



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Counselor Darlene Parrigon, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: Chief of Police David Hubert.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. The following changes were requested:

- Treasurer – Remove: Restricted Funds

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the change, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, to the Board for approval. The following correction was requested:

- Under Presentation of Minutes – Alderman Phillips should be Alderwoman Lee

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. The following brought forth:

- Clifford Loftis – Concerns about backyard flooding at his residence.

McLiney & Co.

Mr. McLiney addressed the Board on the current Certificates of Participation that are being issued for the Spirit of '76 Park projects and the Missouri Drive project. McLiney stated that the City received a very good Standard & Poor Rating in the A range. McLiney stated this is due to good reserves and good management, and he anticipated an estimated 3.5% interest rate on this issue. Discussion was held. In closing, McLiney thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the City for the past 38 years.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2022-04 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, to enter into a lease purchase transaction, the proceeds of which will be used to pay costs of (1) municipal park and swimming pool improvements and (2) extending and improving certain City streets; and approving the execution of certain documents in connection therewith, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2022-04 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 11.89.

Bill No. 2022-05 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing execution of an agreement for design/build services by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Westport Pools, Inc. for the design and construction of the pool located in Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

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ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2022-05 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 14.344.

Bill No. 2022-06 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing execution of a letter of agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and Olsson of Spirit of '76 Park expansion improvements located in Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2022-06 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 14.345.

Old Business

Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Closed Session

Alderman Phillips moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(3) Personnel, RSMo. 2018, seconded by Alderman Beckley. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:35 p.m.

Reconvene after Closed Session

Meeting reconvened at 8:11 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2022-07 re: First and seconding reading of an Ordinance declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, on April 5, 2022, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2022-07 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 5.191.

Adjourn Sine Die

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further old business to conduct, the meeting is adjourned Sine Die. Meeting adjourned Sine Die at 8:17 pm.

Oath of Office

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

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| • Mayor - | Two Year Term | Jason Haymes |
| • Ward One - | Two Year Term | Dallas E. Gramm (absent) |
| • Ward Two - | Two Year Term | Sue Lee |
| • Ward Three - | Two Year Term | Stephen C. Fairchild |
| • Ward Four - | Two Year Term | Lowell W. Phillips |

Reconvene Meeting

Mayor Haymes called the meeting to order at 8:22 pm, with the following roll recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm

Acting President of the Board

Mayor Haymes requested the Board consider appointing an Acting President of the Board for the Mayor during absences. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to nominate Alderman Phillips as Acting President of the Board, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

Motion passed.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for March is \$174,792.07, that is up \$44,620.75 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$95,747.67 from 2021. Use tax for March is \$17,606.31, that is up \$5,272.46 from last year, and year to date use tax is ahead \$46,554.58 from 2021.

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- **Spirit of '76 Park.** Kelley informed the Board that June Earnhardt with Olsson Engineering will be at City Hall on April 16th for a stakeholder meeting to review the proposed layout for the new park improvements. Discussion was held.
- **Buildout on South Side of Interstate.** Kelley updated the Board that BBC Electric has completed the line extension to serve the new Truck Stop/Auto Plaza. The City's Electric Department will be setting temporary power for the site. Kelley also stated that Anderson Engineering is preparing documents to bid the Missouri Drive project. Discussion was held.

Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy then presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval, stating the Cox bill needed to be adjusted to \$27,321.13. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 with the Cox adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.
Motion passed.
- **January & February 2022 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the January and February 2022 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the January and February 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.
Motion passed.
- **Write off – Incode and Online.** Weldy requested approval to write off a total of \$6,814.78 in bad debt in Incode and Online. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the write offs as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Drainage on Patten Street.** Davis reported that after assessing the drainage on Patten Street, with Public Works Supervisor Roger Owens, it was determined that culverts would not improve the drainage for this area. It was determined that the best solution would be to install a low water crossing joining the two ditches on Patton Street. Davis requested approval for an estimated \$10,000 for drainage improvements on Patten Street by installing a low water crossing. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the \$10,000.00 for the drainage improvements on Patten Street, seconded by Alderman Beckley.
Motion passed.
- **Street Department – Equipment Purchase.** Davis also requested to purchase a new skid steer from Potter Equipment for \$31,655.00 with backhoe trade. Discussion was held. The Board requested Davis get additional quotes and bring the request back.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **March 2022 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for February 2022 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

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- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore gave a quick update of items of discussion in Planning and Zoning.

Police

Officer Benitez held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for March 2022.** Huber presented the statistics for March 2022 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

New Business

Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date