

Minutes Approved Tuesday, March 09, 2021

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

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 23, 2021 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 (teleconference), Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer 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. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

Proclamation

Mayor Haymes presented a Mayoral Proclamation declaring February 28, 2021 through March 6, 2021 as "Thank a Farmer Week". Dave McCann and Jim Shepherd of the Lawrence County Missouri Farm Bureau were in attendance to receive the proclamation from Mayor Haymes. During Celebrate Agriculture: Thank a Farmer Week, the Missouri Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureaus from across the state join forces to celebrate the importance of agriculture and the abundance of food, fiber and fuel produced by the American farmer.

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.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2021-10 re: First and seconding reading of an Ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Title III, Traffic Code, Schedule III, Parking restrictions, Table III-B, Restricted Parking.

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-10 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2021-10 thus became Ordinance Number 12.70.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Emergency Energy Alert.** Springer informed the Board that on Sunday, February 14, 2021, the City received notification from MPUA and Spire that energy conservation measures needed to be put in place beginning February 15th and until further notice due to the frigid temperatures. On Monday, the price per Mega Watt Hour (MWh) reached \$3,000.00 per MWh. The next day, the price per MWh through February 18th reached \$3,821.05. We do not know at this time what effect it will have on our bill or on our customer's bills. There were several forces at work that triggered this emergency energy alert, which include: the frigid temperatures causing a demand on the gas supply for heating and power generation, power plants freezing up and the highest peak demand in SPP's history. Our residents could also see a large spike in their natural gas bills as well. On Monday February 15th, Joe and I called and spoke with our industries about conserving on their usage of electricity and natural gas until the emergency energy alert was over. They did a great job of conserving. We posted notices to our residents and businesses on our Facebook page encouraging them to conserve. We were very fortunate that we were not required to do rolling black outs. Discussion was held. Before moving onto the next item of business, Springer stated the City would like to thank everyone who conserved during this emergency alert. The City would like to give a special thank you to the following industries that willingly conserved by adjusting their manufacturing schedules to help us control our demand, Midwest Milling, Schreiber Foods, Continental Conveyors, T&C Stainless, Cutting Edge Machine, Positronic, and Reyco Granning.
- **Golf Course.** Springer reported that the City has been approached about the possibility of partnering with Beau Barnes, who lives across the highway from the golf course, in putting in a driving range. The City would get a percentage of each bucket of balls sold, our part of the partnership would be to pick up balls and keep the range mowed. Jeremy figures it would take less than eight (8) hours a week on our part. The idea is to get more people into playing golf. We would be providing the equipment and labor to mow the range and pick up the balls prior to mowing. The golf course and the driving range could market packages together to entice more people to play. Discussion was held.
- **Change Order #1 – Spirit of '76 Park Restroom.** Springer stated that change order #1 is to remove the water piping from ceiling and re-route around the outside of building underground. As well as, add a shut-off with drain valve to drain water lines in winter and add floor drains in both restrooms for cleaning purposes. Discussion was held.

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Alderman Fairchild moved to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$4,680.00, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Scoops Across America.** Springer relayed to the Board that the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce would like to utilize the green space on the Square to participate in Scoops Across America, in celebration of Missouri's 200th Anniversary on August 10, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. 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 presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderwoman McElveen moved to approve the bills over \$5000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **January 2021 Treasurer Report.** Weldy presented the January 2021 Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the January 2021 Treasurer Report as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Revenue vs Expense Report.** Weldy presented the revenue vs expense report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Other Items of Discussion.** Kelley did not have any agenda items, but requested any questions or discussion from the Board. None brought forth.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore reported updates on various notifications he had issued, and projects in progress throughout the City, and welcomed any questions. Discussion was held.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- **Microchip Scanner provided by MO Lost & Found Paws.** Hubert reported the police department was contacted by MO Lost & Found Paws, a non-profit out of the St. Louis area, about donating a microchip scanner to the Mount Vernon Police Department. Hubert stated the scanner they will be receiving will read any microchip that is manufactured today. Discussion was held.

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Old Business

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 7:38 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date