

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 21, 2020 at 5275 W Red Tail Drive, Ashland, Mo.

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-here  
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-here, Jeff Sapp-here

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator, Jeff Kays, City Attorney, James Creel, Public Works Director and Jon Sanders, Treasurer.

Mayor Sullivan presented the minutes of July 07, 2020 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis 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 Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan presented the appointment of Alderwoman Martin and Alderman Sapp, Tony St. Romaine and Mayor Sullivan to serve on the Assistant City Administrator Selection Committee. Alderwoman Bell made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the appointments. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan reported the next item on the agenda is appointment of Fred Klippel to the Board of Adjustment. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to confirm the appointment of Fred Klippel to the Board of Adjustment. Fred Klippel reported he has previously served on the Board of Alderman and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan reported the next item under scheduled public comments is Andy Bowman asking for swimming pool forgiveness. Andy Bowman stated he lives at 905 Goldeneye Court and he asked to be on the agenda prior to reading the minutes on the leak adjustment policy. He stated he wanted to bring to the attention of possibly considering swimming pool adjustments on the sewer portion of the bill for filling up the pool. He stated this water would not be going in the sewer and because of covid more people are getting pools. He asked for future consideration. Mayor Sullivan stated he would discuss this with City Administrator and possibly bring it back to the Board for consideration.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-027 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to take up Council Bill No. 2020-027, an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year 2021 Budget. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for staff comments. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated the police

department is in need of some radar units and stated this is a budget adjustment to allow for the purchase of the new radar units. Mayor Sullivan stated we have numerous comments on speeding in certain subdivisions. He stated the speed trailer does well but police presence in these neighborhoods are important. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Ordinance No. 1306 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to take up Ordinance No. 1306, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a road relinquishment agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated this agreement with MoDot is due to changing the crossovers and j-turns on 63 at New Salem Road. He explained that MoDot decided this to the City of Ashland and is asking the City to relinquish it to them to do the necessary improvements then they will relinquish back to the City of Ashland. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented a Resolution of the City of Ashland designating the official to execute necessary documents relating to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources State Revolving Fund Program. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the resolution of the City of Ashland designating the official to execute necessary documents relating to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources State Revolving Fund Program. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine reported this is changing the name from the former Mayor to the current Mayor to be able to sign the SRF documents. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye. Motion carried.

#### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sullivan thanked everyone for showing up for the water treatment open house. He stated he felt it was well attended. He stated he was impressed by the Police Department and their farewell to Deputy Chief Toalson. He stated that Terry Toalson has went to work for Boone Hospital and wished him luck in the next chapter of his life. He thanked TJ Forck for promoting Terry's retirement on the billboard. Mayor Sullivan stated we need to set a public hearing on East Red Tail Drive reference the speed bump no parking issues. He stated the neighbors disagree with each other on this and we need to work together to get it resolved. He asked Alderwoman Bell and Alderwoman Old to attend since it is in their ward, as well as Alderman Sapp. They agreed on Wednesday August 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the speed bump. They discussed posting sign at entrance to subdivision, social media and door hangers. Mayor Sullivan stated he clarified the pool research and recommendation committee on social media since it seemed some people were unclear of what the Board was going to do.

#### City Administrator's Report:

Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated his report was not in packet. He reported the Comprehensive Plan public hearing did not happen since we did not have a quorum. He stated there were more audience than Planning and Zoning Commission members. He stated that Mr. Streiler drove from St. Louis to the meeting. He reported the public hearing has been re-scheduled to August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. He reported the Downtown Beautification grant has been submitted. He stated now they will schedule a presentation and tour the downtown area and answer any questions. He stated hopefully we would be awarded the grant. Tony St. Romaine asked the Board to let him know what cases they want for the i-Pads. He stated we have a couple on order but had issues with our credit card. He informed the Board they have a meeting with the Central Bank to look in to procurement cards instead of credit cards that allows for a rebate. He informed

the Board the Lions Club grant for the bathrooms will not happen this year but they will reapply in January of next year. Mayor Sullivan stated they want two local Lions Clubs to participate in the funding. The Board discussed this and knew it would be a financial struggle for these organizations since they have been unable to do fund raising because of Covid-19. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported the negotiations are still on going for the property at the Henry Clay and Broadway round about. He advised they are waiting on Fischer Grading to begin the construction on Sarah Drive bridge improvements. He stated they are still working on the website and he should have a draft design for the Board to review. He reported they received request for proposals from four firms for updating the city codes relating to Planning and Zoning. He stated he would have a selection committee review these and make a recommendation to the Board. Tony St. Romaine gave a brief update on the progress of the Ranken project. He stated they filed for a sixty-day extension in order to try to get the additional funding. Tony St. Romaine reported 22 total applications for the Assistant City Administrator position with some well qualified individuals. He informed the Board Ashland Commons development has stalled due to financial/covid related issues. He stated based upon that we may need to look for another site and figure out what else we may want to pursue.

#### City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays stated he had no report.

#### Public Works Monthly report

James Creel reported they continue to work on streets. He reported Jeff Hawkins transferred to the water department. He stated they continue to work on storm water boxes. He stated they are working on Dropper Place, detention basin and drainage ditch on Oak Street. He stated they are continuing routine maintenance at the park. He stated they are working on the final stage of the tennis court grant. He stated the recycling lot is almost constructed they are just waiting on the fencing then they would get the containers and girl scout container moved over. He stated they are working on the signage as well. He stated the upcoming Sarah Drive bridge replacement would be inspected during construction by Allstate Consultants. He reported he has been working with Capital Paving for the mill and fill around town and has discovered they are not part of the cooperative agreement so we will need to put this out for bid. James Creel reported he is working with the school district on cross walk improvements and striping along with some pedestrian flashing lights in the school zones.

Shawn Middendorf of Alliance Water Resource stated the Ribbon cutting went well and stated they would be glad to give anyone tours of the waste water treatment facility. He presented the City with a \$1,700.00 refund check per our contract with them. He stated it has been a good year and they got creative and was able to outfit the new lab. Mayor Sullivan stated we had positive promotion on the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

#### Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Aldерwoman Old stated she attended her first park board meeting and they are planning for the Fall Festival but are cautious with spending because of fear of cancelling. She stated they were up to 20 vendors. The fall festival is scheduled for September 19, 2020.

Alderman Sapp reported an unattached trailer facing the wrong way on Red Tail Drive. He stated it is parked as close to the driveway without blocking the driveway. Alderman Sapp commented on gravel approaches and parking lots being hard surface. He stated he has heard complaints about the office of Redbud Lane being gravel and felt this is acceptable since he only added gravel to an existing area.

Alderman Lewis stated he has been approached about the increasing the speed limit to 25 mph on South Main Street since there is a new sidewalk.

Alderwoman Bell thanked everyone on the Board for their understanding and patience while she is trying to get up to speed.

Alderman Bradford thanked James Creel for cleaning the guttering drain in front of Casey's. He stated there were trees growing in it. He stated there is a Veterans Memorial at the Park that James knew nothing about. Alderman Bradford discussed the need in the future for a skate park. He stated he attended the ribbon cutting and it was impressive to see the different stages. He stated the pool committee met last Thursday at the pool and it is over 35 years old. He stated it is need of repair, paint, non-functioning pumps, filtering and the pool is leaking. He stated the YMCA plan for a pool, but it would not be until approximately 15 years. He stated he was unsure of the contract and the where the \$10,000.00 came in at. Tony St. Romaine was to get Alderman Bradford a copy of the contract. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated they met earlier with the pool and they felt with the covid they would have a short fall of around \$10,000.00 in revenue. He stated they are at 80 percent of revenue right now. He stated the contract the City has with the Optimist Club is dated back in 2006. Alderman Bradford stated they would keep exploring and asking questions. The Board discussed the pool is not going to be a moneymaker but it provides for the community needs. Mayor Sullivan stated we are a growing community and need to plan ahead. He stated he is appreciative of the Optimist Club for providing the pool when the City did not have the finances.

Mayor Sullivan called for general comments by public, aldermen and staff.

Travis Lasater stated he resides at 605 Caspian and was here on behalf of his mother that resides at 204 North Main Street. He stated she had the water leak under her house and the water and sewer bill was around \$3,200.00 He stated the City Administrator approved the \$800.00 allowable adjustment but was they were seeking the additional adjustments on the sewer which was approximately a total of \$1502.00. Mayor Sullivan stated we had suggested if anyone had a leak that was over the \$800.00 they would need to come back before the Board. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to grant the total sewer adjustment of \$1502.00. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan called for the adjournment.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Richard Sullivan, Mayor