

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2019
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bronson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 01, 2019 at 815 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called the roll:

Ward One: Leslie Martin-here, Danny Clay-here
Ward Two: Jesse Bronson-here, Richard Sullivan-here
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Jeff Sapp-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Lyn Woolford, Police Chief, Jon Sanders, Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk, and Jeffrey Kays, City Attorney.

Mayor Gene Rhorer was absent.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented the agenda of October 01, 2019 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented the minutes of September 17, 2019 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for corrections or amendments. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson asked anyone wishing to appear before the Board to come to the podium and state their name and place of residence on any subject. He stated this is the only public speaking portion of the meeting.

Ann Jackson representative for the Ashland Assembly of God Church stated she was at the last meeting and their item is on the agenda. She stated their request was to block off and restrict the flow of traffic on Kristy Lane just north of the intersection of Redwood drive in the West Oaks Subdivision on October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. She presented an additional letter from Pastor Rob Jackson.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented Council Bill No. 2019-039 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2019-039, an ordinance granting an easement to Spectrum Mid-America, LLC. First reading by title only. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. He reported the information is in the packet. Alderman Sapp reported that the men from Spectrum spoke at the last meeting on this. Alderman Lewis stated the question at that time was if the City had the right to grant an easement since we sold the cellular leases. The City Clerk reported that the City does have the right to grant the easement on this request from Spectrum. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented Ordinance No. 1270 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1270, an ordinance approving the final plat for Lakeview Estates Plat 9. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp

reported this is the second reading and was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented a request to accept the resignation from Brad Williamson from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to accept the resignation from Brad Williamson from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Sapp informed the Board that Mr. Williamson has played a vital role in the Planning and Zoning Commission but is relocating to another city. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented a request from Ashland Assembly of God Church to block off the flow of traffic on Kristy Lane just north of the intersection of Redwood Drive in the West Oaks Subdivision on October 31, 2019 from 6 pm and ending at 9 pm. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the request as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Alderman Lewis stated he lives three blocks away from this area but fears this would create too much traffic congestion. He stated this is a main corridor. He commended the Church on their efforts. He encouraged them to look at a side street that ends in a cul-de-sac to close off and get consent from the property owners then present back to the Board for consideration. Alderman Sapp stated his biggest concern was also that this is a main thoroughfare, emergency personnel could not get through and he felt it would create other traffic issues. He stated that he is opposed to this. He stated the letter also brought out a concern of people from out of town and would be more confusing for traffic and children. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson stated he felt more work needed done on this request, but encouraged them to continue to work on it for next year. Mayor Pro-tem Lewis-nay, Alderman Clay-nay, Alderwoman Martin-nay, Alderman Sullivan-abstained, Alderman Sapp-nay, Alderman Bronson-nay. Motion failed.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented a request from the Ashland Parks and Recreation Board for the Board of Aldermen's approval for approximately \$40,000 cost sharing with the Lion's Club grant for a self-contained new bathroom, if the Lion's Club grant is received. Also, contingent upon the approval of a line of credit. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up the request for consideration. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for any questions or comments. Ernie Wren, Park Board representative stated the Park Board would like to establish a line of credit for the sole purpose of matching funds for grants from the city reserve fund. He stated the Park Board would make payments to replenish funds from the park taxes. He stated the Lion's Club grant requires 50% matching funds confirmation to be able to move forward. Alderman Sapp reported that is the next request on the agenda. Alderman Clay asked that this be tabled since we do not know what we can do with the reserve funds. Alderman Lewis stated the biggest problem is they cannot move forward with the grant because the Lion's Club needs a confirmation commitment. He stated the Lion's Club has already approved the grant to the park. Alderman Sapp withdrew his motion, as did Alderman Lewis.

Alderman Sapp made motion to table this until after the next line item. Alderman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented a request from the Ashland Parks and Recreation Board for the Board approval of a line-of-credit for the Parks from the City Reserve for the sole purpose of matching grant requirements. Funds would be repaid from the Park Tax Revenue for consideration.

Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the line of credit contingent upon the findings from the City Treasurer and City Attorney on the legality. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or concerns. Alderman Clay stated if the Park Board moves forward with this he wants a vision of what the Park Board wants in the park system and the costs. Alderman Sapp stated they were strictly voting on the line of credit. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson presented a request from the Ashland Parks and Recreation Board for the Board of Aldermen approval for approximately \$40,000 cost sharing with the Lions Club grant for a self-contained new bathroom, if the Lion's Club grant is received. This item was previously tabled. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to approve the request contingent upon the finds of the legality of the line of credit. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp reported this was discussed at the last Park Board meeting. He stated they have \$36,000 in capital improvement funds but can not deplete this. Ernie Wren, Park Board representative, stated that they have the specifications for the pre-fab bathroom from the City of Columbia to use. He stated the concrete & utilities would also need to be installed. This matter was discussed at great length. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson reported the next item on the agenda was the rejection of all bids for the construction of a new City Hall. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to reject all bids for the construction of a new City Hall. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for questions or comments. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer was not in attendance at the meeting.

Police Chief's monthly report:

Chief Woolford introduced Police Officer, Joe Durham and Police Officer, Gabe Edwards to the Board of Aldermen. Joe Durham gave a little history of his work experience to the Board. Alderman Sapp welcomed him to the police department. Gabe Edwards gave his work experience to the Board. Chief Woolford reported Officer Durham is in field training and should be out of training the first part of November. He stated the Police Department would then be fully staffed.

Chief Woolford presented his incident report to the Board and explained the report. He reported as of July 1, 2019, nonviolent felony offenses will get a summons instead of being arrested due to the overcrowding of the jails. He updated the Board on some code violations.

Chief Woolford reported the roof at the Police Department has been repaired.

Chief Woolford stated they would be going to the countywide records system this month.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays, City Attorney stated he had no report

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Sullivan reported a green chipper trailer being left unattended on Renee Drive and Henry Clay Blvd.

Alderman Sapp reported he attended the Palomino Ridge Subdivision meeting last Wednesday, September 25, at the park. He reported Chief Woolford was in attendance. He stated there was a lot of discussion but the main things that was touched on was the pothole at the entrance of Martha Crump, the condition of Billy Joe Sapp and Pacer. He stated he has talked with James Creel, Public Works Director on these matters. He also stated they discussed a parking issue on Martha Crump Drive close to the island. Lyn Woolford, Police Chief reported at the football game last week he was sure a fire truck could not get through there if there had been an emergency. Alderman Sapp reported the Police Department did have the announcer at the game report this issue and had vehicles moved that were blocking the entrance. Alderman Sapp stated he would get with James Creel and have this painted yellow, for no parking. Chief Woolford stated this needs Board action to declare this a no parking area. Alderman Sapp asked that this be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

Alderman Bronson gave his report time to Don Jenkins from Meco Engineering. Don Jenkins from Meco Engineering gave an update on the sidewalk project. He stated the contractor poured 175 feet of sidewalk today and still has 500 to 600 feet of sidewalk left. He reported there are several areas that the curb and gutter is cracking and they are working on getting that resolved.

Alderman Bronson reported the walking school bus is still going on and encouraged the Board to participate. Lyn Woolford, Police Chief reported tomorrow is International walk to school day.

Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to close the open meeting and go into executive session pursuant to Chapter 610.021 (1) legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body with a five-minute break. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bronson reported we are back in open session.

Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to order the city attorney to institute legal action pursuant to Ordinance No. 14.205 against all liable parties for collection of money owed for utility services. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-tem Bronson called for the vote. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Jesse Bronson, Mayor Pro-tem