

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2019 at 815 East Broadway, Ashland, Missouri.

Mayor Rhorer led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rhorer 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, Jeffrey Kays, City Attorney and Shelley Martin, Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda of April 16, 2019 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of April 02, 2019 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished 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.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution declaring the election results. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to consider the resolution declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Ashland, Missouri on April 02, 2019. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported the next item on the agenda is discussion of the repair to the fitness trail at the Ashland Community Park where Daniel Calvin had to repair his sewer line. He stated Daniel Calvin attended the last meeting. Mayor Rhorer explained that the sewer line was under the trail, which was not there when Mr. Calvin moved in. Mr. Calvin is saying he should not have to pay for the trail damage because the trail was constructed over the sewer line. Mayor Rhorer stated the city ordinance is clear that the property owner does pay for this. Mayor Rhorer reported that Dustin Bennett placed cold patch to the area for a temporary fix. He asked the Board their opinions. The Board discussed this. Mayor Rhorer stated it was not uncommon for the sewer lines to be in roadways, driveways and yards. He stated the homeowner is responsible for their sewer even if it is not on their property. The Board discussed this and wanted to get estimates and photos of the trail damage.

Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk swore into office, Leslie Martin, Alderwoman Ward I, Jesse Bronson, Alderman Ward II and Jeff Sapp, Alderman Ward III.

Mayor Rhorer called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer 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

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2019-021 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2019-021, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of agreement with Alliance Water Resources, LLC. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer reported the changes in the contract were an increase. Shelley Martin, Treasurer reported a 1.5 % increase and no other changes. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2019-022 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2019-022, An ordinance approving the final plat for Liberty Point, Plat No. 1. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Jeff Sapp, Council Liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission stated this came before the Planning and Zoning Commission last week for consideration and they voted to approve this. Mayor Rhorer stated it meets all the requisites. David Butcher from Crockett Engineering was present to answer any questions. Alderman Sapp stated the questions and concerns discussed at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was from the adjacent land owner/developer on this development connecting to his infrastructure. Mayor Rhorer 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 Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1254 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1254, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of agreement with Alliance Water Resources, LLC. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer appointed Alderman Lewis and Alderman Sullivan to the Interview/Hiring Committee for the City Administrator position. Mayor Rhorer suggested they get a business owner like Bill Lloyd to sit in on the interviews. He stated the more opinions the better.

Mayor Rhorer presented Alderman Bronson to serve as Mayor Pro-tem. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-abstained, Alderman Clay-aye.

Mayor Rhorer presented Lyn Woolford to serve as Police Chief. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye.

Mayor Rhorer presented Jeff Kays to serve as City Attorney. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye.

Mayor Rhorer presented Jeff Kays to serve as City Prosecutor. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Bronson asked that we get a quarterly report at the next meeting. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye.

Mayor Rhorer presented Darla Sapp to serve as City Clerk. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye.

Mayor Rhorer presented Shelley Martin as Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-abstained, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye.

Mayor Rhorer called for a volunteer to serve as Council Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board. Alderman Bronson volunteered to continue to serve on this Board. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye.

Mayor Rhorer called for a volunteer to serve as Council Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Bronson volunteered Alderman Sapp and Alderman Sapp accepted to continue to serve as Council Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-abstained, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye.

Mayor Rhorer stated the next item on the agenda is the Park Board recommendations.

Alderman Bronson gave an overview of the Park Board meeting and explained the Park Board had a couple of things they brought up for recommendation 1.) Playground sign for \$589.00 2.) Also, purchase a PA system for the events. He stated they received three bids and recommended to purchase from Rockville since they are the actual manufacture. Mayor Rhorer stated the recommendations are in the packet. Alderman Bronson stated the Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday and stated they are looking for help. He stated they are working on the Fall Festival. He stated the big things were the dog park, sign and PA system.

Ernie Wren resident at 601 Mustang Drive from the Parks and Recreation Committee presented the following recommendations to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. He stated the dog park received positive responses. He stated they are looking at establishing a "Friends of the Park Program". He stated this would be open to residents outside of the City limits, as well as within, to serve on the Park Board.

Alderman Bronson stated that the YMCA also made a presentation at the meeting asking for funding.

