

MARCH 05, 2024
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Slinker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 5, 2024 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 at roll call
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-present, David Wilson-present

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

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the February 20, 2024 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 Plank to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented Jeffrey Owens to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Kyle Michel gave an overview of the applicant and recommended Board approval. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to appoint Jeffrey Owens to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. 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 stated just as a reminder written request must be received by the City Clerk by Wednesday prior to the meeting date.

Mayor Slinker presented Ordinance No. 1460, an ordinance approving Middle Creek Subdivision Plat 1. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Kyle Michel, City Administrator requested this to be tabled due to the fact they just received the bond paperwork this afternoon and it has not been reviewed. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to table Ordinance No. 1460, an ordinance tabling Middle Creek Subdivision Plat 1 contingent upon the bond be posted for the required infrastructure improvements until March 19, 2024. 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 Slinker presented Resolution 2024-9, a resolution accepting a corporate security bond from Corey Myers for Middle Creek Plat 1, tabled from 2-20-24. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report Kyle Michel stated same report as last item. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to table Resolution 2024-9, a resolution accepting a corporate security bond from Corey Myers for Middle Creek Plat 1 until March 19, 2024. 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.

Alderwoman Bell present at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Slinker presented Resolution 2024-13, a resolution accepting the bid for trimming services from Scott Wetmore. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. James Creel, Public Works Director, reported the bid out the FY25 Mowing and Trimming Services and received two bids. He stated Scott Wetmore for a monthly total of \$3,020.00 and Gilmore Lawn & Land \$3,998.06. He stated this bid was set up with a renewal option, which will allow for an additional two years of service prior to requiring to bid. Based on the use of the various properties to be mowed, this expense will be the responsibility of multiple departments. He reported the references was checked. He stated that previously Gilmore Lawn and Land did the mowing. He recommended to accept the bid from Scott Wetmore. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments. Alderman Volkart questioned the bonding due to this not being under a company name. James Creel, stated they have the bid bond and Mr. Wetmore would getting the required bonding and insurance information to us. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderman Plank to approve Resolution 2024-013, resolution accepting the bid for trimming services from Scott Wetmore. 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 Resolution 2024-14, a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of Ashland, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract documents with Christensen Construction for the FY25 Mill & Overlay Resurfacing Project. Mayor Slinker called for a staff report. James Creel, Public Works Director, resolution for consideration to award the bid for the FY25 Mill and Overlay Resurfacing Project. He stated they recently held a competitive bid process for proposal to complete a milling and overlay project on several streets. He reported the Christensen Construction was the low bidder for base bid and all of the alternates. He stated MoSeal, LLC had discrepancies in the quantities. He stated he recommends Christensen's Construction with all alternates for a total of \$223,887.50. He stated they have \$225,000.00 in the budget. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments. Mayor Slinker questioned when this work would be done. James Creel, reported they would be transiting into repair and maintenance to get these roads ready for Mill and Overlay. The plan is to have these done in July or August. Alderman Lewis questioned if Christensen Construction was the contactor last year. James Creel, reported they did not bid on it last year. He stated Capital Paving did the work last year. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve Resolution 2024-14, a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of Ashland, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract documents with Christensen Construction for the FY25 Mill & Overlay Resurfacing 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 Slinker presented Resolution 2024-15, a resolution declaring results of the Bond Election held in the City of Ashland, Missouri on February 6, 2024. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Darla Sapp, City Clerk stated this is results of the bond election. Kyle Michel, City Administrator reported this is certification of the bond election and results were: Yes: 117, No: 138. He stated the measure failed. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to approve Resolution 2024-15, a resolution declaring results of the Bond Election held in the City of Ashland, Missouri on February 6, 2024. 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 Resolution 2024-16, a resolution authorizing the Waste Water Treatment Facility lift station pumps replacement. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. James Creel, Public Works Director, stated at the last meeting the Board approved the purchase of new casings/volutes for the 2 facility lift station pumps at the WWTF. It has been discovered that the wear rings were also broke, but were not

