

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 AT 7:10 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the MARC Community Center Gym located at 822 W Mt Vernon Blvd on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7:10 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, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm. Absent: 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/Planning Administrator 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 consideration with the following revision:

- Remove VI. Request to Destroy Records.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen 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, April 14, 2020 to the Board for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

- Opening Paragraph. Correction: Change personnel in attendance sentence to reflect the following:

The following city personnel was also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement/Planning and Zoning Administrator Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Thrasher

ABSENT: Lee

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

Citizen Participation:

Mayor Eden reported this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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Ordinance.

Bill No. 2020-09 re: An Ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 125.290, regarding municipal court costs.

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2020-09 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-09 thus became Ordinance Number 1.281

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- 600 N. Main Street. Springer presented two proposals from Kone for repair work to elevators at 600 N. Main Street. Springer reported inspectors from the State of Missouri have shut down use of elevators until each unit has had an emergency telephone installed. Springer recommended the Board postpone making a decision regarding repairs and installation of emergency telephone until sale of property to Hogan. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it was a consensus of the Board to not proceed with repairs until closer to sale of property.
- Sewer Plant. Springer reported valve replacement in Sludge Tank #1 is almost complete. Springer noted seal and plates for Rotor #4 and #5 and two valves on west sand filter are changed. Springer noted due to recent large rain events, the lagoon was bypassed with the storm water due to the west sand filter bridge wheels and track being worn out. Discussion was held.
- City Hall. Springer reported staff is now working out of the new City Hall location at 109 N. Hickory Street. Springer noted the lobby will remain closed until Monday, May 4, 2020. Discussion was held.
- SWMPEP. Springer reported electrical switch from Liberty Utilities to Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Commission is scheduled for June 1, 2020. Discussion was held.
- COVID-19 Update. Springer reported he has met with the Lawrence County Health Department regarding interpretation of Governor Parson's statement regarding reopening parks and noted the city parks will remain closed per the Governor's order. Springer reported the taxis will be running on Mayor.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

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

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- Bills over \$5,000.00. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000.00 for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to proceed with payment for bills over \$5,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- March Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the March Treasurer Report to the Board for consideration. Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the report as presented. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for a matured certificate of deposit at Simmons Bank at \$262,963.71 and recommended to the Board to cash in the certificate and deposit total matured amount into city checking account for a percentage rate of 1.58% which is higher than bids submitted and invest the amount at a later date when interest rates increase. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept Treasurer recommendation for investment of matured certificate of deposit. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Weldy reported the Transportation Department would be opening back up for customer soon, but struggling with finding sanitizing wipes for the drivers and customers. Discussion was held.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Electric Department. Kelley requested approval to proceed with purchase of ten (10) 15KVa transformers for inventory replacement. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of ten (10) 15 KVA transformers for \$8,091.10. With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- 600 N. Main Street. Moore reported the Commission held a Public Hearing immediately preceding the Board of Aldermen meeting for rezoning of 600 N. Main as a Multi-District Zoning district. Petrus noted there is a fourteen (14) day waiting period to receive any input regarding the request. Petrus added once the waiting period is complete, he will submit an ordinance on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 meeting. Discussion was held.
- Planning and Zoning Commission. Moore reported he has issued a permit for demolition for the Alms building in Patterson Street. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- March Statistic Report. Hubert presented the March Statistic Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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.

- Alderman Haymes reported he has been contacted by the Mount Vernon High School Agriculture Department regarding holding a controlled bow-hunt to help reduce the nuisance deer population problem. Haymes noted the deer have destroyed fruit trees at the school. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to utilize the nuisance deer permit for the Mount Vernon High School. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to refer the nuisance deer hunt to a committee to review issues. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Mayor Eden appointed the following members to serve on the Nuisance Deer Hunt Committee:

Alderman Haymes, Chairman
Alderwoman Gramm
Alderman Phillips

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 7:49 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date