

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Rhorer called the roll:

Ward One: Leslie Martin-here, Danny Clay-absent  
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 19, 2020 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of April 30, 2020 Special Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented the minutes of May 05, 2020 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the minutes 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-absent. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Sullivan read a letter from Cecil Payne expressing concerns once Perry Avenue is extended to Route Y that the plans are to eliminate the East Liberty Lane crossover. He stated this would leave them with only one way in and out of the subdivision, additional traffic with future Ranken College and other businesses to be developed off of Route Y. He stated the increased traffic flow through the commercial park would be difficult. Mr. Payne suggested not to eliminate it but to physically relocate it further South on Perry approximately 2,500 feet towards Jefferson City.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-020 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up Council Bill No. 2020-020, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an animal control enforcement cooperative agreement. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Sullivan questioned how many calls they usually get. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported he gets a monthly count but did not have this information with him. Tony St. Romaine stated this is a reduction of cost. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-021 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up Council Bill No. 2020-021, an ordinance approving the final plat

for South Wind Plat 5. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp reported this is was approved by the review engineer and recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Clay-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Council Bill No. 2020-022 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up Council Bill No. 2020-022, an ordinance approving the final plat for Eagle Lakes Plat 4B. First reading by title only. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Sapp reported this was approved by the review engineer and recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Clay-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1298 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Ordinance No. 1298, an ordinance amending the Ashland Municipal Code to regulate use of golf carts, all-terrain (utility) vehicles and low-speed vehicles on city streets. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Tony St. Romaine presented information from the Fort Madison Daily Democrat on the golf carts. He stated there is no protection in a golf cart. He stated this ordinance allows them on roads under 35 m.p.h. but not on Broadway and Henry Clay. Alderman Lewis stated that the person asking for the golf carts has concerns of the requirement of turn signals and rearview mirrors since these features are not commonly on golf carts. The Board discussed this and felt the requirements is important for the safety. Alderman Sapp reported he saw a 12 or 13 year old kid driving a golf cart in Liberty Landing Subdivision over the weekend. He did have an adult with him. Alderman Sapp stated he stopped the golf cart and told them of the regulations of a driving license required and the grandmother took over the driving responsibility. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Clay-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented Ordinance No. 1299 for consideration. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up Ordinance No. 1299, an ordinance to amend Schedule III. Parking restrictions of Chapter 20, Traffic Code of the City of Ashland. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Alderman Sullivan asked if this needed to be repealed? Tony St Romaine, City Administrator stated we could either withdraw this ordinance since it was not needed and appoint a traffic engineer. Jeff Kays, City Attorney reported under the code of ordinances we have the authority to make changes without the enactment of this ordinance. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator asked for the Board's input as to where they want the no parking signs. The Board discussed this and wanted it on both sides of the roadway of the speed bump on Red Tail Drive. The Board discussed bringing back an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 to appoint a traffic engineer. Mayor Rhorer recommended if the Board wishes not to pass this they vote no. He stated the ordinance is unnecessary since it is already covered in the code. Mayor Rhorer asked if they wished to retract the motion and second. Alderman Bronson withdrew his motion and Alderman Sapp withdrew his second. Alderman Sullivan made motion and seconded by Alderman Bronson to postpone the second reading. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Clay-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the donation of surplus police equipment to the Law Enforcement Training Institute. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to take up the resolution authorizing the donation of surplus police equipment to the Law Enforcement Training Institute. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman

Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Clay-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Rhorer presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to enter into the employment agreement for City Administrator for the City of Ashland, Missouri. Alderman Bronson made motion and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to take up the resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to enter into the employment agreement for City Administrator for the City of Ashland, Missouri. Mayor Rhorer reported during the budget process there was a rate increase for some city employees and this requires an edit to the contract since it conflicts. He stated this new contract reflects the correct dollar amount. Mayor Rhorer called for questions or comments. Mayor Rhorer called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bronson-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Sullivan-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Clay-absent. Motion carried.

#### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Rhorer stated the letter from Cecil Payne on the Lakeview Estates access has quite the history. He stated many residents asked that this access be closed because it was too dangerous. He stated this would be up to MoDot as far as the State Highway.

#### City Administrator's Report:

Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator gave an overview of the projects that has changed since last meeting. He stated they are working on the new website and are gathering new photo's to put on it. He stated the Comprehensive Plan would be on the June Planning and Zoning Commission agenda since he felt the zoom meeting would not be a good option. He stated hopefully some of the restrictions would be lifted so we can have a regular meeting. He stated that Gilmore Lawn and Land has been doing the mowing and trimming and he has received good comments on the quality of work. He stated they are still waiting to hear on the Ranken projects.

He stated he would let James Creel update the Board on the recycling lot relocation project in his report.

Tony St. Romaine, stated the Waste Water Treatment plant ribbon cutting/open house should be sometime in June as they are finishing the final stages of grading, seeding and final base of roadbed. He stated he would work on scheduling a date in the near future.

#### Public Works Director Monthly report:

James Creel stated he has been doing street repairs on Martha Crump Drive and West Oaks Drive. He stated in the near future he would be doing street repairs and sidewalk repairs on Sunset Meadows. He stated he has gotten some bad concrete from the supplier and needs to re-pour in West Oaks. He stated they have been cleaning out culverts and realigning ditches and plans on continuing to do that for the next couple of months. James Creel discussed an electrical issue at the park effecting the fountain. He stated Ameren is going to repair this. He updated the Board on the tennis court grant. He informed the Board of bathroom repairs due to vandalism. He thanked the Ashland Police Department for catching the person that did this. He reported they worked on the baseball field and hopefully we will get the grant so we can do a complete upgrade on the baseball field. He stated they are waiting on a hydraulic study for the Sarah Drive bridge replacement. He updated the Board on the recycling lot schedule being delayed due to weather. James Creel informed the Board he set the signs for in front of the post office this morning and is touching up faded curbs on Ashley and Perry Avenue next week. He stated the striping on Henry Clay, Ash Street and North Main are complete and Liberty Lane and Pinto Pony Drive will be done in the near future, weather pending. He gave an update on the waste water treatment plant. Alderman Lewis asked that the sidewalk on Redwood Drive be repaired soon as it is a tripping hazard. James Creel stated that they would be spending two to three weeks in each neighborhood doing repairs and maintenance.

Alderman Sapp asked if the Martha Crump curb was on his list. James Creel stated they would be painting the area around the neighborhood subdivision signs to where the normal two-lane road is on both sides of the roadway.

Jeff Kays, City Attorney asked that James Creel get a cost for repair of the vandalism at the park to submit with the police report.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays stated he did not have a report.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Bronson stated he had a couple things relating to the park and he already addressed them with James Creel, Public Works Director.

Alderman Sullivan stated that he was contacted by two individuals of the Southern Boone County Senior Center reference their water bill and toilet stool leaking resulting in an \$800.00 bill. He stated we have done away with leak adjustments. He stated the Senior Center is a non-for-profit organization and asked if we could do anything to help with this. Tony St Romaine stated our policy is no leak adjustments and he felt it should be consistent to stick with this policy. He stated we could offer a payment agreement that are allowed twice a year for citizens. Alderman Sullivan stated he did tell the Senior Center they might check with their insurance company.

Alderman Sapp stated it agrees with not closing the Lakeview Estates access off of Hwy 63 but to move it further down. He informed the Board he drove around looking at storm water issues this weekend in Liberty Landing and South Wind subdivision. He stated there were several construction sites that did not have silt fences up. He stated there were a couple of areas within the city limits as well that was not complying with the silt fence regulations.

Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis 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-absent. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Gene Rhorer, Mayor