

JUNE 01, 2021
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 01, 2021 at 101 West Broadway, Ashland, Mo.

Mayor Sullivan gave the invocation.

Mayor Sullivan led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Sullivan called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-here, Vacant Seat
Ward Two: Melissa Old-here, Stephanie Bell-here
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Dorise Slinker-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Nathan Nickolaus, City Attorney, Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator, Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator, and Gabe Edwards, Police Chief.

Mayor Sullivan presented the minutes of the May 18, 2021 Board meeting for consideration. Alderwoman Old made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Slinker seconded the motion. 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 Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Slinker to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Council Bill No. 2021-026, an ordinance to amend Chapter 20: Traffic Code Schedule III. Parking Restrictions of the Ashland City Code. Alderman Slinker made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to take up Council Bill No. 2021-026, an ordinance to amend Chapter 20: Traffic Code Schedule III. Parking Restrictions of the Ashland City Code. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated after discussion of two hour parking on the north side of Broadway from Main Street to Bass Street the discussion was had about pushing the issue to the south side of Broadway. He stated they sent letters to the property owners and tenants on the south side of Broadway. He presented a power point of pictures of the parking on Broadway this week. He stated it does not appear a parking problem exists. He read a letter from Lacey Heriford and she felt there was not a parking issue. Tony St. Romaine stated his recommendation is to do nothing at this time. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. He asked they step to podium state your name and address. He asked that we here from someone against the ordinance. Lars Van Zandt, 100 E Broadway Suite A from Century Tattoo stated he is against the ordinance. He stated they tracked the parking and he recommends no change but encourages the Board to work towards the goal for future when parking is an issue. Mayor Sullivan called for public comment for someone that is in favor of the ordinance. Charles Clayton, 103 E Broadway, owner of the Blue Rooster stated he is for the ordinance and there is a parking issue three times of day. He stated the pictures did not represent what lunch time was like. He said it affects him and Skyline Café mostly. He discussed the sales tax they generate. He stated most of the business on Broadway do not pay sales tax and the customers take up the parking spaces. Katlin Cunningham, works at Century Tattoo and lives on Jungle Tree Lane in Columbia, Missouri stated they may not pay sales tax but they contribute in other ways. She stated they were notified this week regarding the ordinance and was unaware there was a parking issue. She stated they kept track of the parking on Broadway. She gave an overview of their business hours. She stated at no time during their observation of the parking spaces did it appear there was

a parking issue. She stated she is against the ordinance. Tracy Titmus 107 E Broadway stated she is against the parking ordinance because we do not have a solution at this point. She stated with the Broadway Beautification it should be a priority for future growth of the downtown area. She stated if it should be on the old recycle lot, ways to cut through the alley way and hopefully we can figure out what to do in the future. Mayor Sullivan asked the Police Chief to give an update on enforcement of time limit parking. Chief Edwards stated it is legal to chalk tires but it would be time consuming and labor intensive for his department. They discussed software you purchase for scanning license and parking meters. Mayor Sullivan called for comments or questions from the Board. Alderwoman Old stated it sounds like there may a little parking problem but this ordinance as it is drafted is not the right one to fix it. Alderwoman Bell echoed what Alderwoman Old said. She stated Jefferson City downtown had a parking issue but they typically give residents or employees two parking spaces. She stated they went to 90 minute parking. She stated all you have to do is go move your vehicle to another parking spot. She stated we need to look at additional parking for the downtown district, rather it be at the Municipal Center, old recycle lot or behind the businesses. Alderman Volkart stated this ordinance is premature because there is no solution to where they would be able to park. Alderman Slinker stated we have heard both sides of the story and we need to increase downtown beautification and parking. He stated going forward the downtown businesses will increase. He suggested allowing parking at the new Municipal Center. He stated his solution is to give owners and employees spaces over here at this parking lot. Tony St. Romaine stated this parking lot is shared by the Library and our building. Mayor Sullivan stated these options could be discussed later at a time that right now is the two hour parking ordinance. Alderman Volkart asked why we are addressing the original idea and not a new plan. Tony St. Romaine stated the first ordinance that was tabled was for the north side of Broadway and they have added the south side to this ordinance. Alderman Lewis stated that since he has been retired he has never come downtown and not found a parking space. He stated you might not be able to park right in front of your designation but you can still get a parking. He stated he lived on a busy street like Broadway where the apartments were above businesses and he worked a night shift and had to get up move his car throughout the day. He stated there is no other options for those apartments for parking. He stated in his opinion if it is not broke don't fix it. Daryl Woods stated he owns the corner building and he was not notified of this parking ordinance or that it was to be on the agenda tonight. He stated he restored that building in 1999 and he was trying to do what the City is currently doing with the Downtown Beautification. He stated his tenants need a place to park. He stated they are citizens in this community and pay taxes and shop here. He stated he pays real estate taxes to the city as well. He stated they are renters and are artist and have the respect of the community. Daryl Woods stated the public parking is first come first serve and no business owns them. He stated his building has no option but street parking. Mayor Sullivan stated the ordinance is to limit parking for two hours on the north and south side of Broadway from Main Street to Bass Street. He stated we can explore other parking options for the downtown area. Mayor Sullivan stated we have heard from both sides and there is differing opinions. He stated this was tabled at the last meeting then re-written to include the south side. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-no, Alderman Lewis-no, Alderman Slinker-yes, Alderwoman Old-no, Alderman Volkart-no. Mayor Sullivan reported the ordinance failed.

