

MAY 03, 2022
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Slinker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 03, 2022 at 101 West Broadway.

Mayor Slinker led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Slinker called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-here, Bryan Bradford-here
Ward Two: Melissa Old-here, Stephanie Bell-absent
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, vacant seat-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Kyle Michel, City Administrator, Shelley Martin, Treasurer, Gabe Edwards, Police Chief, John Conway, City Engineer and James Creel, Public Works Director.

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderwoman Old seconded the motion. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Kyle Michel, City Administrator, informed the Board the Annexation Public Hearing on the agenda for the Welch property needs to be removed due to the petition not being notarized. He stated the public hearing would be rescheduled for the first meeting in June. He stated the petition has been notarized.

Mayor Slinker presented the agenda for consideration with the amendment of removing 5 a) Public Hearing for the Welch property. Alderman Bradford made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of 5 a) public hearing. Alderwoman Old seconded the motion. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker reported under special items we have Tracy Banning, Park Board President to give a presentation on Street Food Throwdown. Tracy Banning, Park Board President, stated they were contacted by Jessica Hines, who is the co-owner of Fresh Lemonade Company and is in charge of getting this setup for Ashland. She stated they currently have this in Marshall and Moberly and 10 percent of the proceeds goes to the Park Board. She stated they are planning on this the second Tuesday of each month. She stated there is no line up yet but it would be held in the recycling lot from 4-8 p.m. She stated they would put this information on social media. Mayor Slinker questioned how many food trucks this lot would hold. Tracy Banning stated if it is a huge success they might have two food truck throw downs a month. Alderwoman Old stated they could have a wait list and rotate next months for the vendors. Mayor Slinker questioned the business license requirement. Tracy Banning reported they would be required to have license, sales tax number and general liability Insurance. Kyle Michel, City Administrator, reported this is for information purposes only and a vote is not required.

Mayor Slinker presented Jaimie Davis for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Board with term ending April, 2025 with Board approval. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the reappointment of Jaimie Davis to the Parks and Recreation Board as presented. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented Brian Sapp for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Board with term ending April, 2025 with Board approval. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve the reappointment of Brian Sapp to the Parks and Recreation Board as presented. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor Slinker presented David Wilson as Ward Three Alderman with term ending April, 2023 with Board confirmation. Mayor Slinker stated David Wilson would fill his term until April, 2023. He stated he was not present tonight but we will work on getting him sworn in prior to the next Board meeting. Kyle Michel, City Administrator, gave a brief overview of Mr. Wilson's career in law enforcement and stated he wants to continue to serve and represent the City. Mayor Slinker called for the motion. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to approve the appointment of David Wilson as Ward Three Alderman. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker stated there are no scheduled appearances tonight. He reminded everyone a written request must be received by the City Clerk before Wednesday prior to the meeting.

Mayor Slinker presented under old business a resolution approving the engineering services contract with Allstate Consultants for the final design of the Oak Street Storm Water Project (tabled from 4-19-2022). Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to take up for consideration a resolution approving the engineering services contract with Allstate Consultants for the final design of the Oak Street Storm Water Project. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. John Conway, City Engineer, stated they met with the property owners today and felt it was a good meeting. He stated they went over the history of the property and the state of that property. He stated that area receives storm water from two to three different areas. Alderwoman Old stated unfortunately, there was no good solution for that property, no matter what they did it would not make a significant improvement. She stated the meeting gave them more of an understanding and what the outcomes could be with the improvements. She stated the property owners are willing to give an easement if needed. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Bradford- aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution accepting the bid for mowing and trimming services from Gilmore Lawn and Land. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to take up for consideration the resolution accepting the bid for mowing and trimming services from Gilmore Lawn and Land. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. James Creel, Public Works Supervisor, informed the Board the sent out request for quotes for mowing services for multiple city owned properties. He stated they received three bids: 1.) Gilmore Lawn and Land-monthly bid \$4669.59. 2.) Commercial Outdoors Specialist \$5120.00 and 3.) All in One Outdoor Solutions \$8480.00. He stated that Gilmore Lawn and Land had the previous agreement with the City. He stated we have had good luck with them and they are the low bidders. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Bradford- aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Low Income Household Water Assistance Program between the Missouri Department of Social Services and the City of Ashland. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up for consideration the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a low income household water assistance program between the Missouri Department of Social Services and the City of Ashland. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Shelley Martin, Treasurer, reported the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Supplier Agreement program was in the Board packet between the Missouri Department of Social Services family support division and the City of Ashland. The funds the program offers are used to cover or reduce arrearages, rates, and fees associated with reconnection or preventions of disconnections of service, and rate reduction to eligible households for such services. She stated an eligible customer is a household that makes application for assistance under LIHEAP, is determined for benefits by the department or contractor, and is accepted by the supplier as an active account. The agreement period shall be effective October 1, 2021

