

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 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, March 8, 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, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild and Sandy Martin. Absent: Jason Haymes and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Chief of Police David Hubert, Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler 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 changes:

- Move - American Cancer Society Request and Committee Report to follow Presentation of minutes.
- Move – Public Works report and Code Enforcement report to follow City Administrator report.

Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve agenda. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the February 26, 2016 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

American Cancer Society Request.

Courtney Furgerson, ACS Staff Person with American Cancer Society, requested the Board allow use of the city square for a festival sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Ms. Furgerson noted the festival is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and closing at 10:00 p.m., if approved by the Board. Ms. Furgerson added the event would consist of recognition of cancer survivor and their caregivers, live entertainment, food vendors, a vendor village, auction, kid's corner and Garden of Hope/luminary ceremony. Discussion was held regarding areas of the square that could be used for the event. Mayor Eden declared it was a consensus of the Board to allow the event on the date and directed Stanton and Hubert to meet with Ms. Furgerson regarding details.

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Committee Report.

Parks Committee.

Alderman Nelson reported the committee met on March 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. and held discussions on the following items:

- Consensus of the Committee for city staff to assume scheduling of the ball fields for Little League games and practices.
- Consensus of the Committee for the city to gather costs estimates for enlargement of the concession stand.
- Consensus of the Committee to move the batting cages away from the tennis courts and to move to area near Field Four.
- Discussed a policy for use of new scoreboard on Field #4. Alderman Nelson noted the scoreboard was purchased by the Mount Vernon High School Baseball team.
- Discussed adding a charge on the Fee Schedule to accommodate for commercial league use of the baseball fields. Alderman Nelson reported the committee approved and recommended as a motion to the Board to add Commercial League Field Rental to the Fee Schedule with a charge of \$25.00 per day, per field. 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.

- Ken Hawkins, Tim Burgess and Darren Selvidge each voiced their concern to allow the Veterans Assistance League to sell beer at a golf tournament scheduled for May 21, 2016 at the Mount Vernon Municipal Golf Course. Lengthy discussion was held.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2016-004 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 600.030 regarding temporary permits for sale of liquor by the drink was read once, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Nelson, Kimbler

NOES: Greene, Phillips, Fairchild, Martin

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Lee

With all members voting, Mayor Eden announced the bill fails by majority vote on the first reading.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Due to the absence of Springer, Stanton presented the report, with discussions of the following items:

- Sales Tax. Stanton noted sales tax revenue remains steady.
- MARC Platform Lift. Stanton reported the State Fire Marshall conducted the final inspection and approved for operation the platform lift at The MARC.

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- Hickory Street Update. Stanton reported he received correspondence of final approval of construction documents by the Federal Government, which will allow MoDot to let out bids for the Hickory Street sidewalk project. Discussion was held.
- Vehicle Sales Tax Brochure. Stanton presented the vehicle sales tax brochure to the Board and requested if it was their desire to make the informational brochure available to the public. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler approving use of the informational-only brochure and to distribute to citizens of the city by mail. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Public Works/Electric Vehicles. Stanton reported two new Ford trucks were delivered for use in the Public Works Department and the Electric Department.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Electric Inventory. Stanton requested approval to re-stock the Electric Department inventory with purchase of a 2,500 foot spool of underground primary wire for \$7,542.00 and ten (10) 25KVA transformers for \$9,480.00. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to hire Seasonal Park Employee. Stanton requested approval from the Board to hire Ken Cochran as seasonal labor for the Parks Department. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve request dependent upon passing background check and employee screening. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Spring Clean-up. Stanton reported Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Friday, April 15th, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 16th, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Stanton noted no items will be accepted without presentation of a most recent city utility bill as proof of residence. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Due to the absence of Conway, Stanton presented the report of the following items:

- Statistic Report. Stanton requested any discussion regarding the February Statistic report. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Update. Stanton reported the Commission is continuing review of the Comprehensive Plan. Stanton reported the Commission held a Public Hearing for the proposed zoning map on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 and will present it to the Board of Aldermen at the next meeting for approval. Stanton reported a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2016 for rezoning of the White property, located at 410 W. Hayward Drive. Stanton requested the Board consider rezoning a property connected to the White property which is owned by Charles Johnson. Stanton noted Mr. Johnson is not interested in pursuing the rezoning, but is not opposed if the city does. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with city pursued application for rezoning at 1801 S. Landrum Street from M-1 Light Industry to R-3. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- February Treasurer Report. Weldy noted the Treasurer report would be presented at the next meeting in March as all bills had not been received.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Hubert presented the February Statistic Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Vehicle. Hubert reported he has ordered the Ford Interceptor SUV Utility vehicle which is included in the 2016 budget. Discussion was held.

Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Wheeler reported the department has had seven calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Wheeler reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles with no major issues.
- Training. Wheeler reported monthly training is scheduled for March 17, 2016.

New Business.

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

- Alderman Nelson reported he received a request from the Veterans' Way Committee for permission to paint the entrance arch to the Spirit of 76 Park. Stanton noted he also has been approached with a request for permission to paint the on-ground transformers located on Hickory Street near the Veterans' Home. Discussion was held which included the Board requesting Stanton's opinion regarding the requests. Stanton noted he agreed the arch would be a good project, but not the transformers due to several safety issues and upkeep of paint in the future. Mayor Eden determined it was a consensus of the Board to accept Stanton's input and to proceed with request at Spirit of 76 Park.

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 7:58 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date