

DECEMBER 05, 2023  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Slinker called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on December 05, 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, and Scott Young, Interim Police Chief.

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting for consideration. Alderman Wilson made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderwoman Old 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 Alderwoman Bell to approve the agenda. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker reported under appearances is Premier Development to present a proposed development plan. Kyle Michel stated he has sent out to the Board the preliminary Ashland Commons Project, Development incentive for this project to the Board. He stated they would present the initial concept to the Board and get Board feedback on this. He stated they would need bond counsel to work on this project if the Board is in support of this. He stated this property is off Liberty Lane. Drew Reeves introduced himself, Jordon Lewis and Christine Colbert of the Premier Development team. He gave an overview of the development of 26 acres just south of the YMCA and the proposed development is slated as a mixed use of residential and commercial. He informed the Board they are a private group with a ½ dozen-team members and are a property management group. He presented the proposed concept of development to the Board. He informed the Board the traffic study is in progress at this time and estimated to be completed within the end of the year. The Board asked various questions, of residential rental prices, if they were holding the property or selling them and if they had similar developments in the central Missouri area. Kyle Michel stated the development process has not been through the Planning and Zoning Commission. He stated the development incentives would require other public hearings that would occur over the next couple of months. He stated they are looking at establishing a C.I.D. with an additional 1 percent sales tax and Chapter 100 benefits, abatement of 50 percent of the property tax for 25 years. The Board discussed this proposed project. Kyle Michel stated we would need to establish Chapter 100 policy.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution approving an agreement with the Ashland Optimist Club; Re: Pool Agreement. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Kyle Michel, City Administrator stated they have been working on this the last couple of months as the current contract ends in December. He stated there are slight changes made to this agreement. Specifically to require that an operating report be presented to the Board in October of each year. The reason for this change is that October is when staff begins to work on the following fiscal year budget. By reviewing the operations and meeting with Optimist Club in October, staff will be positioned to ensure any budget considerations are accounted for annually during the actual budget planning process. He stated in review of this agreement the Optimist Club found that the current \$6,000.00 annual commitment split between operational costs and capital costs was sufficient and

appreciated. He stated this is a three-year contract. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderwoman Bell questioned if the Optimist Club reviews the operations. She stated this is a huge benefit to the community. She questioned the daily fees and yearly memberships. She stated she has observed them being overstaffed at some points. She questioned if they had a business plan. The Board discussed this and felt these issues could be discussed with the Optimist Club. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to approve an agreement with the Ashland Optimist Club; re: Pool Agreement. 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 stated he had someone question him about the Angel Lane project. Kyle Michel reported this went out for bid today. Mayor Slinker stated he had a resident reach out to him regarding the back wall removal of the old Skyline Café and the safety of this. Kyle Michel reported the Building Inspector reached out to the property owner to fence this off. Mayor Slinker questioned the status of the flagpole. Kyle Michel stated they are trying to figure out the lighting on it and it would be towards the end of the budget cycle.

#### City Administrators Report:

Kyle Michel stated he had no report.

#### City Attorney's report:

Todd Smith stated his report would be in the closed session.

#### Interim Police Chief Monthly report:

Scott Young gave an overview of his staffing. He stated the self-initiated traffic stops have doubled since last month due to more personnel; He stated they have two positions still open. He stated the Christmas parade went well. He stated he has met with In Any Event reference the reindeer/Christmas event Friday night. Mayor Slinker questioned if you had to use turn signals in the round-a-bouts. He stated to his knowledge there has not been any tickets written for this reason. Todd Smith stated the Missouri model traffic code is not clear on this and is still a debatable subject.

Alderman Plank stated the Reindeer event Friday is asking people to park at the primary and elementary school and then bus in to help elevate the traffic issues. Scott Young stated they have gotten approval from the school and several businesses to allow for parking. He stated the mobile traffic alert sign would be used.

#### Board of Aldermen report:

Alderman Lewis reported the Dorise, Stephanie, Melissa and Darla attended the Boone County Government annual banquet in Hallsville Thursday night. He stated it was a good meal and catered by the Hallsville FFA BBQ team.

Alderwoman Bell updated the community on the Columbia Airport has bid out restaurant/advanced vending and should be up and running in six to nine months.

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

Dave Raithel stated he is running for 44<sup>th</sup> Missouri House District. He gave a brief bio, why he is running for office and his beliefs.

Sam Turner stated he is running for the Southern Boone Commissioner. He gave a brief bio, why he is running for office and his beliefs.

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 Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson at 8:00 p.m. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker called the meeting back to order at 8:34 p.m.

Mayor Slinker called for the roll call vote to go back into open session. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Todd Smith, City Attorney called the cancellation of the termination hearing on Thursday. Alderwoman Bell made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to cancel the termination hearing on Thursday. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-nay, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-nay, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor