

APRIL 04, 2023
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Slinker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 04, 2023 at 101 West Broadway.

Mayor Slinker led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Slinker called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-absent, Loren Plank-here
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, Shelley Martin, Treasurer, Todd Smith, City Attorney and Gabe Edwards, Police Chief.

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the March 21, 2023 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 approval or adjustment. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Alderman Volkart was present at the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Slinker reported there were no appearances scheduled but reminded everyone a written request must be made the Wednesday prior to the meeting with the City Clerk.

Mayor Slinker called the public hearing to order on the voluntary annexation of 0.77 acres located on Route M for Merle and Charlotte G. Smarr. Kyle Michel, City Administrator stated this is a voluntary annexation of the strip of land in question during the Welch annexation and is owned by the Smarr's. He stated this is the public hearing and the first reading would be at the next Board meeting. Mayor Slinker called for public comments. There were no comments.

Mayor Slinker presented Council Bill No. 2023-008, an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year budget. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Shelley Martin, Treasurer stated this is the first reading of the amendments to the current budget and we may have further clean up later. She called for any questions. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for the motion. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve Council Bill No. 2023-008, an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year budget. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Plank-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented Council Bill No. 2023-009, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Shelley Martin, Treasurer stated this is the first reading of the ordinance; the attachment was in the packet along with budget book. She stated there might be modifications depending on discussions that take place with trash. She stated we have also received verification that we were awarded the grant for a

generator for this building. She stated our portion would be need to be added to pay for the second reading. Kyle Michel stated the grant was around \$87,000.00 and our cost share is around \$8,000.00 Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve Council Bill No. 2023-009, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented Ordinance No. 1429, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Missouri amending the city code in regard to recreational marijuana use. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Todd Smith, City Attorney stated this is the version of the ordinance that was updated per Board suggestions. He stated this is the second reading. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis approve Ordinance No. 1429, an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Missouri amending the code in regard to recreational marijuana. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Plank-nay, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented Ordinance No. 1430, an ordinance approving Ranken Lot #3 Subdivision replat. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Kyle Michel, City Administrator stated this is the second reading and the staff report is in the packet. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve Ordinance No. 1430, an ordinance approving Ranken Lot #3 Subdivision replat. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to do a one-time disbursement to the Ashland Better Coalition, Inc. for the 2022-2023 Budget for the continued support relating to the Missouri Main Street Connection Grant. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Shelley Martin, Treasurer stated the ABC presented an income and expense budget. She suggested the Board approve the Resolution for a one-time disbursement of \$5,000 to the Ashland Betterment Coalition, Inc. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to do a one-time disbursement to the Ashland Better Coalition, Inc. for the 2022-2023 Budget for the continued support relating to the Missouri Main Street Connection. The City Treasurer stated this would come out of Community Development. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Plank-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Slinker stated he attended the Ashland Betterment Coalition meeting last night meeting and would follow up with Kyle on. He also questioned if we had a Safe Place Program or place set as a safe place for children. Gabe Edwards, Police Chief stated that he was not aware of any place set up. Kyle Michel stated they had implemented that program and they had designated spots that was an emblem on the windows of the businesses. Todd Smith, Attorney stated that this is a national program and sometimes it is at a fire station. The Board discussed this and felt we could look into information on this program. Alderwoman Old questioned if it required special training.

City Administrator Report:

Kyle Michel stated at the next meeting we would have Board liaison appointments. He asked if the members wanted to continue on the Board they are serving on or wish for another committee to let them know. Mayor Slinker stated the Ashland Betterment Coalition would like to have an Alderman serve on that Board. Kyle Michel reported he currently attends the Chamber and Southern Boone Economic Development. He

stated he has sent the Board updates on recycling and the yard waste situation. He stated they would be looking into both these services. He stated he sent the Board information with options to review and let him know of their thoughts. He stated there is not an easy answer but hopefully can find one most agreeable. The Board discussed this.

Alderwoman Old questioned the yard waste situation. Kyle Michel stated the current vendor decided to stop participating in this service.

City Attorney's Report:

Todd Smith, City Attorney stated he had no report.

Police Chief's monthly report:

Chief Edwards stated as mentioned in the report they filled the vacant police officer position that has been open with Laine Wilson. He informed the Board he is currently attending the police academy in Warrensburg, Missouri and will be graduating in June. He stated he would begin field training following the academy. He stated he would be training with Tom. He stated they conducted other interviews with another cadet in hopes of the creation of another position. He stated he still has one officer on light duty. He informed the Board that tomorrow was the spring qualifications and he invited the Board to come watch or participate. He stated it is being held at Green Valley Range just south of Hallsville. He informed the Board of TASER instructor trained Sturgeon Police Department on TASER recently. He informed the Board they have been attending weekly work session regarding active shooter protocols in the County with BCFD, CFD, BCSO, SPD, CPD and MSHP. He stated with the most recent incident in Nashville again highlights the department's desperate need for more funding to hire and retain more officers, obtain and maintain better equipment, pay for training to keep officers competent. He gave an overview of a domestic incident over the weekend and a couple businesses broken into Sunday night and a suspect was arrested.

Board of Alderperson's Reports:

Alderman Plank stated last week he mentioned a scheduled trash pick-up day and apparently, the Parks and Recreation is holding a workday at the park and trash pick-up on April 22, 2023. He stated he plans to participate in that event.

Alderman Plank questioned if we had a street sweeper. Mayor Slinker reported a street sweeper cost a lot of money. Alderman Lewis informed the Board they checked into a used street sweeper and it was still very expensive and there was no room in the budget. Alderman Volkart stated MoDot has swept the overpass and round about last year. The Board discussed checking with MoDot on cleaning up this area again. Todd Smith, City Attorney reported he has a municipality that has rented a street sweeper before.

Alderman Volkart stated to add to Alderman Plank's comment we need to get MoDot to clean the right of ways by Eastside Drive and Industrial Drive where there is debris hanging from trees and limbs. He stated there is also the yellow delineators that are getting bashed and chunks of yellow in the roadway and right-of-way. He asked that we communicate this with MoDot and see if they will clean this area up.

Mayor Slinker called for comments from the public, staff or the Board.

Izzy Smith, Vice President of the Ashland Better Coalition gave an overview of the events they are working on for the community. The Mayor and Board asked questions regarding the events and the planters.

Mayor Slinker called for the vote to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor