

Minutes Approved Tuesday, March 24, 2020

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm and Sue Lee. Absent: Lowell Phillips. 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/Planning Administrator 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 consideration. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- City Administrator Report. Add: Governor Parson Coronavirus Update.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from Tuesday, February 25, 2020 meeting to the Board for consideration. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley 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 those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2020-06 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and Aqua-Aerobics Systems, Inc. regarding rehabilitation of sand filtration system at Wastewater Treatment Plant was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

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Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2020-06 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-06 thus became Ordinance Number 14.316.

**Bill No. 2020-07 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of an airport aid agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission regarding a master plan narrative and airport layout plan update was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2020-07 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-07 thus became Ordinance Number 14.317.

### Department Reports.

#### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report to the Board for discussion.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Update. Springer reported on the following:
  - Sand filter scheduled for rebuild in June.
  - SCADA System parts are being delivered.
  - Replacement valves on #1 sludge tank have been ordered as the original bodies were deteriorated to the point there are holes in the body casings.
  - The gearbox for #2 oxidation ditch is on order.
  - #2 oxidation ditch is down to the grit, which must be removed to work on the rotor.
- McVey Street. Springer reported Blevins Asphalt will begin cutting and patching bad areas on McVey Street next week, in preparation for the overlay project. Springer noted the project should be complete in approximately two (2) weeks. Discussion was held.
- Municipal Court. Springer requested the Board's discuss transferring the Municipal Court functions to the Lawrence County Circuit Court. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden reported it was a consensus of the Board to retain the Municipal Court functions within the city.
- Surplus Vehicles. Springer requested the Board approve listing surplus vehicles to sell on Purple Wave auction website. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion,

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seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with selling surplus vehicles. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- 109 N. Hickory Street Update. Springer reported plans to move City Hall and staff to 109 N. Hickory Street are scheduled for the week of March 23, 2020.
- Coronavirus Update. Springer reported a tele-conference meeting was held with Governor Parson, local emergency management officials and city leaders, along with himself and Chief Hubert for a weekly briefing regarding COVID-19. Springer noted Governor Parson addressed current preparedness measures should an outbreak occur in Missouri and noted officials will continue to take proactive steps during the outbreak. Discussion was held.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report to the Board. Discussion was held.
- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000 to the Board for consideration. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve payment of bills over \$5,000 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy presented unpaid utility accounts totaling \$2,924.17 to the Board and requested approval to transfer the accounts to bad debt. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with transferring accounts as presented to bad debt. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy reported at last meeting a question of invoicing had been asked by Alderman Fairchild and noted that there was billing for the sludge hauling and apologized for not having the information at the previous meeting. Discussion was held.

### Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Equipment Purchase (Electric Department). Kelley presented a request to purchase two (2) 900 KVAR fixed capacitor banks for a total of \$7,748.88. Kelley noted the purchase has been budgeted. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with purchase of equipment as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Utility Connection Fees. Kelley requested an increase to current utility connection fees that are currently in the Schedule of Fees. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to approve utility connection fees as presented and directing Counselor to present a resolution for approval of fees. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- February Building Report. Moore presented the February building report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Report. Moore reported the Commission met on March 3, 2020 and held discussion on the following items:

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- Metal carports. Moore noted the Commission discussed metal carports that have been installed on front exterior, which is not allowed in R-1 zoning. Moore noted a notice in the Public Notices of the Lawrence County Record has been scheduled for publication to notify citizens of the setback requirements. Discussion was held.
- Burnout. Moore reported 422 S. Hickory Street burnout ownership has transferred from Brad Longley to Mike Dion with expectations of demolition to be completed by Larry Ray Excavating.
- Moore reported 1422 S. Hickory burnout ownership was transferred from Derek Padilla to Mark Duffy. Moore noted Mr. Duffy has started clean-up of the property with plans to remodel the structure for occupancy. Discussion was held.
- Moore reported he received an email from Thomas Alms stating that he is allowing Bruce Conway to enter his building at 115 Patterson Street to perform an evaluation to submit a bid for demolition. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Kidnapper Apprehended. Hubert reported an individual was arrested at The MARC after a lengthy manhunt which originated in LA Russell, MO. Chief Hubert was able to apprehend the suspect by tackling him after a chase. Discussion was held.
- February Statistical Report. Hubert presented the February statistical report to the Board to review and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Old Business.

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

New Business.

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

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business on the agenda to come before the Board that the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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