

Minutes Approved Tuesday, February 24, 2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

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 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: Steve Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. The following city personnel were in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Administrator Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert 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.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- City Administrator Report.
 - Add: Request use of city property.
 - Request purchase of Sewer Jet

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the Board meeting held on January 14, 2020 to the Board for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve with the following correction:

Code Enforcement Report: correction: change 1420 S. Hickory Street to 1422 S. Hickory Street.

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden reported this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion.

- Patti Stanton reported the minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting was incorrect and requested the Board correct the following: Cemetery Request. Change Norris and Patty Cornell to William and Iris Cornell. Mayor Eden acknowledged the request for correction to minutes.

Personnel Committee Recommendation.

Alderwoman Thrasher presented Personnel Committee minutes from a meeting held on February 4, 2020 and reported it was a consensus of the Board to recommend Melissa Aduddle as City Clerk trainee. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to hire

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Melissa Aduddle as City Clerk trainee. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- 600 N. Main Street – Elevator Maintenance. Springer reported Missouri state law requires that elevators must be inspected and certified every year or be disabled. Springer presented a quote from Kone for inspection and certification and requested if the Board wished to proceed or to disable the elevators at 600 N. Main Street. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with annual inspection and certification of elevators at 600 N. Main Street for \$10,080.00 semi-annual payment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer presented a request to extend real estate broker contract with Clemons Real Estate beginning February 15, 2020 through February 15, 2021. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to authorize City Administrator to sign extension of agreement with Clemons Real Estate as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Sewer Issue. Springer reported city crews have addressed a sewer issue at 322 W. Dallas Street which was discussed at the January 28, 2020 meeting. Springer noted repairs included cutting out a five-foot section and installing two (2) new taps and replaced the lateral line from the residence to the first clean-out. Springer noted the homeowner has not had any issues since repairs were performed. Springer requested the Board consider proceeding with purchase of new hosing and camera system for an upgrade to the sewer jet. Springer noted this item was budgeted for. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with purchase as presented for a total cost of \$40,229.34. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request for use of alley at 109 N. Hickory Street. Springer presented a request from Marjorie Aleshire to allow use of area behind new City Hall for a smoker which will be used by a restaurant planning to locate at 101 N. Hickory Street. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced it was a consensus of the Board to allow the smoker.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid to the Board and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000 and requested the Board approve. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with payment of bills over \$5,000 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Scheduled Power Outage. Kelley reported Liberty Utilities has scheduled a power outage on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. which will allow them to replace equipment in the substation. Kelley noted he and city staff were contacting customers that may be affected by the outage. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- January Statistical Report. Moore presented the January Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Employee on Leave. Hubert reported Assistant Chief Jason Lacey is on leave from surgery. Discussion was held.
- Employee resignation. Hubert reported he has received resignation from Officer Stephen Nelson and requested permission to advertise for vacancy. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with advertisement for vacancy. 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.

- Petrus requested Moore send a nuisance notice for burnout building located at 155 Patterson Street. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

- Springer noted crews will be repairing potholes when weather will permit. Springer noted they are currently trying to alieve some of the pothole problem by adding gravel on severe holes. Discussion was held.
- Mayor Eden asked for status of Olive Street where a water leak had occurred. Kelley noted crews will be patching the pavement when weather permits.
- Springer reminded the Board of the upcoming date for the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2020 at The MARC.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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