

TUESDAY, JANUARY 07, 2020  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 07, 2020 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 and James Creel, Public Works Supervisor.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda of January 07, 2020 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 December 17, 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 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.

Mayor Rhorer reported they need to appoint seven additional members to the Downtown Beautification Committee. He explained the duties of the Committee was to prepare a report outlining needed improvements for the Broadway corridor along with recommended funding sources. He presented six people to serve on the committee.

Mayor Rhorer presented an appointment of Dave Westhoff to the Downtown Beautification Committee. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the appointment as presented. 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 an appointment of Brandon Glascock to the Downtown Beautification Committee. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to approve the appointment as presented. 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 an appointment of Jason Reynolds to the Downtown Beautification Committee. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to approve the appointment as presented. 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 an appointment of Kay Geers to the Downtown Beautification Committee. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the appointment as presented. 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 an appointment of Curtis Anderson to the Downtown Beautification Committee. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the appointment as presented. 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 an appointment of Peggy Wren to the Downtown Beautification Committee. Alderman Clay made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to approve the appointment as presented. 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. 1279 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1279, an ordinance repealing Chapter 7, Selection of Professional Services, Procurement, Conflict of Interest in its entirety and enacting a new Chapter 7, Selection of Professional Services, Procurement, Conflict of Interest. 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 Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1280 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Ordinance No. 1280, an ordinance approving the final plat of Forest Park 1-A. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. Alderman Sapp informed the Board this is the second reading and is basically a realignment to the street and an adjustment to one lot. He stated the Planning and Zoning has recommended 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 the next item on the agenda was Sarah Drive bridge engineering report and recommendation to restrict access on the bridge to vehicles weighing less than 10,000 lbs. He stated the information was in their packet. James Creel, Public Works Supervisor reported Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator asked him to be present at the meeting to discuss the Sarah Drive bridge. He stated this initially was looked at because he saw the curb was in bad shape. He stated he looked at the structure itself and there was a large crack along the top of the slab and felt it was faulty. He stated they had Wes Bolton from Allstate Consultants do a safety inspection and a preliminary study and it came back with serious concerns. He stated he cannot find any information on whom the developer or contractor was or a set of plans. He stated it is located between Middleton Crossing and Commerce Drive. He stated it looks like a deck was thrown over and the concrete abutments were done after the fact. He stated there is erosion as well. He stated there was three options; one being do nothing, second option is to close the structure to traffic. The third option is to replace the structure. He stated they felt limiting the weight limit on the structure was a good option at this point. James Creel suggested five-ton weight restriction. The Board discussed the different weight limits and felt the better option is to close the roadway to vehicle traffic. Mayor Rhorer stated if you post a weight limit sign on the bridge people would still use it and we have no way of weighing vehicles to write tickets on this. James Creel, Public Works Supervisor stated the Public Works Department has stopped using this bridge and he has reached out to the school and the trash service as well with no response. The Board discussed this at length and felt it was a liability and it should be closed

to all traffic. Mayor Rhorer stated we would place this on the next agenda and get the notifications out to the public.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer reported when he bought the Boone County Journal newspaper he knew it was going to be time demanding. He stated he would not be filing for re-election. He wished the Board all the luck. He stated he has committed 10 years to this community and in April, he would be out of office.

City Administrator's report:

Tony St. Romaine was absent from the meeting.

Police Chief's report:

Chief Woolford presented his stat report and year-end summary to the Board. He gave an overview of these reports. He stated they try to get to each subdivision at least twice a day. He informed the Board that a local firefighter's parents donated a Colt AR15 Rifle to the Police Department. He reported on the attack of an Officer, additional crime and violence and training. Chief Woolford reported that Officer O'Brien would be leaving the Police Department to go to work with the Department of Mental Health.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays informed the Mayor that Ad Hoc Committee's does need Board approval.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Clay stated he will also not be running for re-election and that he has served five years to the community.

Alderman Sullivan reported that Holts Summit Board of Aldermen voted to remove their recycling program.

Alderman Sapp stated he was glad to see MoDot working on the Broadway in front of Subway on the bump and huge potholes. He stated he had a conversation with James before the meeting on some park issues that he will address.

Alderman Sapp stated that since the recycling topic has come up he thought the Board approved to move the recycle lot by the new water building in a fenced in area with cameras. He stated he thought the hold up was the construction of Red Tail Drive that has been completed. He asked when the lot could be prepared for relocating the recycle containers. Mayor Rhorer stated that is the directive from the Board and he would see that this gets started tomorrow. He stated that he felt Tony St. Romaine was doing due diligence in polling citizens about the recycling on facebook.

Alderman Sapp stated the Board also voted to close the tennis courts and this has not yet been done. He stated we either need close the tennis courts or repeal the Board's vote to close the tennis courts. Mayor Rhorer asked James Creel, Public Works Supervisor to close the tennis courts tomorrow morning.

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 Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-nay, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor