

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 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 24, 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, Lowell Phillips (via teleconference), Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm and Sue Lee (via teleconference). The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer (via teleconference), Counselor William Petrus, Jr., (via teleconference), Treasurer Shari Weldy (via teleconference), Director of Public Works Joe Kelley (via teleconference), Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Administrator Terry Moore (via teleconference), Chief of Police David Hubert (via teleconference), and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

With the Lawrence County Commissioners Court Order #1769 declaring a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak, no guests were in attendance to the meeting, but were allowed to join by teleconference. No citizen utilized this service.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for consideration. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 to the Board for consideration. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to approve the minutes as presented. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: None

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

Request to Destroy Records.

City Clerk Neely presented a list of records that have met the retention schedule as required by the Missouri Secretary of State. Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with destruction of records. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2020-08 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a second amendment to a contract by and between the city of Mount Vernon, Missouri a municipal corporation and Timothy S. Hogan for sale of real property by the city and authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2020-08 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill NO. 2020-08 thus became Ordinance Number 14.318.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2020-01 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the temporary discontinuance of utility disconnects for city-provided utilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the terms and conditions stated within was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2020-01 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2020-01 thus became Resolution Number (R)2020-01.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Wastewater Treatment Facility. Springer requested the Board consider approving Hillhouse Services to remove grit and clean out #2 oxidation ditch for \$7,800.00 and to repair the seals and seal plates on Rotors #4 and #5 on #2 oxidation ditch for \$8,450.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher approving request as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 600 N. Main Street. Springer reported the City is required to complete the Emissions Inventory Questionnaire which is a yearly report which must be filed for the Part 70 Air Permit for the generators at 600 N. Main Street. Springer noted Sunbelt Environmental Services has been utilized in the past to complete this report and requested permission from the Board proceed with Sunbelt Environmental Services to perform the Emissions Inventory Questionnaire for \$3,960.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- COVID-19. Springer reported based on Lawrence County Commission Court Order #1769 which limits gatherings of ten (10) or more to minimize risk of spreading the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the city has closed The MARC, suspended Taxi service, closed the

Clubhouse at the Golf Course, closed the ballfields, playgrounds and the lobby at City Hall. Discussion was held.

- 109 N. Hickory Street Closeout. Springer reported he has received the project close-out documents and requests authorization to proceed with final project payment to Esterly Scheider Associates, Inc. for \$77,538.19. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with payment for close-out of 109 N. Hickory Street project as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. 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 for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with payment for bills over \$5,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- February Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the February Treasurer Report to the Board for consideration. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Seasonal Employment. Kelley reported seasonal employees have returned for the season. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- 155 W. Patterson Street. Moore reported Bruce Conway has signed a contract for demolition of the burn-out building located at 155 W. Patterson. Moore held discussion on issues related to this specific location. Alderman Beckley made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with issuing a permit for demolition of structure, minus the basement with the following conditions: limit timeframe to twelve (12) months, seal basement, cap sewer, and power sump pump; if not completed within twelve months, location must demo basement and fill, remove parking lot, and return to original state of property. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Lee

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

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Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- COVID-19. Hubert reported his department has changed operational procedures to protect employees from the COVID-19 coronavirus by taking non-priority calls by telephone, limiting traffic stops and sanitizing. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderwoman Lee requested extra patrol due to young adults ringing doorbells after midnight. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee also requested what to do with a barking dog in the neighborhood. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor. 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 listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date