

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. 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 the Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

- Correction: Approval of Agenda. Change - Mayor Eden declared the motion approved to Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Correction: Minutes. Change - Mayor Eden declared the motion approved to Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from the public and requested any discussion.

- Shirley Greene noted her appreciation for the installation of the new sound system in the Council Chambers. Discussion was held.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue and held discussion.
- Dispatch. Springer reported The City of Monett has issued a Notification of Termination for the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for dispatch and E-911 services for the City of Mount Vernon. Springer noted although the MOU includes a thirty-day notice, Monett is extending the notice until September 1, 2016, allowing the additional time for the entities to find replacement services. Springer added Monett proposed Lawrence County pay for one dispatcher and then combine Miller and Mount Vernon for

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an additional dispatcher at a cost of \$3,415.00 per month to the current contract amount, effective March 1, 2016. Discussion was held.

- Hickory Street Median. Springer reported removal of trees on the Hickory Street median has begun in preparation for installation of new lighting. Springer added smaller trees and shrubs will be added later.
- Change Order #2 Platform Lift. Springer presented Change Order #2 from Crews Construction to furnish and install 1/2" layer of sheet rock inside the shaft of the platform lift, finished and painted for a cost of \$2,745.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve Change Order #2. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Refinancing 2008 and 2011 COPs. Springer requested if it was the desire of the Board to refinance the 2008 and 2011 COPs by paying \$500,000.00 on the 2008 and then combining the issues which would save the city approximately \$160,000.00. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to proceed.
- Out-of-State Vehicle Sales Tax. Springer requested the Board review an information-only brochure regarding the out-of-state vehicle sales tax.
- Lawn Mowers/Golf Carts. Springer held discussion regarding prohibiting use of lawn mowers and golf carts as general transportation on city streets. Springer noted a lawn mower may be driven to and from mowing jobs only. Discussion was held regarding safety issues.
- IFI Update. Springer reported IFI is pursuing the renovation of 600 N. Main Street to a 400-bed residential care facility for homeless veterans, with expanded services for female veterans and some vocational services will be offered. Discussion was held. Springer added the Environmental Phase I study is underway and should be completed in approximately ten days. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion.
  - Springer reported a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2016 for introduction to newly appointed Bryan C. Matthews, Medical Center Director for the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks.
  - Springer requested dates set for a personnel committee meeting and a parks committee meeting. Discussion was held.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- January Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the January Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request funds for continued upgrade of underground reservoir. Stanton requested the Board approve spending of budgetary funds to commission previously purchased variable frequency drives, as well as free chlorinator monitor for the underground reservoir.

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Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve request for \$11,840.00. Discussion was held with Alderman Fairchild amending her motion to increase the request for the budgeted amount of \$12,600.00, and Alderman Greene agreeing to the amendment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Request to purchase Gator. Stanton noted purchase of a new John Deere Gator was included in the budget and requested the Board approve purchase for \$9,800.00. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips granting request for purchase for requested amount. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Discussion. Alderman Haymes questioned when delivery date was scheduled for the new 100 hp tractor with Stanton noting May as the anticipated date. Discussion was held regarding the four-way stop-lights at Hickory Street and South St.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- January Statistic Report. Conway presented the statistic report for January and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Update. Conway reported the Commission met on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 with the following discussions:
  - Continued review of the Comprehensive Plan. Conway noted the Commission has determined the need to re-define the definitions of roads as they currently exist.
  - Continued review of zoning map. Conway noted the Commission has reviewed the proposed zoning map and have scheduled a Public Hearing on March 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. for presentation and adoption of final draft.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- January Statistic Report. Hubert presented the statistical report for January and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- Patrol Vehicle Status. Hubert reported the new patrol vehicle has been completely outfitted and is now in use for patrol.
- Additional Discussion. Hubert presented new police officer Kyle McCall to the Board. Mayor Eden welcomed Mr. McCall. Discussion was held by the Board regarding the stop sign on the east end of the abandoned street formally known as Davis and if it should remain.

### Fire.

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received five calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported Engine Three is temporarily out of service due to a failed alternator, which occurred during a mutual-aid call to the City of Miller.
- Training. DeLay reported monthly training would be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Springer presented a request from Roger Brown to lease an area at the Municipal Airport to construct and occupy a hangar for twenty years. Springer noted after the designated time, the city would then collect rent for the structure. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to proceed. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips directing Petrus to compose an agreement for the Board to consider. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Old Business.

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

Closed Session.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:59 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from closed session at 8:30 p.m.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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