

Minutes Approved February 9, 2016 with changes

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Acting President of the Board Lowell Phillips with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Approval of Agenda.

Acting President Phillips presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- City Administrator Report. Add discussion regarding nepotism.
- Director of Public Works. Add request to advertise for seasonal park position.

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Acting President Phillips presented the regular session city council minutes from Tuesday, January 12, 2016 and a special called city council meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Guests.

Acting President Phillips presented members of the Boy Scouts Troop 994 and troop leaders:

- Jim Bissonnette, Troop 994 Leader
- David K. Wright, Troop 994 Leader
- Malachi Henum, Boy Scout
- Elijah Nash, Boy Scout
- Logan Nield, Boy Scout

Acting President Phillips noted the Scouts were in attendance of the meeting to earn their First Class Rank badge.

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Citizen Participation.

Acting President Phillips announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2016-001 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the City Administrator to sign an engagement letter with KPM CPAs, PC for audit of records for tax year was read once, by title only, with the following roll call recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2016-001 was declared passed and sent to Acting President Phillips for signature.

Bill No. (R)2016-001 thus became Resolution Number (R)2016-001.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- The Villas of Mount Vernon. Springer reported status of The Villas project is currently on hold since tax credits were not awarded for this project. Springer noted Mr. Rodewald noted they would pursue tax credits later in the year and will contact the city for support at the hearings.
- Feasibility Study Presentation Schedule. Springer presented the following schedule for feasibility presentations:
 - February 9, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. – Buxton Company, Cody Taylor
 - February 23, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. – Retail Strategies, Matt Petro
 - March 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. – Growth Services Group, Cory Mehaffy
- Environmental Study for 600 N. Main St. Springer presented bids solicited for an environmental study for 600 N. Main. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to award bid for environmental study, phase I to Environmental Works for \$1,700.00. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved. Springer noted should a phase II study be required, the cost range will be approximately \$3,200.00 to \$3,500.00 in addition to original cost. Discussion was held.
- 2016 Business Expo. Springer reminded the Board the 2016 Business Expo would be held at The MARC on Saturday, January 30, 2016.
- Department of Veterans Affairs. Springer presented invitations to the Board to attend the National Salute to Veterans Patients on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and to a reception in honor of the new Medical Director for Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., both in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Discussion was held.
- Cancer Society. Springer presented a request from Courtney Ferguson with the Cancer Society to hold a community festival on the Square on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Springer noted request included closing of the square to vehicular traffic and to make this an

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annual event. Discussion was held. It was a consensus of the Board members that due to the nature of the request to close the Square that Ms. Ferguson attend a council meeting to answer any questions.

- Pool Employee Request. Springer reported a request was received regarding hiring family members to work at the Spirit of 76 pool. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to continue observing current city policy regarding nepotism.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- December 2015 Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the December Treasurer report and requested any discussion. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to accept the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to Award Bid 100 HP Tractor. Stanton presented a bid tab for solicitation of a 100 hp tractor. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to accept bid from Fritz Implement for \$45,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Request to Advertise for Seasonal Park Employee. Stanton requested the Board allow him to advertise for a Park seasonal employee. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with advertising for seasonal Park employee. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had no items for discussion but welcomed any questions. Alderman Kimbler requested discussion on plans for the old Casey's building on Mount Vernon Blvd. Conway noted the interior of the building would be divided and would then house a drop-off for an out-of-town dry cleaning business on the west side and a women's boutique on the east side of the building. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- New Patrol Vehicle. Hubert reported the new patrol vehicle has been striped and in the process of having equipment installed. Hubert added the vehicle should be in use when installation is complete. Discussion was held.
- Request permission to hire officer. Hubert recommended hiring Kyle McCall as police officer pending results of employee screening. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild accepting recommendation to hire Kyle McCall. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

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Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received four calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on vehicles and equipment.
- Training. DeLay reported the January training was cancelled due to winter storm.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay requested the Board allow him to purchase refurbished SCBA equipment for under \$15,000.00. DeLay noted he did solicit for bids. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with request. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved. DeLay requested permission to proceed with purchase of radio headsets for communication in Engine Two and the Quint truck. DeLay noted purchase included two units per truck, for a total of eight headsets. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with purchase of headsets for city trucks. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items. Request for PL tones. DeLay reported he recently attended a meeting between the 911 Emergency Management Director and local fire chiefs regarding the need to establish DPL tones on the countywide fire channel due to bleed-over traffic. DeLay noted the police channel may also need DPL tones to allow communication for both entities. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board for additional information regarding the request.

New Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any new business for discussion. The following discussions were held by the Board:

- Request for Change Order for Elevator Installation at The MARC. Springer presented Change Order No. One, Crews Construction Inc., for an extension of contract time by fifteen calendar days due to delays from manufacturer of platform lift, with an anticipated completion date now Monday, February 22, 2016. Springer noted cost of work is not affected by the change order. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve and accept request for Change Order Number One. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Citizen Complaint. Alderman Haymes reported he received a complaint from a constituent regarding a property on Pleasant Street. Discussion was held.
- Guardrail Request for a Portion of State Highway 39. Alderman Nelson reported he received a request from a constituent requesting a guardrail be installed on N. Spring Park Boulevard, at the Breckenridge Drive intersection. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any old business for discussion. None brought forth.

Closed Session.

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to close session at 7:52 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from closed session at 8:09 p.m. Acting President Phillips requested any other business to be discussed by the Board. Springer requested the Board hold discussion on interest in finance options for Daniel Drive, which could be by CID, NID or other financing options. Discussion was held regarding the different financing options.

Adjournment.

Acting President Phillips announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date