Alderman Sullivan asked that the Park Board get a price on the coated chain link fencing and see the price difference. The Board discussed this and felt if it was not a huge difference we should consider this. Alderman Sullivan said that chain link looks bad after seven years and he thought the best investment might be the coated fencing.

Alderman Bronson stated there are a few recommendations for expenditures for the park; the PA system, fence for the dog park, the sign and a \$75.00 reimbursement for the Easter egg candy that the Park Board did not give authorization to purchase. He stated they are growing and learning as a Park Board.

Tracy Banning suggested the sign for the playground to come out of miscellaneous expense. The sign for the playground to come out Friends of the City. The sound system paid from the park events line item and the doggie park expenditures to come out of capital.

Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the recommendations suggested by Tracy Banning, but said if we go with coated chain link fence then we will go back to the Board of Aldermen for approval. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer reported we would need to vote on the bill from Allstate Consultants for the Broadway and South Main Storm water project to be paid from the storm water tax engineering. Shelley Martin, Treasurer reported she confirmed with Allstate Consultants this is part of the estimated cost of \$12,000.00 for the engineering of this project. She stated this was not a planned project but something that was unexpected that needs done prior to MoDot doing the improvements on Broadway. She said the total project with engineering and construction was estimated between \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 dollars. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to pay the bill from Allstate Consultants in the amount of \$7,865.25 for the Broadway and South Main Storm water project from the storm water tax-engineering. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer 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's Report:

Mayor Rhorer stated the Department of Natural Resources has asked him to present a slide show on the State Revolving Fund Program. Mayor Rhorer stated he would like to have a closed session and needs to see everyone's availability. The Board discussed this and decided on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Rhorer stated Shelley and himself have been working with the Park Board president on budgeting procedures and policies. He stated that the park tax is new and we needed to explain how things have to be done. He stated he has been working on storm water issues and site plan issues also.

Police Chief Report:

Lyn Woolford presented three examples of police assistance phones. He stated that a couple are self-contained and others require a landline or possibly a wireless monthly fee. The Board discussed the placement of the phone being inside the vestibule of the building or on the outside of the building. Lyn Woolford was to get more information and costs to present at the next meeting.

Chief Woolford reported they have placed ballistic film on the windows at the Police Department. He stated it was approximately \$250.00 per window. He stated the cost was \$1,100.00. He discussed the pros and cons of the window film.

He reported the Police Department has focused on Ward Three Subdivisions for the last two weeks due to the complaints Alderman Sapp received. He presented the Board with data on speed, traffic count and stop sign violations.

Chief Woolford presented pictures of the front door decals applied to the Police Department Building.

He informed the Board the school resource officer has decided to take a new job and her last day would be on Thursday but she would like to continue as a reserve officer. He stated he is in the process of filling that position.

Alderman Lewis questioned the police building hours. Chief Woolford reported that Megan goes to lunch from 11:00 to 12:00 and he goes from 12:00 to 1:00. Megan checks to see if the City Hall staff needs assistance from 12:00 to 1:00 to cover lunch hours.

City Attorney report:

Jeff Kays, City Attorney had no report.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Lewis stated he received a phone call on a possible pedestrian crossing on Martha Crump/Main Street from the high school.

Alderman Lewis stated he has talked with Sara Reed on office training and she recommended three sessions at 1 ½ hours long. She can either do it over a long lunch or do at the end of the day. He stated he was impressed with Ms. Reed and thought it could be very beneficial. He stated the information would be in the next Board packet.

Alderman Lewis reported that Alderman Sapp and he attended the Greater Bonne Femme Watershed Steering Committee Meeting. He gave an overview of the meeting to the Board.

Alderman Bronson reported he did not see any grass clippings in the roadway in his neighborhood. He asked that everyone watch your speed with everyone being outside in the nice weather.

Alderman Sullivan stated that he did notice grass clippings on the roadway.

Alderman Sapp stated he would like to thank city staff for getting information out on the social media. He thanked the Police Department for taking the citizens' concerns seriously in Palomino Ridge Subdivision.

He stated he received a phone call requesting a speed hump and pedestrian crossing on Main Street/Martha Crump Drive.

He thanked the voters for expressing their concerns and electing him to serve another term.

Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor