

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

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

Mayor Slinker led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Slinker called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-here, Vacant Position
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, James Creel, Public Works Director, and Gabe Edwards, Police Chief.

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the January 17, 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 approval or adjustment. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker reminded everyone a written request must be made to the City Clerk the Wednesday prior to the meeting date to be placed under public comment.

Mayor Slinker presented Council Bill No. 2023-004, an ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a right of use permit agreement with Boone County, Missouri on behalf of its Office of Emergency Management. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. James Creel, Public Works Director, reported this item is regarding an outside warning siren that will be located on city right of way by the Cartwright Properties, northeast of the lift station. He stated the reason for this location is for the future outdoor events and increased population. James Creel introduced Chris Kelly with the Boone County Office of Emergency Management. He stated they identify suitable locations and placement of warning sirens. He stated they do a site assessment for siren placement. He stated they then contact the municipality in hopes of the use of right of way. He stated the Potterfield lift station was cleared of underground utilities and seemed a suitable location. He stated their policy is to mail letters to property owners within 200 feet of the parcel of land and give them two weeks to respond and request a hearing. He informed the Board that no constitutes requested a public hearing. He stated the next step is come before the political body. He stated the reason that location was looked at is due to the fact Amazon workers working outside and with the amphitheater and outdoors recreational events in the area. He explained when the warning siren would be tested on a monthly routine basis and at times directed by emergency management during a weather event. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Council Bill No. 2023-004, an ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a right of use permit agreement with Boone County, Missouri on behalf of its Office of Emergency Management. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented Ordinance No. 1426, an ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a right of use permit agreement with Boone County, Missouri on behalf of its Office of Emergency Management. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Ordinance No. 1426, an ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a right of use permit agreement with Boone County, Missouri on behalf of its Office of Emergency Management. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Program for Industrial Site Development Grant. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Kyle Michel, City Administrator, informed the Board this is authority to apply for a Department of Economic Industrial Site Development Grant for the expansion of the wastewater treatment facility. He stated this grant application would focus on the capacity needs of the Cartwright Industrial Park. He stated letters of support would be coming from the YMCA, Southern Boone Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, Southern Boone School District and Boone County. He stated that Boone County Commission will formally be taking applications for A.R.P.A grant funds. He stated we would also apply for funding under this for the expansion of wastewater facility. He stated we are trying to procure this funding for large commercial use to attract businesses to Ashland. Mayor Slinker called for questions. Alderwoman Old asked if this was a cost share. Kyle Michel stated it was a 80/20. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Program for Industrial Site Development Grant. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Slinker stated he attended the Ashland Betterment Coalition meeting Monday night and they wanted to see if they could piggyback off our e-mail software. Kyle Michel, City Administrator stated we do not have that kind of system. He stated they also wished to be placed under community organizations on our website like the Southern Boone Chamber. Kyle Michel stated we could add them to our website and he would reach out to Izzy Smith.

Mayor Slinker informed the Board that Bryan Bradford stepped down as Ward One Alderman.

City Administrator Report:

Kyle Michel discussed the Ashland Better Coalition and the funding we budgeted for them. He stated they now have bank account and 501C status. He stated they would do a presentation to the Board and request the Board to release the funds. He stated this needs to be done before the fiscal year ends. He stated they are working with Missouri Main Street on a 5-year plan. He stated their goal is secure grant funding and use the City allocated funds as a match. He stated he would reach out to Izzy Smith and they should attend the first meeting in March.

Kyle Michel asked the Board if they would like to do a workshop or see what proposals staff comes up with on the recycling. He stated we could look at adding more containers and the cost curbside recycling or spending down the fund balance in the trash fund balances to offset the recycling cost for residents.

Alderwoman Old stated the intent of the Board was the allotted money was for partial salary of hiring someone. Kyle Michel stated they want to secure a grant for funding of an employee. Alderman Lewis stated we should see how that was worded and see if there needs to be additional action to release those funds.

City Attorney's Report:

Todd Smith, City Attorney reported they have hired an additional lawyer to the firm. He discussed a proposed medical marijuana ordinance and how excessive the Board wanted our code to be. He stated he would have a middle of the road ordinance for consideration at the next meeting, which is twelve pages long. The Board discussed this.

Police Chief's Monthly report:

Chief Edwards stated a lot of what he wants to talk about is informing the community of the tax issue on the ballot in April. He discussed the recruiting efforts, candidates dropping out due to being offer a job with higher pay, and another because another local department because they were willing to sponsor him through the basic police academy which is something they cannot currently do. They discussed sponsoring someone through an academy and contract that they would stay for 2 or 3 years after they obtain training. Todd Smith stated they have wrote several contracts for this and are very familiar with it. He discussed the older vehicles are having mechanical issues. He informed the Board the patrol rifles were ordered and are being built. He stated for the first time since he has been Chief every full time officer has the same uniform.

Alderman Lewis questioned how the citation's for the littering was going. Chief Edwards stated the signage was improved and the educational campaign has been implemented and citizens still littered the lot. Alderman Lewis stated it would not take much to get the word out.

Board of Alderperson's Reports:

Alderman Lewis stated since we are working on the budget he strongly felt we should include at least one position for training for recruitment would be helpful.

Alderman Volkart discussed curbside recycling and the storage of the additional container for recycling. Kyle Michel stated the recycling container is half the size as the trash can. He asked what other options there was. Kyle Michel stated more bins at the recycling center or curbside recycling is the only two options for recycling. The recycling issues were discussed at length.

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

Mayor Slinker called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (13) individually identifiable personal records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for reemployment at 7:45 p.m. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (13) individually identifiable personal records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for reemployment. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker reported we are in open session and reported the following action taken/if any.

Mayor Slinker reported from closed session that City Administrator Kyle Michel would be retained for another year.

Mayor Slinker called for the vote to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor