

MARCH 16, 2021
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 16, 2021 via zoom.

Alderman Bradford gave the invocation.

Mayor Sullivan led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Sullivan called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-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, Jeff Kays, City Attorney, Dan Vande Voorde, Building Inspector, Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator, James Creel, Public Works Director and Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator.

Mayor Sullivan presented the minutes of the March 02, 2021 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented the agenda for adjustments. Being none, he called for the motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan reported there are no scheduled comments. He reminded everyone that if you wish to have a scheduled comment it needs to be in writing to the City Clerk on the Wednesday prior to the Board meeting. He stated zoom is the primary way of communication for this meeting. He stated this is on facebook but it is not part of the official meeting. He stated there is opportunity for the public to speak on items on the agenda.

Mayor Sullivan presented Jamie Davis to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to appoint Jamie Davis to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Anthony Vaughn to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to appoint Anthony Vaughn to the Parks & Recreation Board. Mayor Sullivan stated that Anthony Vaughn was on the zoom meeting tonight. Anthony Vaughn thanked everyone for making his appointment happen and he is looking forward to giving back to the community. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan thanked Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator and Alderwoman Old for helping interview the candidates. He stated they had five applicants and narrowed it down to two. He informed the Board he received another application this week. He stated he is excited we have interest from the community to serve. He stated the Parks & Recreation Board is full at this time.

Mayor Sullivan presented Council Bill No. 2021-015 an ordinance approving the final plat for Smith & Lane Subdivision for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to take up for consideration Council Bill No. 2021-015, an ordinance approving the final plat for Smith & Lane Subdivision for consideration. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine stated he did not attend the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting but the Planning and Zoning reviewed the request and recommended its approval. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the Public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Sapp reported at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting they had concerns on the access to Lot 2 off of Hickam Alley. He stated it should not be a problem since they will come off Hickam Alley. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission approved this. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Ordinance No. 1337, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a supplemental agreement with Bartlett & West, Inc. for professional services for the Broadway/Henry Clay roundabout. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up for consideration Ordinance No. 1337, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a supplemental agreement with Bartlett & West, Inc. for professional services for the Broadway/Henry Clay roundabout. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated this is the second reading and it is a supplemental engineering agreement for additional expenses for the North Henry Clay and Broadway roundabout project. He stated the original bid amount did not include the additional alternate layout options and extra meetings. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Lewis commented that we do have to pay them for the work they have done but he is disappointed that they did not move the location further to the River Region lot since that is a mobile building they plan on moving anyway. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Ordinance No. 1338, an ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Planning, Zoning, Subdivisions, Building of the City of Ashland Code. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to take up for consideration, Ordinance No. 1338, an ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Planning, Zoning, Subdivisions, Building of the City of Ashland Code. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated this is the second reading and contains changes to Chapter 10 since we took over the building inspections on January 1. We took over the application for building permits from the county and the advertising period of 90 days was required before the changes could take effect. He stated there was also changes to administrative fees and the way the permits are calculated. He stated Dan Vandevoorde, Building Inspector is the one that reviewed this and made the necessary changes. Dan Vandevoorde, Building Inspector explained the ICC codes are the same as the counties but converted to City of Ashland. He stated there is a fee schedule and all permits have a \$50 fee. He stated the building permit fee is a straight multiplier instead of square footage as the county charged. He explained the review fee and re-inspection fee and erosion violations. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Volkart questioned the fence permit fee and enforcement for people not getting a permit. Dan Vandevoorde stated there is no permit fee for fence permit but an administrative fee of \$50.00 to help recoup of the costs of inspections. He stated if you do not get a permit it doubles the fee. Alderman Lewis questioned the one page that had a misprint of 2020 on it. The City Clerk reported that was a letter that was sent in December of the changes and just copied for the packet. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Ordinance No. 1339, an ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Chapter 9, Chapter 10, and Chapter 25 of the Codes of the City of Ashland. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator reported this is for clarification when the elections of the Board or Commissions are voted on. He stated we have revised it to be the first regular meeting of board or commission in May. Mayor Sullivan reported we have been losing people on these Boards and there is not any language when the elections was to happen. He stated they wanted to make it the same each year. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to take up for consideration Ordinance No. 1339, an ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Chapter 9, Chapter 10, and Chapter 25 of the Codes of the City of Ashland. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for comments or questions from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lawn waste disposal contract with Clean Cut Services, LLC. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to take up a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lawn waste disposal contract with Clean Cut Services, LLC. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported at the last meeting some concerns were expressed about signage and gates not being open. Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator stated he met with Mr. Jones at the site and they discussed signage improvements, updating our website on lawn waste disposal requirements to educate the citizens and adding contact numbers. He stated yard waste is banned from the landfills. He gave an overview of how the City of Columbia's lawn waste center works. Richard Jones, owner of Clean Cut Services stated the main thing is to get better knowledge to what is allowed. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for comments or questions from the Board. Alderman Sapp reported he brought up about the gate being closed during normal business hours, being treated rudely and he has issues with the contract. He stated residents that help out an elderly neighbor is not be allowed to use this service even though we live in the City of Ashland. Lelande Rehard stated there is a fee on every residential utility bill to help cover for this service. Mayor Sullivan questioned the issues Mr. Jones was seeing at the site. Mr. Jones explained commercial lawn mowing companies, root balls, and limbs not cut to proper length and illegal dumping of lumber, etc. Mayor Sullivan stated for clarification purposes we are going to add phone numbers at the site, moving some signage, getting city logo on the site and updating the website with pictures and what is allowed to educate citizens. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Sapp-nay, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Pool Agreement with the Ashland Optimist Club. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to take up for consideration a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Pool Agreement with the Ashland Optimist Club. Mayor Sullivan gave an overview of the Optimist Pool and the past history of the agreement with the City for a not to exceed \$3,000.00 per year if there is a loss. He stated this year the Parks & Recreation Board and the City gave them \$12,531.00. He stated that was a special request due to covid. He stated the Optimist Club presented a proposed agreement for the Board consideration which is in the packet and is for \$15,000.00 per year for five years and free city utilities. He stated the Optimist Club wants out of the pool business. He stated we are working towards the future of the pool, upgrades needed and longevity of the existing pool. Mayor Sullivan asked Barrett Glascock if he had any comments he would like to make on behalf of the Optimist Club. Barrett Glascock gave an over of the how the pool originated. He stated the city was not in a financial position to fund and maintain the pool. He stated the future of the pool is going to have to be some kind of partnership to keep it. He stated he felt it is an asset to the community. He stated if it is not a public pool it would revert back to the school system. Mayor Sullivan opened the floor to public comment. Dorise Slinker stated he appreciates the pool and his children use it every summer. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Sapp

stated he felt the pool is a great benefit for Ashland and he appreciated the history Barrett Glascock provided. He stated the contract itself states \$3,000 if there is a deficit and he felt we were in breach of contract because we paid them more than what the contract stated for the last pool season. He stated the proposal in the proposed contract states \$15,000 dollars for five years and asking the City to not bill them for city utilities. He was against a blanket amount with no restrictions for cost or loss or profit. Alderman Volkart thanked the Optimist for supporting the pool. He felt the dollar figure was premature to the amount right now because we are unsure of the life expectancy of the pool. He felt the existing pool is on borrowed time. Barrett Glascock stated the Optimist is going forward with opening the pool this summer. He stated there are some mechanical issues that have to be fixed prior that. Alderman Sapp stated the pool is outdated and needs a lot of repairs. He stated he is not opposed to the dollar amount he is just not in favor of how the contract is written. Alderwoman Bell stated it was very interesting to hear from Barrett Glascock. She stated she has lived here for three years and they use the pool. She felt more research needed to be done from other city operated pools to see how it is structured. She suggested tabling this. Barrett Glascock stated the dollar amount came from the improvements needed to the equipment at the pool, pumps and filters. The Board discussed the life span of the existing pool. Mayor Sullivan questioned how the transfer of the pool to the City would work. They discussed Parks and Recreation taking over the pool in other communities. Alderwoman Old stated she is favor of some kind of help or partnership and she agrees to not charge for the utilities. She stated possibly paying for some of maintenance and paying a specific portion of that see what the feasibility is of that. Alderman Lewis stated he agreed what everyone said and felt the contract needs some work. He stated he felt forming another committee and looking at the transfer from Optimist to the City would help. He stated we can look at what the immediate needs are and work on a long range plan. He stated he is not in favor of the flat dollar fee and not knowing where that is going. Alderman Bradford stated the \$15,000 is a fraction of what it would take to cover the repairs. He stated he did not know why we are worried because we hand money to everyone else. Alderman Volkart stated the \$15,000 a year could go towards a new pool. He stated some of the towns mentioned tonight have a different tax base than we do. He stated we need to look at all options of updating the existing or a new pool. Mayor Sullivan stated we could go ahead and vote on the resolution or a motion to table this to allow for more research and allow Lelande Rehard to work with the Optimist Club on a short term agreement. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Bell to table this resolution. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Bradford-opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan stated Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator would take the lead to work with the Optimist Club and Mr. Glascock to get some of these details lined out and present back to the Board of Aldermen. He stated the current contract reflects up to \$3,000.00 to help offset the loss of the pool. Alderwoman Bell stated the Optimist provides a community service and we need to explore other community partnerships.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sullivan stated once the election is over Alderman Sapp has expressed his desire to submit an application for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Sullivan gave an update on the Boone County Health Order. He stated the mask mandate is through the county and is enforced by the Boone County Health Department.

