

TUESDAY, MAY 05, 2020
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Rhorer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 05, 2020 via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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, Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator, Terry Toalson, Interim Police Chief and James Creel, Public Works Director.

Mayor Rhorer presented the agenda of May 05, 2020 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of April 21, 2020 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. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer asked if anyone wished to appear before the Board to state their name and place of residence on any subject. He stated this is the only public speaking portion of the meeting.

Angela Price, 311 Red Tail Drive stated they were not in favor of the speed bump. She stated she felt that parking on the inside of the curb should be considered not the outside. She stated it is low visibility to see if a child runs out. She stated there are children in the area and you are not going to see the child if it steps out or runs out behind a vehicle. She suggested both sides at the corner be no parking to give site visibility. She informed the Board she has talked with Alderman Sullivan and he has done a good job and voice for their opinions.

Jim Fasciotti stated he resides at 503 Eagle Lake Drive but is calling in from Houston, Texas. He stated he has known Mayor Gene Rhorer for 18 to 19 years and consider him a friend. He stated he also served on the Board of Aldermen for 4 years with Gene Rhorer. He stated the community would never have full awareness and know the sacrifices he has made for this City. He stated that while on the Board he worked with Lyn Woolford as well. He stated that when Gene became Mayor, he came in and cleaned house. He stated they did good working together. He stated that he considers Lyn Woolford a friend as well. He stated he had no opinion on what happened but would like to think about what is good for the City. He stated in his opinion no laws were broken and if so the public would know. He asked that for the good of the City, the cost of a law suit and embarrassment that we can end this and go back to the way it was. He asked that we swallow some pride. He stated that Lyn was a good police chief. He asked if the Board could and if possible, he thinks it would benefit the city to go back to the way things were. He thanked the Board for listening to him.

Alderman Sullivan asked that since the public speaking portion of the meeting is over the people in attendance please mute their mikes because there is a lot of static and feedback.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-018 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2020-018, an ordinance amending the Ashland Municipal Code to regulate use of golf carts, all-terrain (utility) vehicles and low-speed vehicles on city streets. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Bronson questioned if this ordinance covers the golf carts not being allowed to go to over Highway 63 to Dollar General or Moser's. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator informed the Board this ordinance change was the request of Alderman Lewis. He stated he prepared an ordinance to regulate the use of golf carts and "low speed vehicles" on city streets. He stated that in Section 20.750 and 20.755 of the city code currently permit the use of ATV and Utility Vehicles on city streets. This section would be repealed and replaced with a revised section that would permit the use of golf carts, all terrain and utility vehicles. He stated a citizen requested this change to allow for golf carts. He stated he sent a copy of the proposed ordinance to the residents and he asked for an amendment. He stated that on Page 3, Section 2 Display a compliance sticker in the lower left hand portion of the windshield be amended to rear of the vehicle so it is physically visible. He stated it would not be a requirement to have windshield. He stated we currently have the permits in place but our procedure moving forward would have to comply with these new standards. He stated the fee is \$15.00 and once they pass the inspection they will be given a compliance sticker. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote with the amendment proposed. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-019 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Clay to take up Council Bill No. 2020-019, an ordinance to amend Schedule III. Parking restrictions of Chapter 20, Traffic Code of the City of Ashland. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. The Board discussed concerns of the major visibility being on the inside of the curb and both sides of the street. Alderman Bronson amended the motion to include both sides of Red Tail. The Board discussed proposed language so the verbiage is clear. James Creel, Public Works Director suggested placing no parking between the signs. Jeff Kays, City Attorney stated this is pretty vague. Mayor Rhorer stated this is the first reading and we would have more specific language for the second and final reading. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to issue a purchase order as the official contract for mowing and trimming services to Gilmore Lawn and Land. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to take up the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to issue a purchase order as the official contract for mowing and trimming services to Gilmore Lawn and Land. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Tony St. Romaine gave an overview of the bids. He stated the staff recommends Gilmore Lawn and Land for mowing the specific city properties. Alderman Sapp questioned some city property not identified on the list, such as the four quadrants of MoDot right of way the City adopted. Tony St. Romaine reported those areas will still be maintained by city staff. James Creel, Public Works Director stated they included in the specifications the areas that are the most time consuming. He stated this will narrow the mowing down to one time a week for his department allowing more time for street work and other projects. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Clay-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer asked if we were waiting on the Flags for the Avenue of Flags. He questioned how many more meetings he would have. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported May 19, June 2 and June 16

would be the transfer out. He stated he has elected to not make any decisions, projects and would not be making decisions to allow for the transition to the new administration.

City Administrator's Report:

Tony St. Romaine City Administrator gave an update on the Ranken project. He informed the Board he is working on the website design and making it easier to navigate. He stated he is getting feedback on social media and the City staff. Tony St. Romaine stated the plans to have a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan would be rescheduled since the next Planning and Zoning Commission will be held via ZOOM. He stated we want public involvement as much as possible and he did not feel it could be done with the meeting format since we would have large displays. He stated depending on the social distancing rules he is tentative scheduling for a June meeting. Tony St. Romaine reported a complaint the Boone County Resource Management, Stormwater Coordinator received on sediment, stormwater runoff and flooding in Liberty Landing Subdivision. He stated the complaint also went to the Department of Natural Resources as well as the Army Corps of Engineers.

Interim Police Chief Monthly report.

Terry Toalson, Interim Police Chief stated he had nothing to pass on. He stated they had seen a reduction in traffic due to the "stay at home order" but it is starting to see more traffic flow. He stated it has been business as usual.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays did not have a report.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Sullivan reported the ongoing comments on the "Surveying Ashland" and e-mails on the parking on Ashley Drive and the concern of the parking on Perry Avenue from the stop sign back.

Alderman Sapp reported he received complaints and concerns about people parking on both sides of the Pinto Pony Drive when the sign states no parking on one side of the roadway.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor