

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2020
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 01, 2020 via zoom.

Mayor Sullivan called for a moment of silence in remembrance for William “Dale” Helms. He stated he served as Alderman from 1990 to 1997 and Mayor from 1998 to 2000. He stated his thoughts and prayers go out the Helms family.

Mayor Sullivan gave the invocation.

Mayor Sullivan led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Sullivan called the roll:

Ward One: Leslie Martin-here, Bryan Bradford-here
Ward Two: Melissa Old-here, Stephanie Bell-here
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Jeff Sapp-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Gabe Edwards, Police Chief, Jeff Kays, City Attorney, Dan Vandevoorde, Building Inspector, Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator and Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator.

Mayor Sullivan presented the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Board meeting and special meeting on November 21, 2020 for consideration. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan reported he would like to remove Council Bill No. 2020-045 from the agenda. Mayor Sullivan called for further adjustments to the agenda. Being none, he called for the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Bell to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan stated there was no scheduled comments.

Mayor Sullivan presented Ordinance No. 1324, an ordinance to amend Chapter 20 of the Code of the City of Ashland; Section 20.115; Use of coasters, roller skates, and similar devices restricted. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up Ordinance No. 1324, an ordinance to amend Chapter 20 of the Code of the City of Ashland; Section 20.115; Use of coasters, roller skates, and similar devices restricted. Mayor Sullivan called for staff comments. Tony St Romaine, City Administrator stated this is the second reading and this is restricting the use of skate boards, motorized scooters, etc. on the sidewalk on Broadway between the Post office and Blue Rooster Restaurant. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for comments or questions from the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Bradford questioned why all this verbiage is needed since the sign states what is prohibited. Tony St. Romaine stated there are new devices such as hover boards, Segway’s, motorized scooters, etc. that are also a safety issue with the doors opening up onto Broadway. Mayor Sullivan stated this is also spelled out for more clarity for enforcement purposes. Mayor Sullivan stated he is working with the park board on the possibility of an official skateboard park. He stated this is not negativity against skateboards it is to protect the downtown area. Alderman Sapp asked for input from Chief Edwards. Chief Edwards reported he did some background research on the signs and the code no longer existed. He stated he took an existing ordinance and included the new language. The Board discussed this at length. Mayor

Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sapp-nay, Alderman Bradford-nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented a resolution approving the project for the Baptist Home to be financed by the Industrial Development Authority of Boone County, Missouri. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Bell to take up the resolution approving the project for the Baptist Home to be finance by the Industrial Development Authority of Boone County. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine reported the Baptist Home has two representatives in attendance, Ron Mackey of the Baptist Home and Jason Terry of Gilmore and Bell. He reported this resolution is required since this development is within the city limits of Ashland it requires the approval from the Board of Aldermen. He stated there is no liability to City. He stated this allows the Baptist Home to move onto the second phase of their development. Ron Mackey gave an update on the proposed project of office and reception area, chapel, 20 bed assisted living, 30 bed intermediate care, 10 skilled nursing and service area, dietary, laundry and maintenance services. Mayor Sullivan asked if the Board had any questions. Alderman Lewis questioned the rough time frame for this project. Ron Mackey stated possibly beginning construction as early as March or April of 21 but realistically mid-summer. He stated it is a 48 thousand sq. foot building and would take 9 to 10 months to construct. Jason Terry of Gilmore and Bell stated there is no liability to the City this is just a legislative action that is required. Mayor Sullivan comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan reported the next item on the agenda is an appeal re: Denial of sign permit request for MFA Breaktime. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to consider the approval of variance for the sign permit for MFA Oil/Breaktime. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the staff. Tony St Romaine, City Administrator stated a sign permit application for MFA Breaktime for their new location was submitted. He stated the original request was for 85-foot sign. He stated John revised the sign application to 60 foot. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported he denied the application due to the sign regulations only allowing for 45 foot height. John from Breaktime stated the lot sets down lower than the overpass making the sign hard to see from the highway. The proposed sign was presented with places for four other businesses to lease from them. The Board discussed the sign regulations and this variance at length. Tony St. Romaine stated that each parcel would be able to have their own sign. .Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan stated as mentioned in the work session as we have more commercial development no doubt we are going to face these types of issues. He stated we would have to review them case by case. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sullivan welcomed LeLande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator. He thanked Alderman Sapp for his assistance for electrical work for the Christmas tree that the City placed at River Region Credit Union. He stated in the future he is working on placing that tree in the round a bout. He stated this year the official Christmas tree would be at the Masonic Lodge instead of the park. He thanked the City employees for donating time and providing for employees going through a difficult time. He stated going forward there would be other plans to help. Mayor Sullivan updated the Board on the Christmas parade and the long drawn out procedure to get the approval from the Boone County Health Department. He informed the Board lineup would be at 6:00 p.m. and the parade will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night on Henry Clay Blvd. to East Liberty Lane. The parade will sit still and the people will drive by it. He stated the Christmas Tree lighting will be done virtually.

City Administrator's Report:

Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated we have submitted the paperwork to the title company for the purchase of the property on Main Street and Broadway contingent on being able to obtain USDA financing and will work on the final design of the remodel. He stated Jon Sanders, Treasurer is working on the loan process with the USDA. He stated the item we tabled on the code changes was due basically to administrative issues and requires 90 day notice to the public prior to adoption. He stated that January 1 Boone County Resource Management will not be issuing our building permits and doing inspections. He stated he felt we would provide better service and we will be able to recoup our costs. He gave an update on the Downtown Beautification, Missouri Main Street community kick off meeting being in January or February depending on ability to hold public meetings in person. He stated if not we would conduct them via zoom. He stated the Optimist Pool applied for the CARES Act funding thought Boone County, Mo for their loss of revenue. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator gave an update on Ranken project.

Mayor Sullivan stated the plan for the parade was submitted on November 20, 2020 to the Boone County Health Department. He stated they have been working with them on getting a plan approved. He stated the initial plan was denied. He stated they have been working hard on getting this approved and this did not just happen this morning. Mayor Sullivan stated members of the Park Board are frustrated. He stated the county recommended the reverse parade as an option to the traditional parade. He stated we have to follow the guidelines and the alternate plan that was approved this morning. He asked that we support each other and follow the rules.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays stated he has been the City Prosecutor for 7.5 years now. He informed them the judge in Boone County for Ashland is Judge Shaw. He stated he is prosecutor for traffic tickets such as speed, stop signs, and first time dui. He stated citations for shoplifting, assault, DWI's are filed as a state charges. He gave an overview of the tickets issued since June. He stated with the new Police Chief there is increased enforcement on Highway 63 and many excessive speed tickets. He gave an update on the littering tickets that was issued for illegal dumping at the recycling center. Alderman Sapp thanked him for his report and the hard work of the Police Department with increased patrol and keeping our community safe.

Gabe Edwards, Police Chief monthly report.

Chief Edwards stated he was out of town and could not send the calls for service, traffic stop and citation data report for this month. He updated the Board on the 2014 Dodge Charger that just had the new engine installed is back in the shop after one week with serious sounding internal engine noise. He stated it would have to have the engine replaced again. He informed them he is currently working with a trade deal with Kiesler Supply the contacted state Glock Law Enforcement supplier to transition the duty pistols to 9 mm from .40 caliber. Chief Edwards gave an overview of the personnel training and one person that is in the background phase of the hiring process. He gave an update on a product called Wonderlic which is a standardized pre-employment testing used to evaluate cognitive ability, personality, and motivation. He stated he is currently getting pricing on this. He reported George Roberson has submitted a draft power point presentation for potential recruiting purposes. He stated it includes information about the APD, the City used to highlight our city and the department to presentative applicants at training academies and job fairs. He stated he is proud of him for the progress he has made. He reported they have been working on the update on the policy and procedure manual. Chief Edwards stated he is investigating alternate continued education providers for the department's required online training. One is PoliceOne Academy. He stated their current vendor does not offer a very wide range of topics. He stated the cost is comparable to what they are currently paying. The Board asked various questions on the wonderlic standardized pre-employment testing.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Martin stated she has one question about the lighting around the recycling lot. Mayor Sullivan reported they have applied for a grant through Mid-Mo. Solid Waste Management for lighting at the recycling lot. Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator reported it was successful through the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District and has moved to Department of Natural Resources for consideration.

Mayor Sullivan called for additional comments by the public or staff comments.

Mayor Sullivan called for public comments.

Mayor Sullivan called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (2) leasing, purchase or sale of real estate. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to go into closed session as stated. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Old-aye, Alderman Bell-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan stated we are in open session with no reportable action taken.

Mayor Sullivan called for adjournment.

Alderman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Richard Sullivan, Mayor