

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018.**

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 27, 2018 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, Sherie Thrasher, 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, Director of Public Works In-training Joe Kelley, 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 Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Public Works Report – Add: Spring Clean-up

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the February 13, 2018 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented with the following correction:

- Old Business: Correction: A lengthy discussion was held on 109 N. Hickory Street building.

The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes

ABSENT: None

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested if anyone wished to address the Board.

- Paula Brockwell discussed the hoarding situation on King Street and presented pictures to the Board. Discussion was held.
- Lisa Steffke discussed landlord/property responsibilities, taxi drivers, hiring practices and policies.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2018-03 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 210.100 regarding keeping of wild animals within city limits to allow backyard beekeeping was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2018-03 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-03 thus became Ordinance Number 3.51.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report. Discussion was held.
- Bank Depository RFP. Springer presented a bid tab for bank depository services and recommended the Board approve services with Simmons Bank. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to award bank depository services to Simmons Bank. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Culvert Bids. Springer presented a bid tab for removal and construction of four (4) culverts located at the following locations:

Pleasant Street – between McCanse and Vine

McVey Street – between Jefferson and Meadow

Olive Street – between Hickory and Hazel

South Street – between Landrum and West

Springer recommended the Board award bid to AY1, LLC for a bid of \$257,519.00, which includes adding Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 options for replacement of four (4) culverts. Springer noted \$249,390.00 is budgeted for project and would add \$8,129.00 from the Sidewalk Replacement fund for total amount. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to award bid to AY1, LLC for replacement of four (4) culverts as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Employee Workers' Comp Quote. Springer presented a bid tab for workers' comp coverage for employees and recommended the Board continue coverage with Missouri Employers Mutual for a quoted premium of \$44,692.00. Discussion was held. Alderman

Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin authorizing Springer to sign agreement with Missouri Employers Mutual for workers' compensation coverage for employees. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- 109 N. Hickory Street. Springer reported he has received sixty (60) day notification from Mid Missouri Bank of their intentions to complete sale of the 109 N. Hickory Street facility with the city. Alderwoman Fairchild noted it would be advantageous for the Board to tour the facility before finalization of the sale. Discussion was held with the Mayor noting a consensus of the Board to schedule a tour of the 109 N. Hickory Street facility for the next study session at 6:00 p.m.
- Chiller at 600 N. Main Street. Springer reported he has received notification from Trogden Insurance that Chiller #3 should be covered under the inland marine portion of the general liability insurance policy and could cut replacement costs down significantly. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer reported the electrical rate study will be presented for discussion at the next meeting.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request to transfer to Bad Debt. Weldy requested authorization from the Board to transfer \$12,332.34 in accounts with unpaid balances to bad debt. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented bid tab for investments of a certificate of deposit maturing at Edward Jones, with matured value of \$191,000.00. Weldy recommended the Board approve investment of the matured total, plus \$109,000.00 from Electrical Surplus, for a total investment of \$300,000.00 with Old Missouri Bank at 1.93% interest rate for eighteen-months. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Utility Pole Replacement. Kelley requested the Board approve replacement of nine (9) poles by Mohawk Electric for a base rate of \$419.00 per hour, which includes equipment and labor. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin authorizing pole replacement by Mohawk Electric. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Equipment Upgrade. Kelley requested the Board approve purchase of a soft-start pump for the municipal swimming pool for a total cost of \$4,800.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to proceed with purchase of soft-start pump as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Other Items of Discussion. Kelley announced Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Discussion was held.

#### Code Enforcement.

Conway reported he had nothing to report to the Board, but welcomed any discussion. None brought forth.

#### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase vehicle. Hubert presented a bid tab to the Board for purchase of a 2018 Ford Interceptor vehicle and recommended the Board approve purchase from Jimmy Michel Motors of Aurora, Missouri. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to proceed with purchase of 2018 Ford Interceptor from Jimmy Michel Motors for \$25,743.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Mayor Eden offered condolences on behalf of him and the Board to Hubert regarding his brother-in-law.

#### Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received five calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles. DeLay discussed status of Engine #2.
- Training. DeLay reported training was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported members of the department would attend the send-off for the Mount Vernon girls' and boys' basketball teams district play-offs. Discussion was held.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the department has installed 83 smoke detectors in 41 residences. Discussion was held.

#### Old Business.

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

Alderman Haymes requested discussion vehicles parked on streets, insurance coverage and licensing.

Alderwoman Fairchild requested city staff check on status of roof of the Gibbs House and the need for upkeep. Discussion was held.

#### New Business.

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

#### 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 8:19 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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