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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021.

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 27, 2021 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 (teleconference), Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Police Chief David Hubert, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle.

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:

- Remove Bill No. 2021-16 Lease Agreement with Lawrence County SWCD.

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

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

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. None brought forth.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2021-15 re: First and seconding reading of an ordinance authorizing execution of a real estate sales agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board regarding two acres of real property, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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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. 2021-15 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature, and thus became Ordinance Number 14.336.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Termite Treatment at MARC.** Springer updated the Board that there is a termite infestation in the old part of the MARC. The old chapel/kitchen area is where they were detected had been treated. The cost for that treatment was \$2,000.00. It is recommended to treat the rest of the building to remedy further problems, at a cost of \$5,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve \$5,000.00 to pay for termite treatment at the MARC, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Swimming Pool/Park Program Hours.** Springer requested to change the pool hours of operation during summer school, which runs May 25th through June 18th, from the current 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm to 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm, since summer school isn't dismissed until 2:45pm daily. Discussion was held. The temporary pool hour change during summer school was approved with unanimous consent. Springer also provided a roster to the Board of applicants the City would like to hire for this year's summer employment season. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to hire everyone on the lifeguard/park program roster for 2021, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Street Broom.** Springer provided the Board with handout information on a street broom attachment that the City is requesting to purchase, instead of a standalone sweeper, in the amount of \$8,456.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve the purchase of the street broom attachment for \$8,456.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **Update of Sidewalk Project.** Springer reported that there has been a lot of progress on the sidewalk project, and change order #2 is to extend the completion date for the project to May 17th. Discussion was held.
- **Update of Restroom Project.** Springer informed the Board that the contractors have gotten the trusses put up on the new restroom facility. A request to move the completion date forward has been submitted, but the City is going to try to hold them to the current May 8th completion date, since there have been a number of issues with the project. Discussion was held.

- **Update on Gibbs Street Project.** Springer reported that the overlay on the project was completed last week. The crew will continue working on finishing up the south side driveways, sidewalk, and dirt work. After that they will connect the new asphalt to the driveways on the northside. Discussion was held.
- **Update on Hayward Drive Project.** Springer informed the Board that Blevins has started working on Hayward Drive. They have made a temporary entrance to the 417 Athletics' parking lot, on the east side. The road will be closed for approximately two weeks. A couple changes are requested on the project to improve the road and help some storm water issues. First, is to raise the road about 12 inches for no additional cost. Second, is to replace three concrete culverts to a 2-foot by 5-foot box culvert that will add about \$5,000.00 to the overall cost of the project. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley moved to approve the additional \$5,000.00 overall cost, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Update on Skatepark Project.** Springer stated that American Ramp Company was finishing up another project, and they should be at Gibbs Park to start the prep work on Thursday or Friday. They should have their whole crew onsite on Monday. The estimated time to complete the project is two and a half to three weeks, weather permitting. Discussion was held.
- **FYI: Closing City Maintenance Area.** Springer reported that since the Spring Clean-up people are still leaving items at the dumpsters, and if it persists City crews will start shutting to the gate when someone is not present at the yard, for about a week to stop this from continuing. 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 presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to authorize payment for the bills over \$5000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **March 2021 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy requested approval of the Treasurer's Report for March 2021 and requested any discussion. None brought forth. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve the March 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Investments – Electric Certificate.** Weldy informed the Board that bids were sent out for the \$226,000.00 Electric CD, as it has matured. Simmons's Bank and Old Missouri Bank both submitted bids for 0.5% interest over 18 months. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to accept Old Missouri Bank's bid, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Golf Course – Chemical Purchase.** Kelley requested approval to purchase budgeted fertilizer and turf chemicals for the golf course in the amount of \$15,393.50. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve purchase of chemicals for the golf course for \$15,393.50, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

Motion passed.

- **Electric Department – New Service/Expansion.** Kelley informed the Board that one of the City’s industrial customers is expanding and requested approval to purchase a 500 KVA transformer in the amount of \$13,824.22, as the wait time for delivery is 18 to 20 weeks. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve purchase of the electric department transformer for \$13,824.22, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Parks – Pool Chemical Purchase.** Kelley requested approval to purchase chemicals to get the pool up and running for the season in the amount of \$7,908.14. Alderman Phillips moved to approve purchase of pool chemicals for \$7,908.14, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Parks – Tennis Court Repair.** Kelley requested approval to hire Gerald Perry Tennis Company for \$2,850.00 to fill any cracks that have appeared and repair any damaged areas of the tennis courts, after the harsh winter this past year. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve fixing the tennis courts for \$2,850.00, **seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.**

- Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore presented the Planning & Zoning Report, giving updates on various projects and notifications that have been issued around the City, and requested any discussion. Discussion was held.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Medication Update.** Hubert reported that the Police Department delivered 11 boxes, equaling 175 pounds of medication to the Springfield DEA office on April 26th for incineration. Discussion was held.

Old Business

Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for 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 7:51 pm.

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Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date