



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: Sherie Thrasher. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Counselor Darlene Parrigon, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. The following changes were requested:

- City Administrator – Add: Missouri Drive Update

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned change, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Phillips, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Nelson

ABSENT: Thrasher

Motion passed.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Proclamation

Mayor Haymes presented a Mayoral Proclamation declaring February 14th through February 20th, 2022 as “Ronald McDonald House Week”.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2022-02 re: An Ordinance accepting the Use Table Amendments for Zoning Regulations, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

Bill No. 2022-02 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 2.204.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Introduction of Dustin Davis.** Kelley introduced Dustin Davis to the Board, who started as the new Public Works Director on Monday, February 7, 2022, and wanted to welcome him to our community.
- **Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce Gala.** Kelley informed the Board that the City has reserved eight (8) tickets for the Chamber Gala ‘Night Under the Stars.’ He asked if anyone was interested in attending to please let Melissa know. The gala will be held at the Southern Charm Estate. Discussion was held.
- **WWTP Update.** Kelley reported that he was informed by the City’s contract operator that the WWTP plant had another bearing failure on the oxidation ditch rotor. He stated they had been working with engineers to get the previous failed rotor repaired. Kelley has contacted several local contractors about the repairs, and of these, one looked at the plant on Monday, another is scheduled for Wednesday, and the third declined due to scheduling. Kelley noted he would be bringing some cost estimates back to Council. Discussion was held.
- **Pool Update.** Kelley updated the Board that he had spoken with Ryan Casserly of Westport Pools regarding the scope of the project and possible use of City staff to remove items to reduce cost. He also discussed supply chain issues with Mr. Casserly, and they have experienced them like other industries, but it is undetermined how that will affect the project as this time. Discussion was held.

- **Golf Course – Chemical Purchase.** Kelley requested approved to purchase the budgeted spring start up chemicals for the golf course. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen moved to approve of the spring golf course chemicals in the amount of \$12,491.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Missouri Drive Update.** Kelley stated that he had met with Anderson Engineering about the Missouri Drive project, and they reviewed preliminary drawings and detention areas. Discussion was held.

Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy then presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 for January 2022 and February 2022 to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the payment of the January and February bills over \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderman McElveen.
- **Investments.** Weldy informed the Board that bids were sent out for \$221,950.55 Water Fund CD and the \$218,839.08 Sales Tax Fund CD as they have matured. Simmon's Bank and Old Missouri Bank submitted bids. Weldy recommended leaving them at Old Missouri Bank at 0.65% interest. Alderwoman Lee moved to accept Shari's recommendation to leave the CDs at Old Missouri Bank at 0.65% for eighteen (18) months, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Public Works agenda items were covered under the City Administrator's report.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **January 2022 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for January 2022 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Crossing Guard.** Hubert reported that Doug More, the City's crossing guard is moving out of state, and requested permission to advertise to fill his position. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve advertising for a crossing guard, seconded by Alderman Beckley.
- **School Resource Officer.** Hubert stated that Officer Evatt, the school resource officer, will be receiving the Friend of Education Award from the Mount Vernon School District. Congratulation Officer Evatt!

Old Business

Minutes Approved with changes Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

New Business

Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date