meetings work. She stated if someone has issues or complaints they should reach out to the Board members. She stated their e-mails and phone numbers are on the website.

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

Mayor Slinker called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo. Chapter 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees (1) legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorney. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis at 7:21 p.m. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker called the meeting back to order at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Slinker reported there would be a Public Hearing on December 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. for the termination of Gabe Edwards.

Mayor Slinker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor