

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 18, 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, Jon Sanders, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeffrey Kays, City Attorney (via zoom), Gabe Edwards, Police Chief (via zoom) and James Creel, Public Works Director.

Mayor Sullivan presented the minutes of August 04, 2020 & August 11, 2020 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp 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. Alderwoman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan reported there are no scheduled public comments.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-030. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to take up Council Bill No. 2020-030, an ordinance recognizing Resolution 2020-001 of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Ashland. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for staff report. The City Clerk reported this is for the Comprehensive Plan. Alderman Sapp stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had a public hearing on this and Todd Streiler made a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a Resolution to move forward with adopting the Comprehensive Plan and present it to the Board of Alderperson for consideration. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-031. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to take up Council Bill No. 2020-031, an ordinance approving the final plat for Eagle Lakes Plat 5. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan reported this is the two lots off Falcon Court the City has for sale. Mayor Sullivan called for staff comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the public. Robert Hurdle reported he has these lots under contract and discussed merging the two lots into one lot. He stated there was concern of the drainage easement between the two lots so they re-platted and placed the easement to include the creek. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye,

Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-032. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Martin to take up Council Bill No. 2020-032, an ordinance to amend appendix A: Posted speed limits of Chapter 20, Traffic Code of the City of Ashland. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for staff comments. Mayor Sullivan stated he has heard for months about increasing the speed limit on Main Street from Broadway to South Henry Clay Blvd. He stated this would increase the speed limit from 20 mph to 30 mph. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Sapp questioned if the residents had been notified and what are their feelings on this? Mayor Sullivan stated that he had not contacted the residents. Alderwoman Old stated she has not contacted any residents on this. She stated she lives on this road and the speed limit was reduced because of the pedestrian concern since there were no sidewalks. The Board discussed the speed limit increase and said the consensus is that 20 mph is too slow. Alderman Lewis stated this is the first reading and residents have time to give their input. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Ordinance No. 1308 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Ordinance No. 1308, an ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the City of Ashland for the year 2020 and amending Chapter 5; Tax Rates: Appendix A-1 of the Ashland Municipal Code. Mayor Sullivan called for staff comments. Mayor Sullivan reported this rate would remain the same as last year. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Ordinance No. 1309 for consideration. Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Old to take up Ordinance No. 1309, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a subdivision warranty agreement for Liberty Point Plat 1. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. The City Clerk reported this is located off Liberty Landing Subdivision. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for comments and questions from the Board. Alderman Sapp deferred to the Public Works Director James Creel. James Creel reported that Shelby Sapp Construction did this and there are no deficiencies found. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan stated the next item on the agenda is consideration of ending the for sale listing of the recycle lot at Bass and Redbud Lane. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to consider ending the for sale listing of the city recycle lot off Bass and Redbud Lane. Mayor Sullivan stated Tony St. Romaine talked about this at the last meeting. He stated when they did the Main Street presentation that lot stuck out has having potential for development of the downtown district. He stated we have had not offers on the lot and they felt it was more valuable to us to retain the lot for now. The Board discussed possible uses for the lot, signage needed to deter illegal dumping and littering and the possibility of roping the lot off. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan reported the next item on the agenda was to discuss/review Section 20.1320 Parking of unattended or unattached trailers and Section 20.1325 Parking trucks, trailers, etc. restricted in residential areas. Mayor Sullivan gave a background of this issue being from a job site on Red Tail Drive with the trailer parked backwards had expired plates and was partially blocking driveway. He stated the parking

ticket and costs was discussed at the last meeting with Chief Edwards and they discussed giving a grace period of one year. Mayor Sullivan stated we need to think about the grace period. He opened up to allow the public to speak.

Chad Martin resident at 2509 Hwy MM stated if the City is going to stand on an ordinance they also need to understand to enforce it for everyone. He stated in construction they have a trash receptacle or dump trailer to collect trash during construction. He stated when it rains or winter they would be stuck in the mud and string mud in the streets. He stated the contractor's and sub-contractor has more than one trailer and it is not possible to have it hooked up to a vehicle. He stated he realizes it is complaint driven but thinks there a lot more to think about. He asked they make this exception and adaptable to subdivisions under construction.

Brett Martin resident at 407 Ash Street stated he is a subcontractor and said they have to drop off equipment and haul dirt to and from the site. He stated they have to leave a trailer there and asked this be taken into consideration.