Mayor Sullivan presented Council Bill No. 2021-028, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an animal control enforcement cooperative agreement for consideration. Alderman Slinker made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Bell to take up for consideration Council Bill No. 2021-028, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an animal control enforcement cooperative agreement. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported they had a meeting this morning with the Police Department and the Boone County Animal control and discussed the after hours and they worked out the issues that Chief Edwards mentioned at the last meeting. He recommended we move forward-with the first reading. He stated the contract is not to exceed \$6,000.00. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Slinker-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Council Bill No. 2021-031, an ordinance approving the monthly residential trash service rates with Republic Services. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderman Slinker to take up for consideration Council Bill No. 2021-031, an ordinance approving the monthly residential trash service rates with Republic Services. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Lelande Rehard stated this is for the residential rate that is included in the contract. He stated the second reading will be tonight as it goes into effect today. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Slinker-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Ordinance No. 1352, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Republic Services for the collection and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste from the City Limits of Ashland, Mo. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderman Slinker to take up Ordinance No. 1352, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Republic Services for the collection and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste from the City Limits of Ashland, Mo. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator stated the Board voted not to do curb side recycle so this is for the trash service only. He stated we would continue with the drop of recycling location. It does include the scholarship program and street repair fee. Mayor Sullivan called for public comment. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Slinker-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Ordinance No. 1354, an ordinance approving the final plat for Liberty Landing North Plat 1 for consideration. Alderman Volkart made motion and seconded by Alderman Slinker to take up for consideration Ordinance No. 1354, an ordinance approving the final plat for Liberty Landing North Plat 1. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine stated this has been recommended for approval by the review engineer and Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Chris Sander from McClure Engineering stated himself and Mr. Martin were present to answer any questions. Alderman Slinker reported that Mr. Martin is willing to donate a lot for future park. Lelande Rehard stated this is in Plat 5 or 6. Chris Sander reported it is a decent size lot that lays below the dam and is not suitable to build a residential home and could potentially be park land. Mayor Sullivan called for comments or questions from the Board. Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Slinker-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Ordinance No. 1355, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase agreement with James and Barbara Wilson to purchase certain real property in the City of Ashland. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Slinker to take up for consideration Ordinance No. 1355, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase agreement with James and Barbara Wilson to purchase certain real property in the City of Ashland. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated this is the second reading and it is for the purchase of acquisition Lakeview water frontage. He stated this will be paid in two installments and he recommended approval. He stated this will be paid with park funds and will allow us to apply for grants through the Missouri Conservation. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderwoman Old stated the park board is in favor. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Slinker-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented Ordinance No. 1356, an ordinance approving the monthly residential trash service rates with Republic Services. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to take up for consideration Ordinance No. 1356, an ordinance approving the monthly residential trash

service rates with Republic Services. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Mayor Sullivan called for comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Slinker-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sullivan stated he did not have a report.

