

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017.

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 14, 2017 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, Ed Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden. The following city personnel were also in attendance: 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. Absent: City Administrator Max Springer.

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

Approval of the 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 amendment:

- Remove Item VI. Bill No. 2017-05

With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Acting President Phillips presented the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Acting President Phillips announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive citizen input and welcomed any discussion from those in attendance.

- Ken Hawkins requested to approach the podium. Mr. Hawkins thanked city crews for quick response to a past electrical outage. Mr. Hawkins also requested the Board consider extending Shafer Street north, to McVey Street. Discussion was held.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2017-06 re: An ordinance authorizing entry of a contract for services by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and BB Management, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, for services needed to operate facilities at 600 N. Main Street was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2017-06 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President of the Board for signature.

Bill No. 2017-06 thus became Ordinance Number 14.271.

Bill No. 2017-07 re: An ordinance vacating a portion of an unnamed street located in the Country Corner B Subdivision within the city limits of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2017-07 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President of the Board for signature.

Bill no. 2017-07 thus became Ordinance Number 10.59.

Department Reports.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- December 2016 Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the December 2016 Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- January 2017 Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the January 2017 Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve 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:

- Vacant Lot on Looney Street. Stanton presented a request from a property owner if the city would be interested in purchasing the vacant lot on Looney Street, which is directly west of the Shafer Street Park. Stanton noted possible use for the lot would be to increase Shafer Street Park and construct a basketball court on the additional land. Discussion was held. Acting President Phillips declared it was a consensus of the Board to take no action at this time.
- Energy Management Agreement. Stanton reported the city's contract with Empire District Electric Company for purchase of electrical power will expire on June 1, 2020. Stanton noted the Empire Cities (Monett, Mount Vernon, Lockwood and Chetopa) met on January 24, 2017 with representatives of Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) to discuss electrical supply options. Stanton noted discussion was held regarding an Energy Management Agreement with MPUA for purchasing of power at more stable costs. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with Energy Management Agreement with Missouri Public Utility Alliance's integrated resource plan for a cost of \$1,152.00. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- January statistic report. Conway presented the statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Update. Conway reported the Commission held a public hearing on February 7, 2017 regarding rezoning request for property on Johnston Street. Conway added the request to rezone from B-3 to R-3 was considered and approved by the Commission and an ordinance will be presented at the February 28, 2017 meeting, after a two week protest period for finalization of rezoning. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- January Statistical Report. Hubert presented the statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request to purchase equipment. Hubert requested permission to proceed with twelve duty weapons and ammunition for a total of \$5,161.90. Hubert added this request is included with the 2017 budget. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve request to purchase equipment. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the Department has received three calls since last report. Discussion was held.

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- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles. DeLay also noted the generator is fully functional again. Discussion was held.
- Training. DeLay noted monthly training will be held on February 16, 2017.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the department has installed smoke alarms in five residences. DeLay added the department has installed approximately 70 alarms in 34 residences in 2016. Discussion was held.

New Business.

Acting President Phillips presented a \$500.00 check from Robert and Peg Hartley in appreciation for actions taken by the Fire Department during the wildfire, which threatened their residence on Hickory Street. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any old business to discuss. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Acting President Phillips announced there being no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date