

JULY 05, 2022
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Slinker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 05, 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-here
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, David Wilson -here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Kyle Michel, City Administrator, John Conway, City Engineer, Gabe Edwards, Police Chief, Todd Smith, Representing City Attorney and James Creel, Public Works Director.

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the June 21, 2022 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bradford made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented the agenda for approval or adjustment. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a proclamation honoring the Southern Boone High School Baseball team, coaches, and managers for their victory as Class 4 State Tournament Championship June 2, 2022. Mayor Slinker handed out a proclamation to the team and coaches. Mayor Slinker presented the proclamation to the audience.

Mayor Slinker stated there were no scheduled public comments. Mayor Slinker stated just as a reminder a written request must be received on Wednesday before the date of the meeting.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution authorizing the City of Ashland, Missouri to apply for assistance from the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for the purpose of sidewalk and school crosswalk enhancements & construction for the Ashland Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements project. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. James Creel, Public Works Supervisor, stated this resolution is authorizing the staff to proceed with tap application. He stated the deadline is July 15, 2022. He explained some of the facets of this project are enhancing pedestrian safety at cross walk around school, one at Crump Lane and the other on Renee Drive and South Henry Clay by installing rectangular rapid flash beacon. Also constructing 1,300 linear feet of sidewalk that would connect Liberty Landing Subdivision to the south campus at Southern Boone School. It will include 100 linear feet of sidewalk that would connect Palomino Ridge Subdivision to the High school campus James Creel discussed the grant application is a joint application between the City of Ashland, Southern Boone School District and the Y.M.C.A.. He stated part of the grant application would be to construct an 8-foot wide impervious surface walking trail along the perimeter of the Y.M.C.A.'s property that will be open to the public and connect to South Main Street sidewalk, with a planned future connection to Liberty Landing North subdivision sidewalk. He stated that would take place in the latter phases of Liberty Landing North. He stated Martin Builders has already agreed to the sidewalk easement. He called for any questions on this scope of the project. Alderman Volkart questioned if Amanda Drive would be painted a crosswalk. James Creel, stated he could look at this. James Creel reported the City's portion of this is in kind services. He stated they are still adjusting the final

numbers for the grant application. He stated he received letters of commitment from the school and the YMCA in support of project and commitment of funds. Alderwoman Bell reported she received an e-mail on why there was not a crosswalk at Sarah Drive as was promised. She stated there is currently three crosswalks at Liberty and none near Sarah Drive. James Creel stated we could certainly see about adding these to this grant. He stated we have missed the deadline to submit anything that would be in MoDot right of way. Alderman Lewis stated he was on the Board at this time and the Board itself was not involved with the Eagle Achievers pedestrian crosswalk promise. He stated they have 60 kids a day that cross that street. Mayor Slinker questioned if this was the proposed walking trail along the YMCA. James Creel stated this is the walking trail at the YMCA. He stated it was the opinion of the Regional Planning Commission that we could do a joint application. Alderwoman Old stated this would make the grant application stronger. The Board discussed the proposed projects and additional projects to add. Alderman Lewis suggested in the future we apply for sidewalks from Main Street on Broadway to the west to the City limits. James Creel stated there are a lot of difficulties on the Broadway due to this being on state right of way. He stated MoDot has an ADA crosswalk planned at Main and Broadway. James Creel stated the sidewalk west on Broadway is tricky with steep banks. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Ashland, Missouri to apply for assistance from the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for the purpose of sidewalk and school crosswalk enhancements & construction for the Ashland Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements project. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented a resolution changing the name of Rebellion Drive to Rebellion Lane in Liberty Landing North Plats 4, 5 & 6. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Kyle Michel, City Administrator, reported Plat One showed Rebellion Lane but it was continued on in the latter plats as Rebellion Drive. He stated Plat 1 already has home occupied and it would be easier to change the Liberty Landing North Plats 4, 5 & 6 to Rebellion Lane. Mayor Slinker asked if there was questions or comments from Board. Mayor Slinker called for the motion. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the resolution changing the name of Rebellion Drive to Rebellion Lane in Liberty Landing North Plats 4, 5 & 6. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Slinker stated he had a few items to report. He stated he received a compliment from Ms. Selby on mowing the strip of land by the roundabout. He stated he has also heard how much Chief Edwards has advanced the City's technology. Mayor Slinker also suggested the City Administrator Kyle Michel look into changing the code to allow the fall festival beer garden be done administrative and not go through the Board. He also suggested changing the code to allow the same for the Fourth of July event and allowing the Ashland Betterment Coalition be in charge of raising funds, etc.

Alderwoman Bell questioned when the makeup date would be for the 4th of July fireworks display. Mayor Slinker stated it is to be determined.

City Administrator Report:

Kyle Michel, City Administrator, stated we would need to determine a date for the fireworks display based upon when insurance could be obtained. Alderwoman Old asked if we would meet the deadline this time. Kyle Michel, City Administrator reported our one temporary part time employee has left employment with the City and Sandy Lewis our full time utility clerk has asked to be moved to the part-time position that Nancy vacated. He stated that left us needing to hire a full time Utility Clerk, This will be Wendy Heckman and she will start on July 11, 2022. He stated she has used Tyler Tech, which is the software company the city is switching to. He stated that Sandy will work 10 to 15 hours per week or additional if there was special projects or gaps in staffing.

City Attorney's Report:

Todd Smith, representative for the City Attorney, stated he was filling in for Nathan Nickolaus. He informed the Board of House Bill 1662 relating to home business that the governor signed on Friday and would be effective in late August of 2022. He stated Nathan Nickolaus has prepared or is in the process of preparing a proposed ordinance to pass before it comes into law. The Board asked various questions relating to traffic noise in neighborhoods.

Police Chief's Monthly Report.

Chief Edwards, stated there has been questions regarding the staffing at the Police Department and they came up with a chart showing staffing now and where the Ashland Police Department needs to be showing priority. He stated they are fully staffed at this time. He stated they would submit an application next year for a C.O.P.S. grant. He stated they currently have the Chief and six full time Officers. He stated they need to get three more on patrol. He stated they do not have the budget for this. Alderman Volkart asked if there were two Officers on patrol on the night shift. Chief Edwards reported we have one officer on light duty and one in training at this time. Alderman Wilson stated in the preliminary diagram submitted with the Board packet stated he did not like to see the detective or canine placed prior to the School Resource Officer. The Board discussed this and asked if Chief Edwards had funding in the salary line to hire more officers. Chief Edwards stated they are maxed out. Todd Smith, representative from the City Attorney's office question if we used voluntary auxiliary police. Chief Edwards stated we do not but have part time reserve officers.

John Conway, City Engineer, gave an overview of the DNR-American Rescue Plan Act funding applications. He stated at the last meeting the Board passed a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to be the ARPA fund representative. He stated he has the funding broken down in to two different areas, wastewater and drinking water/lead service line inventory. He stated the funding was announced May 16th and the closing on July 14, 2022. He stated James Creel, Kyle Michel, Curtis Bennett and Shelley Martin met to discuss how the city wanted to move forward for the future. He said it was a team effort but they brought together what he thinks is a responsible application. He stated one application for water (maximum 5 million dollars), one application for wastewater and the lead service line inventory is a \$200,000.00 maximum. He stated the project completion date is prior to December 31, 2026. Only cash-on-hand and local ARPA dollars are acceptable forms of cost share. He stated application scoring would be on or before October 12, 2022. He explained the applications would be scored on four major criteria. 1. Financial need 2. Engineering capability 3. Necessity of the project 4. Local cost share. He gave an overview of the projects proposed being South Main Water Main Replacement and Perry Avenue Water Main Extension. He stated the wastewater treatment plant facility expansion engineering is under way and the South Main Street sewer line replacement engineering report is complete and a draft of the engineering services agreement is ready for the Board's approval. He stated the lead service line inventory request for qualifications would not be required, just a contract for engineering services. Alderwoman Old questioned the Perry Ave being included in the E.D.A. grant. John Conway stated the street would be but not the water line installation. He stated the cost share from the water fund balance \$209,228, cost share from the sewer fund balance \$709,200 cost share from A.R.P.A funds \$329,999. Potential to receive \$4,865,750 in A.R.P.A. funding. He stated a 10 percent contingency is included. He stated there would be no proposed increase in water or sewer rates at this time. John Conway stated this is unique situation, if successful the financial gain is quite significant. He stated since most of these projects had plans underway we can move forward pretty quick. He asked for questions.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Lewis stated he had nothing other than the e-mail he already mentioned.

Alderwoman Bell stated that she only had the e-mail reference the crosswalk on Sarah Drive.

Mayor Slinker called for additional comments from the public.

David Rice, resident of West Oaks Subdivision stated he would like to work on a fundraising for the Ashland Police Department. He stated he is a public safety program manager of a company and would like to start a fund raising campaign on behalf of the police department to provide training and purchase or get donated equipment necessary to safely and effectively respond to an active shooter or similar event at the Southern Boone County School or elsewhere in town. He stated the Ashland Police Department lacked training and equipment for this purpose. The Board asked various questions and this was discussed at length. Todd Smith, representative for the City Attorney reported a memo of understanding or an agreement would need to be in place to protect all parties involved.

Rodney Benda resident at 6697 American Setter Drive asked the Board for help in his neighbor is having parties, alcohol, fighting and dumping trash in his yard. He stated this has happened twice and is looking at ways to keep this from happening. He asked the Board for help.

Mayor Slinker called for the vote to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Bradford 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