

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2020  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 01, 2020 at 5275 W. Red Tail Drive, Ashland, Mo.

Alderwoman Bell's children gave the invocation.

Mayor Sullivan led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Sullivan reported at the request of the School District facemask are required. He reported that if someone could not wear a mask for personal or medical reasons they are allowed to join by zoom. He stated Alderman Sapp will be attending by zoom tonight.

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 (via zoom)

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Gabe Edwards, Police Chief, Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator and James Creel, Public Works Director (via zoom).

Mayor Sullivan presented the minutes of August 18, 2020 Board meeting for consideration. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Bell 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 reported under scheduled public comments was Justin and Lora Farrens to discuss parking in Bluegrass Subdivision next to the speed hump.

Justin & Lora Farrens resident at 200 Red Tail Drive stated they felt the speed hump on Red Tail Drive did work and they supported having them installed in other areas of the City. They discussed the parking and inconsistent codes relating to no parking. They asked that the parking be addressed fairly throughout the city. The Board discussed this subdivision and parking in general.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-033. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to take up Council Bill No. 2020-033, 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 facility. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported the engineering contract is included as well as memo explaining the additional cost. He stated there was a lot of unforeseen as well as delays due to weather. He stated the amount is \$68,000.00 in extra expenses. Chad Sayre and Carey Sayre from Allstate Consultants gave an overview of the history of the waste water treatment plant and their work history with the City of Ashland. Chad Sayre stated this is the fourth phase of the waste water treatment improvements. They stated they were asked to reduce the cost. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated there was a lot of additional expenses and a lot of changes made. The Board discussed this with Allstate Consultants.

Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Council Bill No. 2020-034. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to take up Council Bill No. 2020-034, an ordinance approving the cooperative agreement with the Southern Boone School District for school zone crosswalk enhancements. First reading by title only. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported the \$10,000.00 funds from the School is from the former Police Chief award in the Favorite Cross Walk of the Year. He stated the funds are to be used for pedestrian safety. James Creel, Public Works Director reported they have been working with the school on the needs of the school for cross walk safety. They have come up with a plan to make improvements to purchase 2 rectangular rapid flashing beacon pedestrian crosswalk systems to be installed by city staff at S Henry Clay Blvd and Renee Drive and North Main Street where students cross between the middle school and the practical arts building/high school campus. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Lewis stated he felt it was a good use of the funds. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Ordinance No. 1310. Alderwoman Martin made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Ordinance No. 1310 an ordinance recognizing Resolution 2020-001 of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Ashland. Mayor Sullivan called for staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator gave an overview of the history of comprehensive plan meetings. He stated it is an important tool. He stated the Planning and Zoning has been working hard with the community and Mr. Streiler in developing this plan. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission approved this by resolution and the Board of Aldermen needs to formally adopt it as well. Todd Streiler gave an extensive overview of the comprehensive plan. This was discussed at great length. Mayor Sullivan called for public comments. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Ordinance No. 1311. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Bradford to take up Ordinance No. 1311, an ordinance approving the final plat for Eagle Lakes Plat 5. Mayor Sullivan called for staff comments. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported this property is the two lots the City had by the lagoon and they have already closed on the property. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Sapp reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this plat. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Martina-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented Ordinance No. 1312. Alderwoman Bell made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to take up Ordinance No. 1312, an ordinance to amend appendix A: Posted speed limits of Chapter 20, Traffic Code of the City of Ashland. Mayor Sullivan called for staff comments. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported that James Creel, Public Works Director and Gabe Edwards, Police Chief has reviewed this and suggested we increase the speed to 25 mph not the 30 mph as the ordinance states. James Creel, Public Works Director stated they both felt that making the speed limit 30 people would speed 5 to 10 miles over that. He stated they were concerned of the sidewalk being close to the street curb and the condition of the street. He stated that this area is still mainly residential. Gabe Edwards, Police Chief, stated these were his concerns as well. He stated it is a natural tendency to go 10 mph over than what is posted. He stated this is a misconception. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. The Board discussed this. Alderman Sapp made

motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to amend the 30 mph to 25 mph. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote on the Ordinance No. 1312. Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement for participation in Missouri Main Street Connection Missouri Main Street Program. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement for participation in Missouri Main Street Connect Missouri Main Street Program. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported we were recently notified that we have been accepted into their Community Empowerment Grant program for a 60/40 cost share. He stated this is part of the Broadway Beautification Task Force and is for downtown beautification. Mayor Sullivan called for question or comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for the questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Bella-aye, Alderwoman Martina-aye, Alderman Bradford-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented a resolution to authorize the purchase of traffic control products. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to consider the resolution to authorize the purchase of traffic control products. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported this is for the purchase of the material and equipment for the school cross walk enhancements previously discussed in the coop agreement with the School. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the USTA Facility Services Grant application. Alderman Bradford made motion seconded by Alderwoman Old to consider the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the USTA Facility Services Grant application. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported this is the final application for the tennis court improvement grant. James Creel, Public Works Director reported there has been many different steps in applying for this grant. He stated it would also improve the stormwater issue in the area if awarded. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the proposal with Allstate Consultants for the Sarah Drive Bridge Replacement. Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to consider the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the proposal with Allstate Consultants for the Sarah Drive Bridge Replacement. Mayor Sullivan called for the staff report. Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator reported Allstate Consultants developed the bid specifications and plans for this but we did not include the geotechnical, construction and testing services in the original scope of work. He stated the City did not have sufficient staff or expertise to monitor the construction so he recommended we approve this \$5,000.00 expenditure. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the public. Mayor Sullivan called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sullivan stated he is appreciative of the school letting the City use their Board room but with precaution of Covid 19 increase in our community that moving forward we have our Board of Aldermen meetings via zoom.

Alderman Bradford made motion and seconded by Alderman Sapp to have our Board of Aldermen via zoom for an undetermined time. Mayor Sullivan called for the vote. Alderman Bradford-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-aye, Alderwoman Martin-aye, Alderman Sapp-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sullivan stated the recycle lot is open and operational. He stated he would like remind everyone to breakdown the boxes. He stated we need to work on the signage since it is not clear to the citizens. James Creel reported they have been ordered.

Mayor Sullivan reported a question on releasing an easement and stormwater issue on Sue Drive.

Mayor Sullivan discussed the future of a new city hall and they have been looking at alternative ideas if Ashland Commons is not developed in a timely manner.

Mayor Sullivan reported he did a ride along with Chief Edwards and reported excessive speed on Hwy 63 of over 106 m.p.h.

Mayor Sullivan gave an overview of the applicants for Assistant City Administrator.

Mayor Sullivan discussed an individual being warned by police department on parking on sidewalk in the driveway of Palomino Ridge Subdivision.

Mayor Sullivan reported the pool committee meets this week and ask that by October 6 they come back with a report on the year-end summary of the pool and projected shortfall. He asked that the recommended changes to the contract with the Optimist Club be presented within the next couple of months.

City Administrator's Report:

Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator stated he met with representatives for a site plan for Breaktime in East Ashland Plaza.

Mayor Sullivan asked if the existing Breaktime would remain. Tony St. Romaine stated he was told that it would. Mayor Sullivan stated he hopes they are true to their word because if not the community will be upset due to the whole roundabout issue.

Tony St. Romaine reported they resubmitted the bathroom grant to the Lion's Club. He informed them the other grants for the park would be considered for March 2021.

He informed the Board he advertised for a Plan Reviewer.

He stated that an RFQ was drafted for engineering study for I & I issues for sewer.

Tony St. Romaine reported they are doing interviews on rewriting the City of Ashland Chapter 9, 10, 11 and 12 relating to building, zoning, infrastructure and stormwater.

He gave an update on the Ranken project.

Mayor Sullivan asked for clarification from the last Board meeting on the timeframe of the educational/grace period for the unattached trailers. The Board discussed this at length. The Board discussed placing a moratorium on the enforcement on the code section that pertains to construction trailers.

City Attorney's Report:

Jeff Kays was not in attendance.

Police Chief's Monthly report.

Chief Edwards reported they sold the Crown Vic on Govdeals. He reported on the equipment updates. He gave an overview of the speeding tickets on Highway 63 and the high rate of speed. Chief Edwards reported on vandalism to the patrol car. He informed the Board of the extensive background checks they are doing on applicants for the Police Department. He reported he has an employee with cancer.

Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator he is working a sick leave donation policy that can come from employees donating sick leave or vacation to this. He stated he would bring this back for Board approval.

Chief Edwards updated the Board on the call box for the police department for emergency use outside the building.

Alderman Bradford asked about the alarms at Casey's going off weekly.

Board of Aldermen's Reports:

No report from the Board.

Mayor Sullivan called for the adjournment.

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

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Richard Sullivan, Mayor