through September 30, 2023. She stated the supplier (City) should consider waiving deposits, name change or late payment fees for an eligible customer for whom the supplier agrees to accept LIHWAP payment. The Department agrees to provide payment to the supplier within fifteen calendar days for these customers on whose behalf the supplier has agree to accept payment. She stated this is for only water and wastewater, it does not cover trash services or fees. Shelley Martin, Treasurer, stated this provides an avenue for low-income families to receive assistance to pay utility bills and the City to collect on said bills. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderwoman Old questioned the section on refund credit balance on would the refund go to the department or the customer. Shelley Martin stated she did not think this would be an issue since the LIHWAP services goes towards water and sewer only. She stated this would be another avenue for the customers. She stated we do not have anything to do with the customer receiving these benefits. Alderman Volkart stated this looks like a new program that started in 2021 and is covid relief funds. He stated there is nothing in here about renewal of these funds. Alderman Lewis comments the customer have to be in arrears to qualify. Shelley Martin, stated they learned about this program through a customer wanting to use it and we were not listed as a provider. She stated there is an income level sheet based on the household size. Nathan Nickolaus, City Attorney, reported he has several cities that have customers in this program and it is a good program. Shelley Martin, Treasurer, stated it is up to the applicant to make sure they complete the steps for this program. Alderwoman Old asked if we approve this we need to make sure this information is out in the community. Shelley Martin, Treasurer, stated we would get this information out to our customers. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services for General On-call engineering services. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to take up for consideration a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services for General On-call engineering services. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. John Conway, City Engineer, stated he has been working with Darla Sapp and we put the on-call engineering services out for request for qualifications in 2020 with a renewal of up to four years. He stated we currently have six firms on this on-call list. He asked that these be renewed again for the year and require new updated schedule of rates and a new certificate for liability insurance. Mayor Slinker called for comments from the public. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart aye, Alderman Bradford- aye, Alderwoman Old- aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Slinker stated he is glad the police officer injured this morning during traffic control at the school is doing well. He stated it could have been a bad issue.

Administrator's Report:

Kyle Michel, City Administrator, gave an update on items raised at the last meeting. He stated the roll off recycling container for weekends would be approximately \$26,000.00 to \$27,000.00 a year. He stated we are in the middle of the contract with Republic and they said they would be open to the curbside residential recycling. He stated the other item was impact fees and they will be working on this and bringing forward options or recommendations to the Board. He informed the Board that the meter reading handhelds and software are at the end of their life and the software is not supported. He stated they would be looking at options and costs in replacing these. Kyle Michel, City Administrator, stated he is reviewing the parade information and he is trying to find someone to be charge of the parade and he has reached out to the Park & Recreation Board. He stated they would formalize this after the Park and Recreation Board meeting. He informed the Board that Shelley Martin will be attending a conference for Government Finance Officers next week.

City Attorney's Report:

Nathan Nickolaus, City Attorney, stated the legislature is coming to an end.

Police Chief's Monthly Report.

Gabe Edwards, Police Chief, informed the Board they are in the final stages of the background phase for hiring a Police Officer. He informed the Board that John Stamper has returned to work on light duty. He stated this will be a minimum of 8 months before he can return to full duty. He informed the Board they are currently working on C.O.P.S. grant application for funding of up to two officers. He stated if granted the grant would provide 75 percent cost of two new officers for 3 years. He stated the City would then have to retain those Officers at 100 percent for a minimum of 1 year. He stated he wanted to reflect on the Mayor's comment of the Officer being struck this morning while doing school traffic. He informed the Board that traffic control would cease immediately at the school. He stated they would help pedestrian traffic cross the street but would not be standing in the intersection.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Bradford stated the street sign at Bass Street and Broadway is missing. He stated the light pole in front of Selby hair salon is completely broken. He also complained of the condition of the entrance and exit of Subway parking lot. He stated the water ponds really bad and there are large pot holes. James Creel, Public Works Director, stated this is on private property. He stated he had a constituent complain of the Police Department not patrolling on Ash Street. He stated he has received complaints about traffic flying down Broadway through the round-a-bouts. Alderman Bradford also stated when school gets out there is speeding on Main Street. He questioned if there was any update on when Lakeside Ashland would be opening. Kyle Michel, City Administrator, stated they are working on the sewer for the second phase of this but he thought the holdup was they are waiting on equipment to arrive. Alderman Bradford also questioned the "Old Pharmacy" building. Mayor Slinker stated he understands it is for sale. He reminded the Board the ribbon cutting for Helping Hands will be at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. He stated he signed up for the conference in St. Joe the attorney's firm is putting on. He also stated he would be attending the newly elected officials conference in Columbia on June 9th and 10th.

Alderman Old stated she has received e-mails of opposition of the proposed annexation for the Welch property that was removed from the agenda tonight.

Alderman Lewis stated he received six e-mails on opposition of the proposed annexation for the Welch property. He stated he attended the Attorney's conference on Friday and it was very informative.

Mayor Slinker called for additional comments from the public.

Ron Wilcox, 702 Redwood Drive stated Subways driveways have been like that four or five years. He stated his problem is the park. He stated a lot of money is coming in and nothing is being done at the park. He stated we have been doing nothing for the young people of our community. He questioned what the City was going to do with the park funds. He also expressed concern of the Park Board members not participating in the upkeep of the park. He also complained of the lack of maintenance at the park.

Mayor Slinker called for comments or questions from the Board or staff.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor