

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2020
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. on October 06, 2020 via zoom.

Mayor Sullivan gave the invocation.

Mayor Sullivan led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Sullivan called the roll:

Ward One: Leslie Martin-here, Bryan Bradford-here
Ward Two: Melissa Old-here, Stephanie Bell-absent
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Jeff Sapp-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Gabe Edwards, Police Chief, and Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator.

Mayor Sullivan presented the minutes of September 15, 2020 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan called for adjustments to the agenda. Being none, he called for the motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan called the public hearing to order on the Voluntary Annexation of 97.94 acres located on East Liberty Lane for Martin Builders. The City Clerk read the Annexation public hearing notice. Mayor Sullivan called for public comment. Mayor Sullivan called for staff comments. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported this is the public opportunity to speak for support or objections to the voluntary annexation. He reported this is north of Liberty Lane and opposite side of the school and Liberty Landing Subdivision. Mayor Sullivan called for Public comment. Being none he closed the public hearing.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-035. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to take up Council Bill No. 2020-035, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Municipal agreement. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated this is a standard agreement with the Highway and Transportation and this has been bid out at least twice in the last couple of years. He stated they are bidding this out in December of this year with 2021 construction to coincide with the round-a-bout. The City will have to bid out the parking spaces separately. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-036. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to take up Council Bill No. 2020-036, an ordinance of the City of Ashland authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional services with Allstate Consultants to update the City of Ashland's Zoning, Subdivision, and stormwater regulations. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated this is an important project that will rewrite our existing storm water regulations and zoning codes. He stated this is desperately needed due to

inconsistency and lack of teeth in certain areas. He gave an overview of the time line of request for proposals, score sheets and criteria the selection committee used and interviews of two firms. He stated this project will take between 12 and 15 months to complete and requires many community meetings. Tony St. Romaine stated the selection committee recommended Allstate Consultants. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-037. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to take up Council Bill No. 2020-037, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Christensen Construction for the mil and overlay project; providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law and state mandated construction safety training. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St Romaine, City Administrator, reported we bid out asphalt work late in the season but we received three proposals. He reported we budgeted \$200,000.00 for this and the low bid came in at \$184,900.00 from Christensen Construction. He stated weather permitting, should be completed within 90 days. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-038 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to take up Council Bill No. 2020-038, an ordinance authoring the Mayor to execute a subdivision warranty agreement for Liberty Landing Plats 1-6. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported that James Creel, Public Works Director could not attend the meeting tonight but they have completed the check list of inspections and everything has been corrected. He stated this is for plats 1-6. He reported it is the staff recommendation to approve the subdivision warranty agreement. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Lewis stated the holdup was the stormwater issues. Bill Martin stated that issue has not been resolved yet. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated this is a civil matter and the city has no responsibility or liability. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-039 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to take up Council Bill No. 2020-039, an ordinance approving the final minor plat for McDow Subdivision. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported this was just discussed at the Planning and Zoning meeting that was held prior to this meeting. He reported this is a dividing the 72.43 acre tract east of Highway 63 & Route H into two different tracts. He stated this is currently zoned Commercial. He stated the proposed owner wishes to buy this since it abuts his existing property. He stated this is not a site plan just dividing the tract into two lots. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Ordinance No. 1313 for consideration. Mayor Sullivan reported this was tabled due to waiting on information and detail on the additional expenses for the wastewater treatment facility. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported that due to covid and staffing at Allstate Consultants this information has not been obtained and Allstate Consultants asked for this to be tabled. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to table Ordinance No. 1313, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute addendum No 1 to the agreement for engineering services with Allstate Consultants

LLC for the mechanical wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented a Resolution to approve the site plan for Lot 6A of Ashland Industrial Court for A & H Steel. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to take up a Resolution to approve the site plan for Lot 6A of Ashland Industrial Court for A & H Steel. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended this site plan for approval and meets all the requirements. 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 Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented the acceptance of a donation for the Police Department. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to accept the donation. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Gabe Edwards, Police Chief reported that his part-time Police Officer Allie Leiva approached him about making a monetary donation to the Ashland Police Department of \$1,000.00. He stated her employer Veterans United Home Loans provided employees of the company \$1,000.00 to donate to the not-for-profit organization of their choice. He stated she was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented the acceptance from the Southern Boone FFA donation of agility equipment to the City for use in the dog park. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to accept the donation of agility equipment for use in the dog park. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated the James Creel, Public Works Supervisor was in Branson at a conference and has worked on this project. He stated the FFA applied for a grant to allow them to acquire the equipment and donate this to the park at no cost. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments or Board comments. Alderman Bradford questioned if the disc golf was going to be moved out of dog park. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated it would be relocated. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sullivan stated they would announce a meeting date about parking issues with contractors at the next meeting.

Mayor Sullivan reported that James provided him a list of all streets measurements.

