

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regular scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 9, 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, Sandy Martin and 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 Alderwoman Thrasher to approve the agenda with the following amendments and additions:

- Add to agenda: Monument Sign – Brian George to come before Mayoral Proclamation
- City Administrator Report. Add: Auctioneer for 600 N. Main Street
- Remove: Removal/reclamation of 1000 gallon diesel fuel tank at 600 N. Main Street.
- Director of Public Works: Add: Request to advertise for vacancy at Golf Clubhouse.
- Purchase of Equipment – Golf
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Repairs
- Police. Add: Employee Probation

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the City Council minutes from Tuesday, March 26, 2019 meeting to the Board for review. 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.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion.

- Patti McBride, Lori and Shawn Lindeman requested the Board allow walkers, bike riders and dog-walkers use of the facility at 600 N. Main Street. Ms. McBride suggested the city issue a badge to anyone who has paid an annual fee. Ms. Lindeman noted her dogs do not get along well with other dogs and this is basically the only place she can take them with no worries of aggression to other dogs. Discussion was held.

Monument Signage.

Brian George presented basic plans for improved monument signage to be located near Interstate 44, at Interchange 44. Mr. George noted the monument would be approximately 8' x 24' V-shaped structure containing three (3) flagpoles and an independent solar charge system for lighting the flags and the monument. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to pay \$25,000.00 toward the monument sign project. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a proclamation honoring Library Week to Cindy Rinker.

City Administrator Report.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report and held discussion.
- Contract for Engineering with HDR. Springer reported this contract will be presented with Bill No. 2019-07 for a master short form agreement for professional services and Task Order Number One regarding extension of utilities along Railroad Drive. A lengthy discussion was held.
- Pay Request #3 Base Construction and Management. Springer presented Pay Request #3 from BASE Construction, for \$82,869.29. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced this pay request will be included in Treasurer Report, request to pay over \$5,000.00.
- Employee Probation. Springer reported Terry Moore has reached his three-month probation point and recommended Mr. Moore moved to full-time status. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to move Terry Moore to full-time status as Code Enforcement Officer. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Hayward Drive. Springer reported this portion of Hayward Drive is an old county road that has been chipped and sealed. Springer noted in this state of condition, the road will not be able to hold up to the estimated number of vehicles that will travel to 417 Athletics facility. Springer noted this road would need to be upgraded. Discussion was held.
- Summer Youth Employment. Springer presented a list of applicants for summer youth employment and recommended the Board hire for 2019 youth employment. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to hire summer youth employees as recommended by City Administrator. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Auctioneer Service for 600 N. Main St. Springer reported he contacted six auctioneer services for sale of surplus equipment at 600 N. Main Street, with only three responses. Springer recommended the Board proceed with contracting with Dallas Ross Auctioneer Services. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with contracting with Dallas Ross Auctioneer Services to sell surplus equipment at 600 N. Main Street. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Ordinance.

Bill No. 2019-06A re: An ordinance authorizing execution of an agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and K & B Equipment, LLC regarding Gibbs Park Improvements and South Street Culvert Replacement was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2019-06A was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-06 thus became Ordinance Number 14.304.

Bill No. 2019-07 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of two agreements by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and HDR Engineering, Inc. to include a master short form agreement for professional services and Task Order Number 1 regarding extension of utilities along Railroad Drive was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2019-07 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-07 thus became Ordinance Number 14.305.

Bill No. 2019-08 re: An ordinance declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri on April 2, 2019 was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2019-08 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-08 thus became Ordinance Number 5.183.

Old Business.

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

- Alderwoman Lee reported Mt. Vernon Friends of Feral Cats has joined forces with Stray Animals Matter and are now allowed to take tax deductible deductions. Discussion was held.

Adjourn Sine Die.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to adjourn meeting Sine Die. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. With all old business conducted, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die. Meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:43 p.m.

Oath of Office.

City Clerk conducted Oath of Office and Certificates of Election to the following:

- Ward One (Two Year Term) Scott Beckley
- Ward One (One Year term) Deanna McElveen
- Ward Two (Two Year Term) Sherie Thrasher
- Ward Three (Two Year Term) Sandy Martin
- Ward Four (Two Year Term) Jason Haymes

Reconvene Meeting.

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m., with the following roll call recorded: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin and Lee.

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Acting President of the Board.

Alderman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thrasher to nominate Alderman Phillips as Acting President of the Board. Discussion was held. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Department Reports.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills over \$5,000. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000 for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Lee to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Certificate of Deposit Bid. Weldy reported a certificate of deposit has matured at Edward Jones for a value of \$161,126.06 and recommended using \$873.94 from the Electric Fund to allow for a total investment for \$162,000.00 with Simmons Bank with 2.44% for eighteen (18) months. Discussion was held. Alderman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to accept recommendation for investment of certificate of deposit. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy presented the bad debt report and request the Board transfer the accounts to the bad debt status. Discussion was held. Alderman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thrasher to move recommended accounts to bad debt status. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Chemical Purchase. Kelley requested approval for chemical purchase for weed control. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of weed control chemicals for \$10,355.40. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Substation Fiber Optic Cable Purchase. Kelley requested approval of purchase of fiber optic cable. Kelley noted this purchase would establish a link between substations in anticipation of when the city switches electric purchasing. Discussion was held. Alderman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of fiber optic cable for a cost of \$29,785.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Employment. Kelley recommended the Board hire Jeff Romine to fill a vacancy in the Street Department. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Martin to proceed with hiring Jeff Romine as recommended. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Equipment Purchase. Kelley requested the Board allow purchase of a greens roller for the Golf Course. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Lee to proceed with purchase of greens roller for \$13,900.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Request to Advertise for Vacancy. Kelley reported he has received notification that a clubhouse employee at the Golf Course has submitted a two-week notice and requested the board allow him to advertise for the vacancy. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with notice to advertise for vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Repairs. Kelley reported issues at the Wastewater Treatment Facility continue with unforeseen repairs. Kelley noted the rotor has lost approximately four-feet of blades which will require repair. Kelley noted the best synopsis would be to pull the unit to better evaluate all issues. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen with approval to proceed with issuing a change order to pull and repair full rotor unit for a total of \$44,965.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- March Statistic Report. Hubert presented the March Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Employee Probation. Hubert recommended the Board move Officer Brooke Hankins to full-time status. Hubert noted Ms. Hankins has proved to be an excellent officer. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to transfer Officer Brooke Hankins to full-time status. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

- March Statistic Report. Moore presented the March Statistic report to the Board and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Report.
 - Public Hearing. Moore reported the Commission held a public hearing for a zoning change to Lot 76 Stemmons Addition, from R-1 Single-family Dwelling to R-2 Double-family Dwelling. Discussion was held.
 - Medical Marijuana. Moore reported the commission has begun reviewing zoning regulations for allowing sales of medical marijuana in specific zoned areas in the city. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

- Alderwoman Martin requested discussion on the recently passed 911 sales tax. Discussion was held.
- Alderman Haymes suggested the Board consider no pause after “one nation” when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date