City Administrator's Report:

Tony St. Romaine gave an overview of projects that they are working on. He stated they continue to have discussion on future development at Cartwright Industrial Park. He stated they have acquired 90% of the easements for the Billy Joe Sapp storm water project. He stated Lelande has been working with Boone County on a road maintenance agreement. He stated this is will be an annual process as land is developed. Tony St. Romaine updated the Board on the Broadway resurface beginning next week. He stated the signs with detours are being installed for the round-a-bout at Henry Clay Blvd. He stated MoDot will communicate with the Police Chief and James on detours, closures, etc. He stated this project tis to be completed by the end of December. Alderwoman Bell asked for a visual map be posted on the website. Lelande Rehard stated we did not get funding for the TAP grant for the Broadway ADA sidewalks but they would work on the grant application and resubmit next year. Tony St. Romaine updated the Board on an agreement they will be approving for building department software. He informed the Board the census has been pushed until August and he is looking at changing Ashland to a Charter city. He stated the new Municipal Center has went out to bid. Tony St. Romaine stated staff has selected ESRI's to update City maps. He updated the Board on codification and rewriting the city codes. He stated they have been working with the Columbia airport on hooking up to our sewer system and we are waiting on their legal department for the agreement. He informed the Board the Downtown Beautification Task Force has been meeting with business owners. He stated they are working on the by-laws to establish a downtown improvement district. Tyler Technologies to replace G-works software for accounts payable, receivable, payroll and utility billing. He stated they looked at three or four systems and this is what is best for Ashland. He stated it is cloud based. He stated they are also looking at a GIS system He informed the Board they interviewed and have made an offer to hire a part time civil engineer. Tony St. Romaine informed the Board they hired two on-call building inspectors to fill in when Dan is off. He informed them of the Perry Ave extension cost share grant application. He gave an overview of the Ranken project and stated they are in the private phase of fund raising. He stated they are reviewing ordinances from other municipalities on right-of-way permit process. Tony St. Romaine stated they are getting signs and flyers promoting the property for sale the Police Department is located at. He discussed the need for a traffic counter and they have been researching this. Alderwoman Bell asked for crash data for the last 5 years for the intersections at Middleton Drive/E. Liberty Lane and Jon Drive and Liberty Lane. He informed them of work order, asset management, service order software they are looking at purchasing. Tony St. Romaine stated the zoning codes are in the process of being drafted and we should see these beginning in the fall of this year.

City Attorney's Report:

Nathan Nickolaus, City Attorney informed the Board that storm water projects could be covered under the America Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding, if you choose.

Police Chief Monthly Report:

Gabe Edwards updated the Board on the police cars and waiting on delivery of equipment. He stated one car is completed. He stated they have one new position they will be interviewing for next week.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Volkart stated he noticed on photos of the parking on Broadway we need to cut the grass and weeds along the parking spaces.

Alderman Volkart asked about the Meadowmere View storm water issue. It was reported that James Creel has been on vacation so there is no update.

Alderman Volkart stated the no left turn at the new Breaktime has been installed but people are still doing left turns there. Gabe Edwards, Police Chief reported there have been tickets written for this.

Alderman Volkart discussed an issue with barking dogs at Heartland Animal Hospital over the weekend. It was reported that Dan Vandevoorde went at talked with them. Gabe Edwards stated this is a business for boarding animals but we do have a noise ordinance and a section in Chapter 27, Animal Control that this could possibly fall under. He stated his officers did receive two calls on this. The Board discussed this at length and discussed working with the business owner on possible solutions.

Alderman Slinker asked about the cross walk at Liberty Landing for the mailboxes. It was reported that James Creel is on vacation.

Alderman Slinker questioned the status of acquiring the easements on Billy Joe Sapp. Lelande Rehard stated we have acquired about 90% of the easements.

Alderman Slinker stated he is working on a 4th of July event to be held at the Optimist property and will have a request for a fireworks permit for consideration at the next meeting.

Alderwoman Bell stated she received a complaint on stormwater on Sue Drive area.

Alderwoman Bell expressed her aggravation of the community not working together to put community events on one calendar. The Board discussed this and the possibility of setting up a community events calendar that people could submit their event to post.

Mayor Sullivan stated he is working on a parade permit for the 4th of July parade that will be held on July 3 at 9:00 a.m. He stated this is in conjunction with Walk in Faith tractor parade, picnic and ice cream social.

Alderwoman Bell asked how does the community participate and know about his event.

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

Daryl Woods stated he felt the Board was doing a good job and he was impressed.

Justin Aldred stated he would be presenting an update from the County and artist presentation of the Treasures of Boone County mural that was created by Stacy Self at the next Board meeting.

A woman inquired about a leash law for dogs and tinting of windows on vehicles.

Charles Clayton stated the himself and Daryl Woods have invested in Ashland and that is how they make their living. He stated there is problem with the parking and it affects his income an ability to make a living.

Mayor Sullivan called for the adjournment.

Alderwoman Bell made motion and seconded by Alderman Volkart to adjourn. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Richard Sullivan, Mayor