Mayor Sullivan discussed the covid virus and been supportive of Trick or Treating as usual. He stated that Stephanie Browning of the Boone County Health Department would be releasing the guidelines for trick or treating in a couple of days. He stated the Optimist Club has submitted a plan for their event to the Health Department.

Mayor Sullivan updated the Board on the citations being issued at the recycle lot. He stated there are residents with disabilities that can't use the new recycling lot. Mayor Sullivan stated they would make arrangements for the water department to help the residents dispose of their recyclables. Mayor Sullivan stated we have a guest Lelande Rehard that has accepted the new position of Assistant City Administrator. He stated they reviewed 20 plus applicants and narrowed it down to three to interview.

City Administrator's Report:

Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator introduced Lelande Rehard and gave a brief overview of having worked with Mr. Rehard during his time with the City of Columbia in the City Manager's office. He gave an overview of his education and background in public administration. He stated Mr. Rehard is currently serving as District Manager for the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District. Tony St. Romaine stated his start date would be early in December of this year.

Lelande Rehard stated it was a pleasure to meet everyone. He stated it is an opportunity to learn from someone you have worked with and have a lot of respect for. Mayor Sullivan stated he was glad he accepted the position. He stated he felt we had a great team of employees and lets continue to move forward.

Tony St Romaine, City Administrator stated he has been busy and there are a lot of exciting developments. He reported they are meeting with the City of Columbia about the possibility of connecting the airport and of their tenants to the City of Ashland sewer system.

He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission met tonight prior to the Board of Aldermen meeting. He informed them they approved the MFA Breaktime site plan for East Ashland Plaza. He stated it would be located off Hwy Y and Industrial Drive. He informed the Board there is not a stormwater detention plan for the development, that each lot has to have detention. He reported they have underground fuel tanks that make it impossible to have onsite stormwater detention with the underground fuel tanks. He stated they are going to hook up to the stormwater line that drains to the creek. He stated that any future lots would be required to have onsite detention. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 5 to 4 in approving this site plan. Tony St. Romaine stated they have a 80- day time frame to get this up and running.

Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported he has received an applicant for the plan reviewer and would be having an interview later this week.

He reported the Sarah Drive Bridge project is moving forward with relocating utilities and should be done in the middle of November.

Tony St. Romaine gave a brief update on the Ranken project. He stated the Steier Group has been hired by the school district for the fund raising efforts. He stated he hopes in next six months we can meet the match of \$1.7 million dollars with hopes of \$ 3million to equip the inside.

Alderman Bradford questioned what Breaktime plans for their existing business on East Broadway. Tony St. Romaine stated that the developer Little Dixie Construction is in charge of the new building and as far as they know there are no plans to close or change the existing Breaktime. Mayor Sullivan stated he hopes that decision does not change.

Mayor Sullivan stated the Ranken project would be so incredible for our community. He stated we could arrange a tour to their St. Louis campus.

City Attorney's Report:
Jeff Kays was not present.

Police Chief's Monthly report.

Chief Edwards gave an overview of the patrol vehicles and expenses for repairs. He reported one officer is no longer with the City and he has hired Officer Tom Whitener and he has started work on September 18, 2020. He reported he has hired Devin Stevenson and he will begin October 28, 2020. Mr. Stevenson was present via zoom and gave a brief overview of his experience.

Chief Edwards reported they obtained four new preliminary breath testing devices from the Missouri Safety Center for no cost that normally cost \$385.00 apiece.

He stated Officer Worrall is working with a medical supply company to obtain free Missouri P.O.S.T approved training in the area of emergency care/combat care that will be open to other area public safety agencies.

Alliance Water Resource monthly report:

Derek McCubbin was present via zoom to answer any questions about his report. There were no questions.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Lewis stated he received an e-mail this week of concern of rubbish at a residence on East Broadway.

Alderman Bradford stated himself and Alderman Sapp fixed some flags at the avenue of flags that were unclipped. He also reported two missing nameplates. He encouraged everyone to get creative and participate in Halloween.

Alderwoman Old stated she received an e-mail on a leak adjustment being denied due to it being a running toilet. She stated she encouraged him to attend the meeting via zoom with his concerns. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported he responded to the e-mail.

Mayor Sullivan called for public comments.

Dorise Slinker stated the plans for the round-a-bout shows two pumps taken out and one or two of their entrances being removed. Mayor Sullivan stated they do not have plans to close the business and he hopes they are true to their word. The board discussed reaching out to Breaktime to see what their plans are. Tony St. Romaine, stated the pumps and entrances would only be temporarily closed during construction phase of the round-about. He stated MoDot is obtaining a temporary construction easement not a permanent ordinance. Alderwoman Old stated she would reach out and see if she could find any information on the future of the existing Breatime. Dorise Slinker suggested we question the staff and see what information we can obtain.

Alderman Bradford questioned if the power lines would be removed during round-a-bout construction. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported he did not see any plans to remove the power line or poles.

Mayor Sullivan called for the adjournment.

Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Richard Sullivan, Mayor