

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017.**

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, April 25, 2017 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, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad DeLay 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 Lee to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- City Administrator Report – Add: Request permission for Block Party on East Center Street

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Lee

ABSENT: Haymes

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting was set up to receive input from citizens in attendance to the meeting and requested if anyone wished to address the Board.

- Todd Schubert and Joey Orr, representatives of the Mount Vernon Baseball/Softball Association, held discussion on accomplishments of the current youth baseball/softball members and Board. Mr. Schubert and Mr. Orr also noted the association supports passing of a park tax which could assist in making better parks for our children and citizens. Discussion was held.

Mayor Committee Appointments.

Mayor Eden presented the following recommendations for committee appointments:

- Airport – Haymes (Chairman), Phillips, Lee
- Finance – Lee (Chairwoman), Greene, Martin
- Parks & Recreation – Nelson (Chairman), Phillips, Thrasher
- Personnel – Martin (Chairwoman), Thrasher, Fairchild
- Public Works/Streets – Phillips (Chairman), Nelson, Fairchild
- The MARC – Fairchild (Chairwoman), Martin, Lee

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept Mayoral appointments for committees. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2017-012 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of an airport aid agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission regarding airport pavement maintenance was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2017-012 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-012 thus became Ordinance Number 14.274.

**Bill No. 2017-013 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Bishops Construction Company, Inc. for airport pavement maintenance was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2017-013 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-013 thus became Ordinance Number 14.275.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Fire District. Springer and Petrus held discussion on the Rural Fire Association pursuing the formation of a fire district. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to support the effort to create a Mount Vernon Fire Protection District. After some discussion, Alderwoman Fairchild amended the motion to support the effort to create a Mount Vernon Fire Protection District and to include the City of Mount Vernon in the formation of the district. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

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

- Tracfone Settlement. Springer reported the city received \$21,550.61 from a class-action lawsuit filed against Tracfone for not paying the fees or gross receipts tax in the State of Missouri. Springer noted \$1,077.53 was sent to the Missouri Municipal League for their participation in filing on behalf of the city. Springer requested the Board earmark the remaining balance of \$20,473.08 for repair of bathrooms at the Spirit of 76 Park. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Buckle-up/Phone Down. Springer presented a proposed “Buckle-up/Phone-down” movement from the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety and the Missouri Department of Transportation and questioned if it was the desire of the Board to participate and support this movement. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to have the city join the movement. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- RFP Electric Rate Study. Springer presented a bid tab for an electric rate study. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to award electric rate study project to Toth & Associates with the understanding project will include a rate-study spreadsheet provided to city staff. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- RFQ Architect Services. Springer held discussion on several upcoming projects which would require architectural services, such as the Mid-Missouri Bank building. Springer requested permission to solicit for architectural qualifications. Discussion was held.

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Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips authorizing Springer to solicit Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Vision Advisory Committee. Springer reminded the Board of the final Vision Advisory Committee meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Springer added the final meeting will be held at The MARC. Discussion was held.
- Block Party. Springer reported he has received a request from the Mount Vernon Christian Church to hold a block party on May 5, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a portion of East Center Street being closed off, beginning at Walnut Street to East Street. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to allow closing off a portion of East Center Street on May 5, 2017 for the Mount Vernon Christian Church Block party. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

### Director of Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- FYI. Stanton reported he has requested assistance from CDL Electric to determine why certain storm sirens are not working. Discussion was held.
- Spring Clean-up. Stanton noted Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Discussion was held.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report to the Board.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Prescription Drug Take-back. Hubert reported the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will sponsor a prescription drug take back event on April 29, 2017. Hubert noted costs to incinerate collected prescription drugs would be handled by the DEA. Discussion was held.
- Search Warrant. Hubert reported the department executed a search warrant on April 18, 2017 at a location on Alice Street. Hubert noted marijuana and paraphernalia was seized resulting in one arrest. Discussion was held.
- Bomb Threat. Hubert reported the department received a 911 call for a specific bomb threat on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the Lawrence County Justice Center. Hubert noted the Justice building and other surrounding businesses were evacuated. Discussion was held.

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Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received eight (8) calls since last report. Discussion was held.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles. Discussion was held.
- Training. DeLay reported the department held regular training on Thursday, April 20, 2017.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported the department installed a fire alarm in a residence, bringing the total of installed alarms to seventy-two (72).

New Business.

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

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 is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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Date