included with the new casings/volutes. He stated to replace these, it will cost an additional \$3,350.00, on top of the \$12,796.00 that was authorized previously (\$16,146.00 total cost). The quote to replace the pumps at a cost of \$8,474.00 each (\$16,948.00 total). It is the recommendation of APW staff to purchase the entire pump assemblies rather than rebuild them. This will cost an additional \$810.00, but the new pumps will include a five year warranty. This will also allow us to retain the internal components of the existing pumps; should one need repaired in the future. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments. Alderman Volkart asked if the other was already ordered. James Creel stated they have been received but can be returned and replaced with the new. Alderman Volkart asked if there would be freight fees in this. James Creel reported there would be. 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 Resolution 2024-16, a resolution authorizing the Waste Water Treatment Facility lift station pumps replacement. 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 Resolution 2024-17, a resolution authorizing the motor grader repair. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. James Creel, Public Works Director stated recently the 1984 City motor grader (1984 John Deere Model 570A) has shown signs of failure. After it was last used in early February for gravel road maintenance, a loud knocking sound was detected. The motor grader was transported to Martin Equipment for diagnostic evaluation. He stated we have approximately 2 miles of gravel roads in city limits. Upon inspection, it was discovered that there was significant wear inside of the drop box assembly, which connects the engine to the transmission. Multiple fuel leaks were also found at this time. These issues are mainly due to the age of motor grader. On the recommendation of Martin Equipment staff, the drop box assembly needs rebuilt and the fuel system replaced. The estimated cost for repairs comes out is \$16,895.46. He stated they looked into several different options to replace this machine. He stated either with a newer model motor grader or different equipment for gravel road maintenance. He stated these repairs, along with replacing all six tires in the FY25 will put this machine in good condition. He felt this was the most effective option. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Volkart asked what the cost would be to chip and seal these streets. James Creel stated about \$400,000 per mile which is two to three years of street money. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman to approve Resolution 2024-17, a resolution authorizing the motor grader repair. 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.

Kyle Michel stated we has discussion of the Waste Water Treatment Facility planning. He stated we were able to touch on this at the work session. He asked if there is further discussion. He stated that Bartlett & West will be coming back to the next meeting with a contract and we will also have a contract for financial review. He stated he e-mailed the wastewater slides to the Board members for them to review.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Slinker questioned the street complaint on West Oak and Johnson. He stated the candidate forum is March 25 and asked if we were doing a table for trivia night on March 20 for the ABC. He asked if Mrs. Stratman was taken care of. James Creel reported no further work has been done on this by the developer.

City Administrators Report:

Kyle Michel gave an overview of upcoming meetings.

City Attorney's report:

Nathan Nickolaus informed the Board his firm is holding a Newly Elected Officials Conference on May 10, 2024.

Police Chief's monthly report:

Chief Young stated he sent out his packet via e-mail. He stated the stat report is more in depth. He stated there was an attachment with traffic crash and locations for 2023. He stated he is working on request for bids for patrol vehicles and installation of equipment. He informed the Board he has two openings. Alderwoman Bell asked that the intersection of Middleton Drive and E Liberty Lane be looked at again for a potential 3-way stop. She stated with the parking on the street it makes it hard to see traffic coming. Chief Young stated they will be evaluating other traffic issues and will look at this area. He stated there is parking on South Main causing a traffic issue in the mornings. He stated they be looking at all areas and coming back to the Board for recommendations.

Board of Alderperson's report:

Alderman Plank reminded the Board of the Trivia Night March 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Woody's for the Ashland Betterment Coalition. The Board discussed having a table.

Alderwoman Bell thanked the Law Enforcement for keeping an eye on the Boots and Bows event Saturday night. She stated there was approximately 400 people.

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 610.21 (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. Alderwoman Bell made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo. Chapter 610.21 (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 at 7:36 p.m. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye.

Mayor Slinker called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. with no reportable action at the closed session.

Mayor Slinker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor