

Minutes Approved Tuesday, March 12, 2019

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019.**

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 26, 2019 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, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild and Sandy Martin. Absent: 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 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 Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- City Administrator Report. Add: Pay Rate Change  
Dispatch Discussion

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Hearing – Transportation Grant 5311.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive public input from those in attendance regarding the pursuit of Transportation Grant 5311. Ms. Weldy held discussion on requested funds and the amount of the city's share. Mayor Eden requested any discussion. None brought forth. Mayor Eden announced closing of the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2019-03 re:** An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating and/or marketing assistance comprised of federal funds to be expended for commission approved transit projects was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2019-03 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-03 thus became Ordinance Number 14.302.

**Bill No. 2019-04 re:** An ordinance de-annexing and excluding real property from the City limits was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Haymes, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: lee

Bill No. 2019-04 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-04 thus became Ordinance Number 1.278.

#### Department Reports.

##### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Gibbs Park Storm Water/South Street Culvert Project. Springer reported the Invitation to Bid on project was posted in the Lawrence County Record and mailed to nine (9) companies for direct solicitation. Springer noted timeline for the project as follows:
  1. Bids Due/opened March 20, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
  2. Bid Tab presented to Board of Aldermen for selection at March 26, 2019 Council meeting.
- Sealing/Striping Square. Springer reported sealing/stripping of the square is not included in the 2019 budget, but will be included in the 2020 budget. Springer requested if the Board wanted center parking to return, or remain the same and striped to include a bicycle lane. Discussion was held.

- **MOHP Training.** Springer presented a request from the Missouri Highway Patrol asking for the use of 600 N. Main Street for active shooter training. Springer noted there will ten training sessions for approximately one hundred seventy (170) Highway Patrol Officers from Troop D and will include the City of Mount Vernon police officers. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden noted it was a consensus of the Board to allow the Active Shooter Training at the facility.
- **Lifeguard/Park Program.** Springer requested permission to advertise for Summer Youth Employment for Lifeguard and Park Program positions. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with advertisement for summer youth employment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Dodransbicentennial Celebration.** Springer requested the Board consider if they would like a city-wide celebration for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to participate with Lawrence County in celebration of the Founders' Day anniversary.
- **Apprenticeship Agreement MPUA.** Springer presented an agreement with Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) which includes new federal guidelines for apprenticeship programs. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips authorizing City Administrator to sign agreement with Missouri Public Utility Alliance for apprenticeship program. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **TIF Committee Appointments.** Mayor Eden made the following recommendations for the TIF Commissioners:
  - Earl Alexander
  - Ruther Childers
  - Kathy Fairchild
  - John Bennett
  - Paula Brockwell
  - Scott SiffermanDiscussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to accept Mayor recommendation for appointments to the TIF Commission. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Base Pay Increase Swing Arm Operator.** Springer noted when raises were approved this position was not taken into consideration for required training for Swing Arm Operator in the Streets Department and requested the Board approve increasing the hourly rate from ten dollars (\$10.00) to eleven dollars (\$11.00) per hour. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve pay rate for Swing Arm Operator increased to \$11.00 per hour. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Dispatch.** Springer reported he has received notification from Monett 911 Dispatch that dispatching service fees will increase on May 1, 2019. Springer noted if the E911 Sales Tax Issue on the April 2, 2019 ballot passes, then the increase in the fee will not go into effect.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000.00 and requested permission to pay. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to proceed with payment of bills over \$5,000.00 as requested. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: McElveen

ABSENT: Lee

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

- January Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the January Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the January Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Street Department Employment. Kelley reported he received resignation from Jody Jones from the Street Department, effective March 1, 2019 and requested permission to advertise for the vacancy. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to proceed with advertisement for vacancy in Street Department. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Phillips requested status of street light at the intersection of Highway 174 and Oak Hill Drive. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Moore announced he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Request to Purchase Three (3) Radar Units. Hubert requested permission to proceed with purchase of three radar units for patrol cars and noted this is a budgeted item. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to proceed with purchase of three radar units for \$5,994.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Preliminary Breath Tester. Hubert held a demonstration of the Preliminary Breath Testers recently purchased on Ms. Weldy. Discussion was held.
- Officer recognition. Hubert presented a letter commending the actions of Police Officer Greg Griffith for assisting motorist on February 22, 2019.

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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.

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:37 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m. Mayor Eden determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting. Mayor Eden requested any other 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 8:27 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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Date