Mayor Sullivan gave an update on the Richard the Rabbit Easter Event. He stated he had a huge sponsor and sub-sponsors. He asked for volunteer help to drive, hand out eggs and shadow him. He stated they have to meet health order guidelines and is waiting on the final approval.

Mayor Sullivan congratulated Alderwoman Bell on her new position as co-host on a morning talk show "Wake up Columbia".

City Administrator's Report:

Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator gave a brief update on the new City Hall/Police Department financing. He stated we are working with D.A. Davidson and they have issued a formal request on the cities behalf accepting proposals until March 22, 2021. He stated once that comes back we will be able to see what the interest rate will be. He stated they would evaluate those and have a recommendation at the first meeting in April and potentially close by the 13th of April. He stated he has advised Mr. McKinney. He stated they are continuing to work with the Architect. He stated the goal is to try to get bids out by the end of April. He stated the process would take 3 to 4 weeks. He stated construction could start late May or early June and hopefully move in by the end of the year. Tony St. Romaine reported a Recovery Act Bill and it looks like Ashland would receive a payment of \$700,000.00. He discussed sewer infrastructure needs with a cost estimate of \$600,000.00 to participate in the regional lift station. He stated they had to turn down a development north of Palomino Ridge due to sewer capacity. He stated Bartlett & West is doing Inflow & Infiltration study of the sewer system and we are doing mapping of sewer infrastructure and studying the sewer capacity of the lift stations. He stated the Parks and Recreation Board has a lot of projects that need to move forward, tennis court, restrooms, upgrade to the ballfield and Lakeview Park improvements. Tony St. Romaine gave an update on a program presented by Ameren called "Next Site" for commercial development to a community. He explained how this program would work.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays, City Attorney no report

Public Works monthly Report:

James Creel, Public Works Director gave an update on Billy Joes Sapp stormwater project. He stated the residents have agreed to allow for easements. He gave an update on the park improvements. He stated the lights for the recycling lot have been ordered. James Creel reported they have been cold patching the potholes in the streets. He stated he met with Lelande Rehard and Tony St, Roamine in Setter's Knoll on the street issue. He stated he reached out to Engineering Survey's & Services and they feel it is a base failure and there is a sewer line 30 foot down that could be causing a compaction issue and causing the low spot in the street. He stated he is waiting for them to get back with him on options and potential cost.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Bradford reported a chili cook off for March 25 with Helping Hands.

Alderman Sapp congratulated Alderwoman Bell on her position with a morning talk show. He stated last week him and Alderman Bradford and Dorise Slinker met at Liberty Landing Subdivision and there was lack of erosion control there. He stated two were almost completed and in his opinion numerous lots without erosion control. Alderman Sapp stated he attended the benefit for Wyatt Sanders last weekend the Hooligan's put on. He thanked everyone for showing up at the event.

Alderman Lewis updated the Board on his upcoming surgery on March 30.

Alderwoman Bell stated she appreciated everyone's support and shout out's on her being a co-host on a radio talk show. Alderwoman Bell stated she is glad the community is coming together and seeing cool things happen and it is exciting time.

Alderwoman Old stated she is impressed with people volunteering and that wants to be on the park board.

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

Mike Frese stated he hears that a lot of people would like to have tennis court, new pool and streets and sidewalks. He stated we should educate ourselves on the Wayfair Act. He encouraged the citizens and Board to be supportive.

Barrett Glascock stated he has been in the community his entire life and he is impressed the Board of Aldermen has evolved and the direction you are going. He encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Elisabeth Sobczak of 807 Westwind Court stated the excitement the Mayor & Board are sharing comes with some constraints and challenges.

Mayor Sullivan called for adjournment.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Richard Sullivan, Mayor