Mayor Sullivan stated we have to come up with a solution. He stated he understands what the contractors are saying but we have to enforce it fairly in all subdivisions. He stated the existing code needs to be modified. The Board discussed this at length and the consensus was to research this further and come back with revision to the code.

Chief Edwards stated this is a hot topic and mainly relates to construction trailers. He suggested when the contractor gets a building permit a variance begins and sunsets when an occupancy permit is given.

Alderman Sapp made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to repeal both sections of the code.

The City Clerk reported this would require a Council Bill to repeal.

Alderman Bell stated she felt we needed to look at options for this instead of repealing the sections of the code.

Alderman Sapp withdrew his motion.

Mayor Sullivan stated we need to take a serious look ordinance and consider all aspects.

Mayor Sullivan discussed the grace period of one year being too long and he suggested a 90 days. The Board discussed this and felt a six-month time frame would allow time to work through this.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sullivan gave an overview of the public meeting on Red Tail Drive and the parking around the speed bump. He discussed the street width and our ordinance stating no parking on either side of the road. He stated Tony St. Romaine suggested a traffic study be done in that area. Alderman Old commented the residents were in favor we look at the subdivision overall and be consistent. Mayor Sullivan stated we need to research this and make a decision and how we want to proceed.

Mayor Sullivan reported the School Board voted in favor of the matching funds guarantee representing 70% of the financial gap for the Ranken project last night.

Mayor Sullivan discussed the lift station at 550 Sue Drive and the need for the easement.

He reported he received a complaint of no silt fence at 431 Jameson Drive.

Mayor Sullivan stated they are working on alternatives for a new City Hall. He stated they would be gathering more information on this to present to the Board.

City Administrator's Report:

Tony St. Romaine was not in attendance.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays no report.

Public Works Director Monthly report.

James Creel, Public Works Director reported he has a full staff and his employee started yesterday. He updated the Board on street repairs and stormwater projects. He stated they continue to maintain the park and he realized the infield has gotten away from them so they had to spray that. He informed the Board the tennis court grant is in the final phases and they are resubmitting the Lions Club grant. He reported the fencing at the new recycle lot should be completed soon and the opened by August 31, 2020. He informed the Board he is working on bids for salt for the winter. He stated the round a bout should be opened Thursday pending Ameren getting the lights working. James Creel gave an update on Sarah Drive bridge replacement and he is in the process of getting bids for mill and overlay. They are also working on light enhancement in the school zone. Alderman Bradford reported Watson Court needs gravel on it. Alderman Lewis stated Cottonwood and Dogwood was getting rough with chunks of concrete missing out of the street.

City Treasurer report:

Jon Sanders, City Treasurer reported he included a budget report and sales tax report and stated we are up 18 percent in sales tax from last year. He stated they have received the audit for 2020 and will distribute at the next meeting. He gave a handout of property tax rates and assessed values of other communities. Alderwoman Bell was wanting to see how much new construction other communities had and using this as an economic development number.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

Alderman Bradford reported he attended the MML conference and stated it was excellent.

Alderwoman Old stated the training was good. She reported she attended the Park Board meeting and they did cancel the fall festival. She informed the Board that she heard feedback from the speed bump meeting and they were concerned we talked too much instead of listening to them and residents talking about other topics.

Alderwoman Martin stated she attended the MML virtual conference and it was very informational.

Alderman Lewis asked that we get feedback from the contractors when we are in the process of tweaking the parking of unattached trailer ordinance and see what works best so we can get it incorporated in the code revision.

Alderman Sapp stated he attended the virtual elected officials training and it is always amazing. He asked when we are in the bidding process that we make sure we have the verbiage in it to accept the lowest and best bid. He said it keeps it open and if there is a contractor that is not competent, we do not have to take the lowest bid. In addition, he stated he does not recall the last time we renewed some contracts, such as the wastewater and lawn disposal contracts.

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

Phillip Rehkop resident at 504 Kristi Lane stated he received a parking warning ticket in front of his house. He stated he was at home the Officer could have stopped at his house and talked to him. He stated he has lived in that house for eight years and has never received a warning or ticket. Mayor Sullivan stated they would be issuing warnings for six months and would look into the code reference his situation. Mr. Rehkop stated there used to be stop sign in his front yard and felt the stop sign should be put back up since it has become a drag strip with speeders on the roadway.

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