

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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 23, 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 Agenda.

Mayor Eden 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 on rebate analysis
Add – Discussion on Tri-State Water formation of JMC

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. 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.

- Angela Piepenbrink, Assistant Administrator Missouri Veterans Home, requested the Board allow beer sales at the Mount Vernon Municipal Golf Course for a golf tournament on May 3, 2016 sponsored by the Missouri Veterans Home. Ms. Piepenbrink noted the money raised from the sales would go to the Veterans Assistance League and used to assist residents of the home for items needed which they normally could not afford. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden polled each Alderman if they were in support of allowing the group to sell for this specific event and only at this facility. With only one Alderman against allowing and all others for, Mayor Eden directed Mr. Petrus to present an ordinance at the next Board meeting allowing sales for this specific group event.
- Richard Younts, Wayne Wiese and Jack Turner each spoke to the Board regarding use of lawn mowers on public streets for transportation purposes. Discussion was held.

2008/2011 COPs.

Ed McLiney, Chairman of McLiney and Company, presented a proposal to combine the 2008 and 2011 COPs, and an up-front payment of \$500,000.00 which would result in considerable

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savings to the city in the next twelve years. Alderman Greene noted currently the \$500,000.00 in the bank is not earning enough interest to match what the savings for payout would be. Discussion was held. Alderman Green made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to proceed with refinancing process for 2008/2011 bonds. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2016-003 re: An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 10.48 and repealing the vacation of the south one-half of Main Street between its intersections with Sloan Street and Crawford Street, and restoring the same as a city street according to the recorded plat thereof, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call votes 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. 2016-003 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-003 thus became Ordinance Number 10.58.

Department Report.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Miller School Golf Team. Springer presented a request from the Miller School District asking permission to allow the Miller Golf Team to hold team practice in the same manner as the Mount Vernon Golf Team on the municipal golf course. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Cobblestone Hotels. Springer noted he has received another inquiry from representatives of Cobblestone Hotels to construct a new hotel in Mount Vernon. Springer reminded the Board that Cobblestone is requesting the city provide a market study before they would commit constructing the new facility. Discussion was held.
- Skate Park. Springer reported he has applied for grants from Phillips 66 and the Tony Hawks Foundation for some assistance in construction of a skate park. Springer noted when applying for a grant, specific questions regarding type of park and commitment for funding is required and requested what commitment level the city is willing to pursue. Discussion was held with no action taken.

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- Airport Grant. Springer noted the grant is currently in the bid stage for a consultant, with the next step to be the design work. Springer noted construction would not begin until the spring of 2017. Discussion was held.
- Rebate Analysis of 2005 COP. Springer requested the Board approve spending of \$1,500.00 for a rebate analysis on the 2005 COP. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee granting the request and to proceed with the required rebate analysis. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Tri-State Water Coalition. Stanton reported the Tri-State Water Coalition has formed a JMC for the pursuit of future water supply for Southwest Missouri area and has invited the City of Mount Vernon join at a \$500.00 membership fee. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve payment of membership fee. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any questions. None brought forth.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions. Alderman Nelson questioned the status of the Sinclair Station located on Highway 174. Conway noted he has not heard from anyone regarding an opening date or status.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items.

- DWI Enforcement Grant. Hubert reported the department has a received a grant from MoDot for \$700.00 for DWI enforcement for the St. Patrick's holiday.
- Request to order 2016 Ford Interceptor SUV. Hubert requested permission to proceed with purchase of budgeted item. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase of vehicle. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Vacancy. Hubert reported he received a letter of resignation from Officer McCall and requested the Board allow him to proceed to advertise for vacancy. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported he has received three calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported the alternator has been repaired on Engine Three.

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- Training. DeLay reported the department would have part one of a two-part class on SCBA's (self-contained breathing apparatus) on February 18, 2016.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported he has received notification that the department finished twelfth in the state of Missouri on collections for the Muscular Dystrophy collections. DeLay noted the department's goal is to finish in the top ten. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

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

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 8:22 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date